



Volunteers enjoy visiting with old and new friends (left to right): Kakkie Cunningham (butterfly garden), John Shaffer (roving naturalist), Sally McCoy (gift shop), and John Kent (natural guard). FWNC&R Staff Photo.

## HANDS & HEARTS 2019

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**O**n the afternoon of February 23, the Hardwicke Interpretive Center welcomed volunteers to the Nature Center's annual Hands & Hearts celebration. This gathering provides the opportunity for staff and fellow volunteers to pay tribute to individuals who achieved hourly milestones and notable collaborations in 2018. The generous support of volunteers each year helps make the Refuge a great place to experience nature and enables the Nature Center to provide environmental stewardship to the community.

Laughter and conversation among friends and acquaintances kicked off the celebration. Attendees participated in "Find the volunteer who..." to learn interesting facts about each other,



Honorees for the 50-hour pin (L to R): Dee McGinnis (roving naturalist), John Corley (animal care), Melinda Crudup (docent), Wendy Elias (canoe guide), Doreen & Brett Hernandez (natural guard), Thomas Murphy (docent), and Judy Sheridan (greenhouse). FWNC&R Staff Photo.

including who spoke the most languages, who has traveled to the most countries, and who is not allergic to poison ivy. After hors d'oeuvres catered by Always Good Catering, special individuals who donated their time to the Fort Worth Nature Center & Refuge were honored.

Thank you to the Friends of the Fort Worth Nature Center for sponsoring Hands & Hearts and providing food and refreshments. A huge "thank you" goes to volunteers for their present and past

contributions of time and their dedication to the Nature Center and its mission. Honestly, we cannot do it without you.

The honorees for Hands & Hearts for significant accomplishments and for hours served through the end of 2018 are:

#### **2018 Bison Honorees**

Animal Care Volunteer – David Kist  
Canoe Volunteer – Wendy Elias  
Docent Volunteer – Gary Lacy  
Greenhouse Volunteer – Jesse Becker  
Natural Guard Volunteer – John Kent  
Volunteer Intern – Sean Cazier  
Youth Volunteer – Vincent Miranda

#### **500 Hours – Bison Pin**

Godbee, Amanda  
Hall, Sue

#### **400 Hours – Great Blue Heron Pin**

Adame, Allyson  
Clouse, Steve  
McArdle, Sarah  
Morgan, Kate  
Schwarzer, Hester

#### **300 Hours – Swallowtail Pin**

Clouse, Steve  
Cunningham, Kakkie

#### **200 Hours – Cardinal Pin**

Barber, Beth  
Hevel, Corey  
Newberry, Kerri

#### **100 Hours – Chickadee Pin**

Almazan, Emma  
Burton, Avon  
Carey, Joan  
Cazier, Sean  
Hernandez, Brett  
Hernandez, Doreen  
Matthews, Jennifer  
Newberry, Kerri

Walker, Stan  
Weyandt, Bonnie

**50 Hours – Tadpole Pin**

Almazan, Emma  
Carey, Joan  
Cazier, Sean  
Corley, John  
Crudup, Melinda  
Elias, Wendy  
Hernandez, Brett

Hernandez, Doreen  
Huebner, Krista  
Huebner, Tim  
Kissinger, Corey  
Matthews, Jennifer  
McGinnis, Dee  
Murphy, Thomas  
Newberry, Kerri  
Sheridan, Judy  
Thornburgh, Sandy