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The Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge Receive National Award

The Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge was awarded the Molly Krival 2021 Friends Group of the Year Award by the National Wildlife Refuge Association. The Friends will be honored in a virtual ceremony in Washington, DC in August 2021. The award honors Molly Krival who mentored new and existing Friends groups across the entire country as an effort to support national wildlife refuges. There are currently 185 Friends groups that support national wildlife refuges in the United States. The Krival award:

- Recognizes innovation and excellence in advancing the mission of the refuge system,
- Provides a positive community influence,
- Works as an advocate to protect natural resources, and
- Strives to influence support for the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge and the refuge system.

Friends of St. Marks Wildlife Refuge President Phillip Pollock, said, "This is a tremendous honor for us. It is a reflection on all the dedicated volunteers, previous Board members, and Refuge staff who have worked in unison through the years. This recognition is a wonderful validation of everything that we do in our work for the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge."

The Friends received the announcement of the award on April 7. National Wildlife Refuge Association President Geoffrey Haskett said, "The Friends nomination clearly conveyed the exceptional achievements of the Friends of St. Marks NWR, and we feel that your group is indeed a worthy recipient of this award."

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