



YOUR 2018 FOKP Calendar

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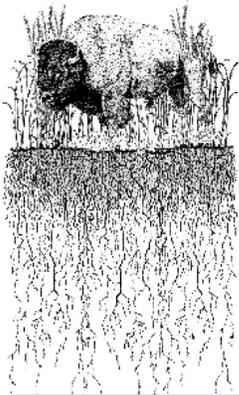
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Join us for the annual Friends of Konza Prairie Board Meeting on Sunday, October 1. You'll get the latest updates on the state of Konza Prairie, the KEEP education program achievements and plans.

This is also an opportunity to meet and vote on the new FOKP Board members and hear about Board activities.

The meeting will be held in the Konza stone barn Cortelyou Conference Room at 4:00 pm, followed by the annual potluck and bison barbecue.

Attendees are invited to participate in a guided bus trip around the Bison Loop, or to hike Butterfly Hill after the meal. Come, bring a potluck dish to share, and join the fun. In the interest of environmental conservation, you are encouraged to bring your own reusable plates, cups and eating utensils. See you on the prairie, October 1.



Research

Education

Conservation



Upcoming FOKP & KEEP Events

Sept. 24, 2017 - Konquer The Konza Race, see page 8

Oct. 1, 2017 - Annual Meeting and Potluck

4:00 p.m. Meeting

5:00 p.m. Potluck & Bison BBQ

6:00 p.m. Bison Loop Tour

Oct. 6, 2017 - Visions of the Flint Hills Opening, see page 9

Sept. 2017



KPBS Director Dr. John Briggs

It is late July and finally we have gotten some rain and some cooler weather. In most years, June is one of our wettest months (we usually get almost 5" of rain), but this year it was very dry until the 29th of June when we got 2.5 inches of rain in one day, and since then we have only gotten about 2 inches more. In addition, the last couple of weeks we have had many days close to or over 100 degrees and some days the heat index was over 110! My yard is "toasty" brown in color (I don't water it!) but most of Konza Prairie and the other native grasslands in the area are looking

good. There are some brown areas in some of the dryer soils but for the most part, the prairie is looking good. Even after being around the tallgrass prairie since 1984, I am still amazed how it is able to handle this mid-continental climate; or as someone told me the other day; "how can this place get so hot in summer and yet get so cold in the winter?"

I am pleased to let everyone know that in June, John Blair (Lead-PI of the Konza Long Term Ecological Program (LTER)), Rod Manes (State Director of the Kansas Nature Conservancy) and myself gave K-State President Myers and his wife (Mary Jo) a tour of Konza Prairie. This was the first time that they were on-site and it was a wonderful opportunity for us to highlight the many research, educational and outreach programs that are on going at Konza. It was a beautiful day with many wildflowers in bloom and the bison cooperated by being close to the exterior fence. Those provided many opportunities for us to describe in detail the importance of the biological station and how K-State was very fortunate to have such a unique resource. They were very impressed and immediately made plans to bring out members of their family to walk the Nature Trail. In addition, President Myers requested that John Blair and I give a tour of Konza to the Kansas Board of Regents when they meet in Manhattan, KS, in October. In addition, they will have a catered dinner in the Konza Prairie Meeting Hall after the tour. The President mentioned many times that he wanted everyone to know more about Konza Prairie!

As usual, this summer has been very busy with the many researchers working on-site. Each year we have many new researchers "discover" the wonders of working on the site and of course there are the "veterans" who have been working for many years on-site, who come back to sample their permanent plots. I am very grateful to the Konza staff of Jim Larkins, (Project Manager), Patrick O'Neal (Burn Coordinator) and Barb Van Slyke (Administrator Assistant) who somehow manage to keep the place operating smoothly yet have time to accommodate and take care of the many visitors each and every year. And of course, the Konza Environmental Educational Staff (Jill Haukos, Environmental Educator Director and her Assistant Hallie Hatfield), stay busy most of the summer not only training area school teachers but always working on their program to get ready for the upcoming school year. Konza Prairie is very lucky to have such a dedicated staff working on-site.

In September, the Konza Prairie LTER will have an on-site review by the National Science Foundation (NSF). As many of you might know, this is the major research program on-site and NSF has consistently funded it since 1981 (one of the first six sites funded by NSF in 1981). The NSF conducts on-site reviews of the progress and status of all LTER programs at the mid-point of each funding cycle. We are currently in Year 3 of the Konza LTER VII grant (funded from Nov. 1, 2014, to Oct. 31 2020) and our mid-term site review will be held September 7-9, 2017. The review team (consisting of NSF program managers and scientists that are picked by NSF as reviewers) will be evaluating all aspects of the program including 1) site-based research, 2) information management, 3) network-level participation and synthesis, 4) education, outreach and training, and 5) program management. This is an opportunity for us to highlight the LTER program at Konza and we are working hard to get ready for the review.

I wish that I could report that state funding and thus university support has gotten better but actually Konza Prairie has received another round of budget cuts. I am still evaluating the situation to make accommodations that will soften this latest round of cuts. It gets tougher and tougher but I am working with everyone to make sure that KPBS continues to serve as a research and educational platform. As always, I want to thank all the members of FOKP who continue to provide much needed financial support to Konza. Each year, private support to Konza becomes more and more important. To all of you, a very big THANKS! Please contact me (jbriggs1@ksu.edu; 785-532-0140) if you have any questions or concerns about KPBS as we try to continue to develop as one of the finest biological field stations in the world.



Harvesting Edible Plants

When harvesting wild herbs and plants, be sure you can identify them. If you are unsure, do not eat. Be careful, eating the wrong plant could be fatal. The following is a partial list of plants that are available in our area.

Dandelion

The young unfolding greens in the center are good raw, the entire plant can be steamed. However, the flower is the best part; pick it off the stem and pinch off the green base of the flower so there is no sap. The sap is bitter and what is left is a sweet meaty wild food that can be found in huge abundance.

Chickweed

This plant can be gathered in the springtime and cooked as a green vegetable or can be frozen. This is one of the first plants up in the spring and is very abundant. The entire plant can be eaten raw and has a sweet grassy flavor; avoid the stems and gather it before warm weather; once the weather warms the plant turns yellow and dies.

Henbit

You will find this plant in moist, rich fields and lawns. As early as January in the midwest this plant has already greened. By early spring the tiny purple flowers cover the plant. It too dies when hot weather begins. It is entirely edible raw and has a very mild mint flavor. Pluck off the tops to avoid the stems.

Morel Mushrooms (my favorite)

Morel mushrooms are a gift from the earth each spring. Morels can appear overnight but remain elusive. Mushroom hunters will never give away their hunting grounds other than “down by the river” or “in the woods” or “on a hillside.” Certain conditions must be present for morels to pop up. Soil temperatures should be in the 50’s, with a number of nights when the temperature is above 50 and rain. Old timers have certain signs they go by. Some I have heard include 1. When the lilacs bloom 2. When the redbuds bloom 3. Or my favorite, when oak leaves are the size of squirrel ears. You hear stories about how people have found gunny sacks full at a time. That happened to us once. The conditions were just right and we could sit in the woods and pick hundreds of mushrooms without hardly moving. My son and 2 grandchildren were with us; their first mushroom hunt. Now they expect to find them like the first hunt. That was a once in a lifetime event. However, they still love to go mushroom hunting. After the hunt, check for ticks and take a shower. Unfortunately, the poison ivy is out as well. I soak the morels in salt water to remove (most) of the bugs. I like to lightly flour and fry in oil until crisp. They are yummy and I rarely share with anyone but family. I cannot wait for spring to come and to hunt mushrooms again.



From the Stone House

Director of Education

Jill Haukos

What Kansas Kids Think about Nature

Kids love nature.

We have the numbers that prove it.

In 2013 KEEP began a program to assess the effectiveness of our education program by giving kids pre- and post-visit tests. If there were differences between the tests we could reasonably attribute those changes to what the kids experienced at Konza. After tabulating over 2,300 tests we have some results.

The assessment test has three parts: 1) opinion, 2) knowledge, 3) application. The opinion section asks questions with the answer options of “Always”, “Sometimes”, “Not Really”. Some of the questions and the post-test results (Always and Sometimes combined) are:

- I think the grass and hills around my town are pretty: 85%
- I think touching insects is gross: 85% DON'T mind touching insects
- When I go outside I see birds and other animals: 93%
- I like to go outside: 96%

The knowledge section asked True/False questions that were Konza Prairie and tallgrass-prairie specific like:

- Bison are wild animals (true)
- The two main kinds of plants found in a prairie are trees and shrubs (false)
- Fire is always bad for a prairie (false)
- The best way to preserve a healthy, natural prairie is to leave it alone (false)
- Prairies are adapted for surviving a drought (true)

The answers to ALL of these questions showed improved knowledge post-visit that was statistically significant. In other words, the kids are learning from their visit to Konza.

The application portion of the test was equally enlightening. We gave students a table with data showing precipitation at Konza Prairie for the past 6 years. The students were asked to read the table and answer questions based on the data presented. The results show that most of the kids (>70%) were able to answer the questions accurately but their visit to Konza Prairie did not improve their comprehension of the data. We, as educators, may have some work to do with student comprehension of data.

Overall, the results were eye-opening and encouraging. Kids love going outside, they are proud of their home, they like bugs! I plan on writing up this entire project and submitting it for publication in an environmental education journal. The assessment program will continue with online tests that will be automatically tabulated.

I would like to acknowledge the assistance of the following individuals who volunteered hundreds of hours of their time in tabulating the results of these tests: Buz Bruzina, Jim Copeland, Shauna Dendy, Colleen Hampton, Hallie Hatfield, Karen Hummel, Julia Jilek, Retta Kramer, and Allie Lousch. This project would have been much more difficult without their assistance.



Docent Profile:

Patty and Jeff Watson

What motivated you to become a Konza Prairie docent

Patti was a docent at the Wilderness Center in Wilmot, Ohio, and Jeff worked at the Wilderness Center as the Natural Burial Ground Steward and led some activities. When we moved to Kansas from Ohio we immediately looked for some opportunity to continue to volunteer and work in nature and learn more about Kansas. Konza Prairie was the perfect opportunity. When we visited family here before moving we hiked the nature trail so we knew about it. We always have had a love of nature and having worked with kids and adults our whole lives as educators, we jumped at the chance to become docents and continue in this wonderful task.

What are some of your hobbies & interests?

We have always enjoyed being in the outdoors and hiking and camping has been one of our greatest joys. Living here has given us new opportunities to explore areas totally different from the East. We also enjoy traveling now that we are retired and have visited so many new places. Visiting friends and family in the Seattle area is something we do frequently where enjoying family takes precedence. Jeff enjoys fishing and when he finds the time, golfing, and we both are enjoying exercise and yoga at Flint Hills Fitness where we also volunteer our time. Patti is involved with the Friends of the Library in Wamego and volunteering with book study at St. Bernard Catholic Church in Wamego. We both are enjoying watching our grandkids grow up and go to all of their activities. We also are enjoying our new home in Wamego and spend lots of time in the yard and garden making it our special place. We aren't sure how we found the time to work now.



What has been the best part of being a volunteer at Konza Prairie?

Probably the best part of being a volunteer is being with the children and seeing the wonder in their eyes and on their faces as they see the wonders of the prairie. It is a real joy to work with them and get to know them. It is so neat when they come back and say they remember us from another trip and are glad to see us again. Also, meeting and getting to know great friends who are like-minded and sharing our experiences with them has been a highlight. We look forward to every activity and get together with other docents and staff. It is really a special place with special people.

What brings you the most joy in your life?

What a tough question. Probably being with each other and family brings us the most joy. We are so blessed to be able to be close to our kids and grandkids. Family has been important to us and continues to be so as we watch our 6 grandchildren grow and mature. We are fortunate to have good health and the ability to still do the things we love. Seeing each new sunrise and taking life one day at a time and living it fully is our daily goal. Life is good.



Kenneth Stafford

I am retired after 45 years in higher education. I became a docent in 2011 and have maintained a fairly active interest in the Konza. I have been on the board for about three years. I enjoy hiking the Konza with school groups or just doing trail maintenance and enjoy the outdoors.



Kelly Carmody

Kelly Carmody's love for the Konza Prairie dates to her time attending K-State during the late 1990's. To this day, the Konza ranks highly amongst her favorite places to visit. A typical Saturday morning during the summer months usually involves a family hike through the Konza followed by a breakfast at one of the local early morning hot spots. Kelly's favorite features of the Konza include the seasonal variety in the plants and flowers, watching deer and turkeys grazing in their native habitat, majestic views of the Flint Hills, and seeing her favorite tree, a dead bur oak whose magnificent gnarly branches spread widely across the landscape.

Kelly is a 6th grade teacher at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, and is also the Executive Director of Tandem, a local non-profit that supports teens in foster care within the Manhattan community. Kelly has been a therapeutic foster parent for 11 years and has brought 25 children into her home in that time period. This results in an ever-changing household of people. Currently, Kelly's home includes a total of nine people, a dog, two cats, and a turtle, which makes for an ever-chaotic house. She has been married to Troy since November 2016, and the seven children range from 5-20 years old.

Noah Busch

Noah Busch has been teaching biology for 15 years, and during that time has made an indelible impression on students and his fellow teachers alike. Noah believes that the best way to learn biology is by collecting data in schoolyards, fields, streams, the Konza Prairie and other local natural sites. Noah's students have tagged monarch butterflies and studied their migration habits and patterns. His students have waded in streams to collect data on water quality and survey macroinvertebrates. Noah's students go on nature walks and hone their observational skills, identifying birds, trees and other wildlife along the way. In short, his students use the world around them as their learning laboratory and that is the kind of learning that sticks with students.

Noah's current passion is to bring the prairie to his students. With budget challenges in schools, Noah realized that in order to make sure that his students have opportunities to study the prairie ecosystem, it would be beneficial to have a prairie patch on the school grounds. This will help facilitate learning about pollinators, biodiversity, native species and more. And Noah's passion for environmental education is one he shares with others. Noah has engaged students from his own class and the district in EcoMeet and Envirothon, two statewide competitions on the environment, and he's working with other teachers across the district to bring more environmental education into classrooms through Green Gatherings. Green Gatherings bring teachers from different grade levels and schools together to talk about teaching, collaboration and community resources for everything from recycling and composting to gardening and more. Noah was also a lead team member on a program to assess student's environmental literacy for the state of Kansas.



Chris Bailey

Chris Bailey is an attorney in Manhattan, KS. He attended public schools in Manhattan and Lawrence before graduating from a private high school in Wichita. Chris earned a BA degree in political science from the University of Kansas in 1988 and a JD degree in 1993. He worked for the state of Kansas for 20 years, and has been in private practice since 2013. Chris was inspired to join the Friends of Konza Prairie board by learning of the legacy of Phoebe Samelson and her contributions to the Environmental Education program at Konza.



2017 KONQUER THE KONZA RACE



Date: Sunday, September 24th, 2017
Address: 100 Konza Prairie Ln, Manhattan, KS 66502
Race Time: 10k – 7:30am 25k – 7:30am

2017 New & Renewed FOKP members

Little Bluestem level

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Visions of the Flint Hills

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First Friday, October 6, 2017 6pm—9pm

Art Benefit for

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Art Purchases Help Preserve the Vanishing Prairie

Buttonwood Art Space and the Visions of the Flint Hills Benefit and Show have become important partners for Friends of Konza Prairie (FOKP) and the Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP). To mark our fourth year with Buttonwood, we've added some exciting new elements to the stellar show you've come to expect.

First of all, we will now have an Honorary Chair for each show. Jim and Cathy Hoy, experts on the Flint Hills and leaders in the ranching community, are inaugurating this important change. Jim shares his knowledge of and passion for folklife and the Flint Hills through frequent lectures and educational programs. He has published over 100 articles on Great Plains folklore and authored 17 books. The latest is titled *Flint Hills Cowboys: Tales of the Tallgrass Prairie*. Cathy served on the board of the Symphony in the Flint Hills. As Education Chair for six years, she solicited and edited articles on various aspects of the Flint Hills for the education tents and the *Field Journal*. The Hoyes were honored with the "Friend of the Flint Hills" award in 2015 for their model stewardship of the Flint Hills and their passion for preserving the tallgrass prairie. In 2007, they placed the family ranch, the Flying H, in a perpetual conservation easement with Ranchland Trust of Kansas, thereby helping to preserve Kansas' ranching heritage and to conserve open spaces for future generations.

The second new element to this year's exhibition is an educational component titled "Peering into the Prairie." QR codes will be placed next to artwork to explore various educational aspects of the Flint Hills such as crab spiders living on milkweed, macroinvertebrates in streams, or habits of ground nesting birds. This year's juror, Lisa Grossman, is a well-known Flint Hills artist who has had 26 shows around the Midwest and on either coast. She earned an Associate's degree from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and moved to Kansas City, MO, in 1988 to work as an illustrator for Hallmark Cards. After discovering the tallgrass prairies of east-central Kansas in 1995, Grossman left Hallmark to pursue her passion for painting.

We're excited to have the sponsorship of Annie Wilson's Tallgrass Express String Band and to have them perform at the opening. Formed in 2004, Tallgrass Express is a regional band, staying close to their roots and performing mainly at community events in the Flint Hills. Their mission is to provide local entertainment, and through their recordings, share with a broader audience their celebration of the beauty and wonder of the Kansas Flint Hills and its ranching culture. In addition to their original songs about the land and life of the Flint Hills, they perform fast-driving old timey and bluegrass favorites, folk ballads, western swing tunes, beautiful Celtic melodies, early American gospel hymns, and beloved cowboy and western standards.

Artists compete for \$900 in awards for categories including: painting, photography, 3D, and other. Purchases of art during this exhibit will further the research, education and preservation of the tallgrass ecosystem. Half (50%) of sale prices compensate artists for their beautiful artwork with the remainder (50%) going to FOKP to benefit their efforts to support (KEEP).

Sponsors of the show include: Annie Wilson's Tallgrass Express String Band, Burnett Automotive, Blueville Nursery, Civic Plus, Ladybird Diner, Little Apple Brewing Co, Little Apple Toyota/Honda, Meadowlark Hills, MainCor/MSCID, Tallgrass Brewing Co, The Nature Conservancy Kansas, and The Trust Company. Endorsers of the show include: Audubon of Kansas, Claflin Books, Flint Hills Discovery Center, and the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art.

Meet Honorary Chairs, Jim & Cathy Hoy, participating artists, sponsors and endorsers, enjoy Flint Hills themed food, beverages, and a live performance by Annie Wilson's Tallgrass Express String Band at the Opening Reception on Friday, October 6, 2017, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Buttonwood Art Space, 3013 Main, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or by appointment, 816-285-9040.

For additional information please contact Jon McGraw or Macy Layne, Buttonwood Art Space, at 816-285-9040 or Macy@ButtonwoodArtSpace.com.

In Memoriam

Phoebe Samelson



A TRIBUTE TO PHOEBE SAMELSON from Valerie Wright

I want you all to know some background of Phoebe's role in developing an education program for Konza Prairie. It was something the Manhattan community greatly needed. Only Phoebe had the foresight to step forward and make it happen. Many of us who joined her in the effort didn't know what a "docent" was at the start. We became the educators and the liaison between research and public concerning the tallgrass prairie.

When I first met Phoebe she was in recruiting mode. She heard there was a biologist, who had just moved back into town, and was a good fit for her fledging program on Konza Prairie. The Docent program was only a year old. Phoebe had taken her idea to those in charge at Konza and convinced them of the need for a public interface for Konza. She had the vision at the right time when the research faculty was ready to hand over responsibility of educating school groups and the interested public in tallgrass prairie ecology. Her partnership

with John Zimmerman was working well. He took the recruits out on the trails and taught them some basic prairie facts and current science. She organized most everything else.

So I decided to join and see what I could learn. Phoebe literally took me by the ear and pulled me in. Whenever she needed a tour guide she was on the phone to us all. I remember those early calls with dates, times and type of event all clearly described. How could I say no? Anyway I wanted to be with this group of new friends who obviously loved nature as much as I did. Phoebe, Ann Feyerharm, Marilyn Tilghman, Charlie Given, Janet Throne and many others wanted to share their love of the prairie with all.

We learned and discussed and plotted and planned until after two years and our ideas put on paper by Joe Gelroth, we finally could see there was a possibility of an official education program. Phoebe and Ann had been working through the new Friends of Konza Prairie organization to keep the idea afloat. Many people were now on the bandwagon. Phoebe must have felt her dream coming true. She had never let go of her vision.

When the Konza Environmental Education Program became a reality in 1996, I was hired and Phoebe became my right hand. She stepped right into the volunteer coordinator position. Every week at least twice she came out to my Konza office so we could coordinate groups and tour guides. She continued to spend hours on the phone to make sure we had people to take care of the increasing number of visitors, especially school groups. She continued to recruit for the docent program, put forward ideas for training and mentored new docents. She pulled together a group of docents to publish a newsletter, which became an important communication tool. She was involved in every aspect of the program.

She took school groups on the Nature Trail and busloads of kids on the Bison loop. I can attest to the hundreds, no thousands of volunteer hours Phoebe gave to Konza Prairie. Even after all the work time, she still loved to walk the trail or go with me for a ride in the bison loop to see what was blooming or perchance find an interesting bird. Even after she and Franz moved to Meadowlark Hills retirement community, she was organizing trips for the residents to visit Konza Prairie. Manhattan was lucky to have Phoebe Samelson.

We all owe her a great thank you for her vision and her persistence to carry it out.

In Memoriam Gayle Bennett



Gayle was perhaps best known as an English teacher at Manhattan High School, where she shared her love of British literature and mentored advanced sophomores. She was a big supporter of MHS's fine arts program and spearheaded several youth initiatives, including the Little Apple Task Force on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, which organized after-Prom parties and other activities aimed at providing alternatives to underage drinking.

Upon retirement, Gayle went on to volunteer throughout the community. She served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and was the 2002 CASA of the Year. She served on the board of the Manhattan Arts Center for eight years, two as President. She especially loved her work as a docent on the Konza Prairie, where she was active for nearly 10 years. She was an organizer and food pantry worker at Ogden Friendship House United Methodist Church. She regularly volunteered at Shepherd's Crossing. And she was a member of College Avenue United Methodist Church for more than 40 years, along with her husband, Tom.

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