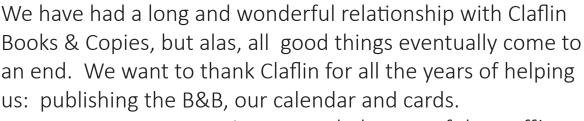
# & Bluestem

# The NEW Konza Prairie Calendar will be ready soon and for sale at the Annual Meeting!





THANK YOU Stormy, Kevin, Dan and the rest of the staff!



Research

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Sunday, Sept. 21, 7:30 a.m. Konquer the Konza http://manhattanrunningco.com/konquer-the-konza-25k-2/

Friday, Sept. 26, 5:30 p.m. FOKP Annual Meeting & Docent Graduation, 6 p.m. BBQ/Potluck 6:30 Bison Loop tour (See page 11)

Saturday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Konza Visitors' Day (See page 5)

Friday, Oct. 3, Visions of the Flint Hills Art Show (See enclosed flyer)



September 2014



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Karen Hummel

Page one of this newsletter lists a number of important upcoming events for Friends of Konza Prairie. Now let's talk a little about each of these events. (Spoiler alert: You'll probably notice several volunteer opportunities in the descriptions. Come join the fun!)



**KONQUER THE KONZA** is a 25K (15.5 mile) race on the trails of Konza Prairie. More than 160 runners participated in last year's race, and more than 30 volunteers reported for duty at 6:00 a.m. to report at their stations and support the parking operation and race activities. The volunteer effort for race support was very

well organized, and docents who participated enjoyed helping. There may be as many as 300 runners at this year's event, September 21. Manhattan Running Company donated \$5000 from proceeds of the the run to the Konza Prairie. Jill Haukos will be calling for volunteers again this year, and I encourage you all to consider answering the call.

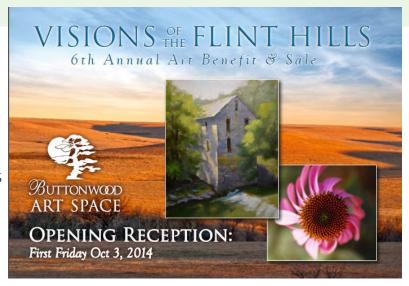
**FOKP ANNUAL MEETING & DOCENT GRADUATION,** Friday, September 26. The annual meeting and docent graduation will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by our potluck and bison loop tour. We look forward to being able to visit with you and we appreciate your participation in electing this year's cohort of FOKP Board members. We'll plan to set up the potluck food service and dining tables in the barn so we don't have to worry about possible inclement weather and our timing is not restricted by sunset. Please bring your own eco-friendly plates and utensils if you can. Bring a guest!



**KONZA VISITORS' DAY,** Saturday, September 27. This is always a favorite event for the community. More than 1500 guests participated in the last Visitors' Day two years ago. The majority of Konza is normally off limits to the public; however, Visitors' Day provides an opportunity for the public to see this unique area and discover the purposes of this premier prairie preserve. Visitors' Day is presented by the K-State Division of Biology, The Nature

Conservancy and Friends of Konza Prairie in even years. Visitors' Day activities grant guided access to restricted areas of the field research station, such as seeing the bison herd, or hiking outside the public trail system. At Station Headquarters, you can view live animal displays and research exhibits and learn about tallgrass prairie conservation and management. Konza Prairie researchers, docents, and staff provide visitors with information about Konza Prairie research, history of the site, Flint Hills geology, tallgrass prairie flora and fauna, and other natural history. For a more detailed description of these activities, check the website: <a href="http://keep.konza.ksu.edu/visit/visitors.htm">http://keep.konza.ksu.edu/visit/visitors.htm</a>. Volunteers are needed for Visitors' Day. Dr. Eva Horne will be posting volunteer information on the KSU Biology website, and Jill will send docents an email with call for volunteers. There was excellent support for the last Visitors' Day. Those of you who helped in 2012 did a wonderful job! Please consider volunteering again this year. To those of you who could not participate, or are new to the program, we would welcome your help.

VISIONS OF THE FLINT HILLS is a new activity for the Friends of Konza Prairie. The Buttonwood Art Space in Kansas City approached FOKP with the offer to host a benefit art show and sale. VISIONS OF THE FLINT HILLS BENEFIT AND SALE is a juried exhibition featuring art of this vanishing prairie. All artwork depict or are derived from the Flint Hills area of Kansas.



The exhibit will run from October 3 through November 28, 2014, in the Buttonwood Art Space, 3013 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, 64108. Net proceeds from the event benefit Friends of Konza Prairie.

Call for artists: Open to paintings, photographs, fiber and 3-D works derived from or depicting the Flint Hills geographic area in Kansas. DEADLINE! August 15, 2014. All entries must be submitted through café at www. callforentry.org.

- Artists may submit up to four (4) works of art for a non-refundable \$25.00 fee.
- Categories: Painting, 3-Dimensional, Photography, Other (includes fiber, glass, video, etc.)
- Juror: To be announced. All artwork will be juried on a piece by piece basis.
- All works will be 50% of sale to artist and net 50% to Friends of Konza Prairie, a 501(c)(3) charity.
- Send all artworks to Buttonwood Art Space by September 19, 2014 ATTN: Visions Show, Buttonwood Art Space, 3013 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo 64108, 816-285-9040.
- Hand deliver to gallery by September 22, 2013.
- For online information, see http://visionsoftheflinthills.org/visions-flint-hills-call-for-artists/

Opening reception: An artist reception and opening gala is scheduled for Friday, October 3, at the Buttonwood Art Space, from 6 – 9 p.m. This coincides with the First Friday Crossroads Arts District event. Average attendance at a First Friday event is 250-300. All FOKP members and KEEP Docents are invited to attend this event. It's a chance to meet the artists, enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres and libations, listen to live music, and view beautiful artwork.

Sponsorship: One aspect of the Visions of the Flint Hills Benefit and Sale is the opportunity to sponsor the event with accompanying benefits. All sponsors are invited to a special VIP opening reception from 4-6 p.m. at the Buttonwood Art Space on October 3 before the artist reception. Other benefits are listed on the flyer enclosed in this newsletter. New or renewing members of FOKP who contribute at the levels listed in the sponsorship descriptions will be automatically considered as Visions of the Flint Hills sponsors at the level of the membership.

IN SUMMARY: FOKP is thriving and has many opportunities for involvement. Thank you so much for being a member and contributing to this very important program.

Karen Hummel



# Assistant DIRECTOR Eva Horne

# How long do lizards live?

This is perhaps a more frivolous or philosophical topic than you are used to hearing about from the Director of Konza, but it is a question I have been asked numerous times when introducing people to the wonderful world of reptiles. In case you are curious, the number one question I hear is "Is it poisonous?", often asked in reference to the snake I'm holding in my bare hands at the time. There are two things wrong with that question, the first being that I would not hold a

venomous animal in my bare hands, not even a snake. The second problem is that "poisonous" refers to things that make one sick by eating them and usually pertains to animals that evolved the trait to discourage predators. Poisons are most often molecules like alkaloids, cyanides, and tetrodotoxin that can be consumed without being digested and are absorbed intact into the bloodstream. The correct term for most snakes is "venomous". This refers to organisms that inject their toxins directly into the bloodstream via a bite or sting. Venoms most likely evolved to aide in capture of prey, and are secondarily used in defense. Most venoms are large proteins and, if swallowed, are digested like any other protein. Drinking snake venom does nothing but provide the body with more amino acids unless the person has sores in the mouth or a bleeding ulcer through which it can get into the blood stream.

But, I digress. If you hike the nature trail at Konza, you've most likely seen collared lizards and wondered about their lives. They are by far the largest, most colorful, most visible and most likable lizard found on Konza Prairie. Males are a lovely blue/green color with yellow throats and two broad rings around their necks. Females tend more toward camouflage in their coloring, being brownish and without yellow throats, although they do also have the black rings around the neck. Males are very territorial and when you see them sitting out in all their finery, they are saying in a sense, "This is my rock," and will fight to defend it.

Up until recently I thought that collared lizards only live perhaps 3 or 4 years at most. I've had to revise that assumption in the last year. The lizard in the photo is Artemus, my name for lizard #5665. He was marked with four glass beads (red and yellow) by Emilie Blevins in the spring of 2008. Emilie did her Master's degree at

K-State and worked on how collared lizards used the landscape. She also marked a number of lizards along the rock ledges of the Natural Trail watersheds and tracked their movements. Artemus was already an adult when Emilie first captured him and she believes he most likely hatched in the summer of 2006. The amazing thing is that Artemus was seen in the summer of 2013 and again this spring in 2014. So, Artemus is around 8 years old now. He has grown from a body length of 89 mm in 2008 to 98 in 2014 and is some 650 meters farther east along the rock ledge from where he was first captured. So, the next time you see a collared lizard on the nature trail, think about how long he might have been successfully defending that rock!

Eva Horne



# **Directions to Konza Prairie:**

# From Manhattan:

Take Hwy 177 south out of town over the Kansas River. Immediately past the river turn right (SW) onto McDowell Creek Road (passing under the "KS" on the side of the hill and travelling along the river). Travel 6 miles along McDowell Creek Road until you see the sign for Konza Prairie on the left side of the road.

# From Topeka or Wichita:

Take I-70 until you reach Exit 307. Travel along McDowell Creek Road 4 miles until you see the sign for Konza Prairie on the right side of the road.



# FROM THE STONE HOUSE...

Jill Haukos, Environmental Educator

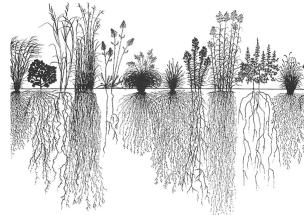
Education Programs and the Long-Term Ecological Research Project (LTER)

Just like the roots of the big bluestem, the reach of the education and outreach

program at Konza Prairie is deep...

Konza Prairie is part of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Long-

Term Ecological Research Network (LTER) and was one of the original LTER sites when the program began in 1980. As part of that network, we're known as Konza LTER, or "KNZ." The purpose of the LTER program is to support research at specific ecosystems that is conducted over a long period of time, and to encourage LTER sites to work together sharing data to create a broad volume of information providing an overall ecological message.



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

LTER sites are funded on 6-year cycles and KNZ was up for renewal in 2014. We were recently informed that the KNZ grant renewal was approved and that we will have funding for the next 6 years!

Education and Outreach (E&O) are major components of the LTER grant. As part of the E&O program, the Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP) is charged with offering educational opportunities to K-12 students and teachers that reflect the research done on KNZ. The Schoolyard LTER (SLTER) is the program that brings hands-on science opportunities to teachers (during the Summer Teacher's Workshop) and their students during the SLTER activities.

Each year we host approximately 1,000 students who get experience conducting scientific research similar to Konza researchers. We added five new teachers this summer to the SLTER roster, and they have promised to bring their students to Konza for some site-specific experiences. Examples of SLTER activities are: "Effects of Fire on the Prairie," "Stream Geomorphology," "Stream Macroinvertebrates," and "Grasshoppers of the Prairie."

KEEP isn't the only facet of the E&O. Research Experiences for Undergrads (REU) is another program funded by the grant. Dr. Bruce Snyder and Dr. Ted Morgan coordinate the REU students who come from across the country to work at KSU for 10 weeks during the summer on their individual research projects. These projects provide the students with real-world experience that is invaluable for future work.

The other 24 LTER sites each have an educational program but each one approaches its task in a different way. Konza Prairie is the only site within the LTER system that utilizes a cadre of docent volunteers. Other sites may have a handful of volunteers, but none of them have as large of a group nor a regular training and in-service program like ours. Because of our docent program, we are capable of hosting a large number of students annually to our site. Without the docents, we would be very limited by what we could do directly; most of our work would have to be through teacher training rather than with direct student contact.



Outreach is another component of the Education and Outreach portion of the LTER. The function of "outreach" is for the LTER site to play a role in the community, and I can assure you KNZ does! Dr. John Briggs, Konza Prairie Director, has taken the lead on this role and has worked to help develop the Prairie Studies Initiative, a collaboration of Arts and Sciences that focuses on the cultural and ecological dimensions of the tallgrass prairie. Professional and public events will be organized under this banner to bring people together to better understand the myriad aspects of the history, culture, management, and biology of the tallgrass prairie.



Clark Thrasher, Kellye Johnson, Sarah Holmes, and Julie Schwarting

Continuing along the lines of Outreach, I have been working with the Manhattan/Ogden USD 383 School District to provide teachers with information on the opportunities "Informal Educators" (off-campus sites, like Konza Prairie) can provide to students. Of increasing importance will be communicating to teachers how our site provides specific experiences and education that comply with Common Core Standards.

For example, one Nature Trail hike could provide "cross-cutting concepts" on topics such as these for 4th grade:

- 1. Energy: energy transfer: how the sun fuels plant growth and how plants are eaten by animals
- 2. Patterns: similarities and differences in patterns can be used to organize life, such as plants with opposite or alternate leaf attachment
- 3. Structure and Process: the internal and external structure of plant functions to enhance its survival bark, vascular tissue, roots, leaves, etc...
- 4. Earth's Place in the Universe: layers in the limestone and shale and the presence of fossils show evidence of the passage of large amounts of time and the alternation between an aquatic and a terrestrial system

These are just a few examples. One visit to Konza Prairie can fulfill many of the new Standards.

The Konza Prairie Biological Station, home to the Konza LTER and the Konza Environmental Education Program, is truly an important part of the Manhattan and national LTER community.



Front to back: Julie Schwarting, Lisa Ball, Sarah Holmes, Kellye Johnson, and Hallie Hatfield

# **FOKP Board Member Candidates**

# Diane Barker



Diane completed Docent Training in 2006 and Kansas Master Naturalist training and certification in 2013, and has served one term on the FOKP Board. Besides being active in KEEP on Konza, Diane enjoys leading nature and plant id hikes with fellow Kansas Native Plant Society members at Mount Mitchell, Rock Springs 4-H Camp, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, and Symphony in the Flint Hills. She is a museum educator at the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art and a board member of Flint Hills Wisdom Keepers since 2007. As a member of the Kansas Land Trust, she has monitored conservation easements for them. She credits her two redbone coonhound/black lab mixes with getting her on the prairie every day, rain, snow or heat wave.

One of her favorite experiences with grade school students and nature happened just before the Kings Creek bridge on the Nature Trail. It had rained several days before, so the ground was muddy but firm. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders had noticed wild turkeys in the field, so as they trooped along, one boy stopped the group, pointed to the ground and said, "Look! Turkey tracks!". Diane seized the moment, "Good job! Way to observe. Can you tell me which way the turkeys were going?" He bent down for a closer look. "That way," he pointed to the woods and then got

quiet, intent. Still staring at the track he said softly, "You can see their skin." Now he spread his three fingers wide, curving the little finger and thumb underneath to make the turkey foot. He lowered his hand into the track so his fingers matched the toe prints in the mud. His teacher took a picture. Suddenly, all the children crowded in to see the texture of the skin and to hold their fingers in the track while the teacher took a picture. In the midst of all the giggling and shoving, some kids carefully ran their fingers along the toe prints and looked up, amazed.

Carol Gadbury



Carol has been connected to many facets of the Konza Prairie. When she and husband Gary moved to Manhattan, a first order of business was to hike the Konza Prairie. Soon after that hike she phoned Valerie Wright and and then waited with anticipation to join the 2008 docent training. They had a fantastic, talented group that year (She was later told by Valerie and Annie that ALL of the groups are fantastic). All of the docents, seasoned and new, were amazing prairie experts willing to help and guide new recruits. Carol was honored to receive a Docent Trainee of the Year award and then a Docent of the Year award in 2009. Although she enjoyed all the various docent activities, she most enjoyed taking schoolchildren on hikes. Each hike provided her with some new surprising perspective.

The Konza LTER program hired Carol in 2009 as a part time program assistant. She did a variety of jobs, including acting as an archivist for the 30 years of Konza LTER data sets. She also served on the board of Kansas State University Gardens and on the Konza Docent Committee.

Although her primary occupations have been in the medical and insurance business, her first love has always been with the natural world. Carol has enjoyed

the beauty of living, hiking and skiing in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Colorado, North Carolina, Missouri and now Kansas. She was able to complete the Missouri Master Naturalist program in Rolla, Missouri, located in the incomparable Ozarks. She was also privileged to study with some great botanists in several states through the years.

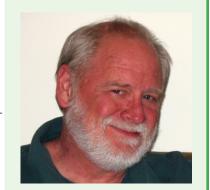
Carol and Gary moved to Manhattan in 2007 when he took a position in statistics at KSU and have loved the town, university life, and especially Wildcat athletics. They love to cook and garden together. Carol served on a number of college and insurance boards and received a couple of statewide awards in Missouri for service to the medical careers industry. Carol would be honored to offer her service as an FOKP Board member and to assist the mission of FOKP to support the Konza Environmental Education Program.

# **FOKP Board Member Candidates**

Dr. John Harrington, Jr., is a Professor in the Department of Geography at Kansas State University. John arrived at KSU in 1994 after serving on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Nebraska, New Mexico State University, and Indiana State University. He earned all three of his academic degrees in geography, with the Ph.D. coming from Michigan State in 1980. Since moving to Kansas, John has actively contributed to the Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences Secondary Major at K-State, served as department head in geography for 6 years, served for 3.5 years as the Chair of the All-University GIScience Steering Committee, and now chairs the faculty advisory committee for the Urban Water Institute. He currently serves as a National Councilor for the Association of American Geographers.

John's research interests lie in the areas of climate science, global change, the coupling of social and natural systems, geographic education, and the application of GIScience to natural resource management. Since 2008, Dr. Harrington has been the Coordinator of the Kansas Geographic Alliance (KGA) and has worked to insure that maps, spatial reasoning, and geographic thinking are built into K-12 state standards for the sciences and social sciences.

John Harrington

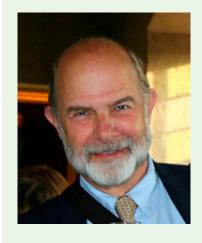


During his time in Kansas, John has worked on several multi-year research projects funded by NASA or NSF including: Global Change in Local Places, the Human-Environment Regional Observatory project, the Konza LTER as the social science representative, Ecological Forecasting, the Climate Change Education Partnership, and the ongoing Climate and Energy Project.

John Reese came to K-State in 1982, and has spent his entire career in entomology, specializing in host plant resistance. He has a deep interest in land, including land that his grandfather purchased in the Dakotas around 1900, and has property at Westmoreland, KS, that includes an 1858 barn that is on the Kansas Register of Historic Sites, as well as the National Register of Historic Sites. John is fond of saying that the "longer I live here, the deeper my roots go in the Flint Hills."

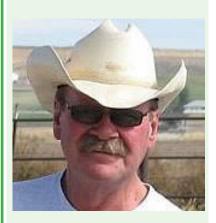
He has been a member of FOKP for a number of years, is active in Habitat for Humanity, is a member of the Riley County Historical Society and the Riley County Genealogical Society, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Insect Zoo. John has served one term on the Board and is running for a second term.

John Reese



# **FOKP Board Member Candidates**

# Ken Stafford



Ken Stafford has lived in Manhattan since 2010. He grew up in the high deserts of Idaho on a dairy and beef cattle farm near Twin Falls. Prior to moving to Manhattan, Ken was Vice-Chancellor for Technology at the University of Denver for twelve years, Vice President for Finance and Administration at three campuses in the University of Maryland System for nine years, and Chief Financial Officer for Agriculture at the University of Idaho for nine years. That included administrative oversight of the nine statewide Ag research and extension centers.

Ken and his wife Kris maintain a partnership in a farm and ranching operation near Burley, Idaho. Ken has worked in the Middle East, China, and Central America for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD), the World Bank, and King Abdulla Aziz of Saudi Arabia. He also was the Maryland representative to the NASULGC Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources and represented the 15 western states on the USDA's Current Research Information System.

Ken is an avid photographer of the prairie and hikes every weekend with the experts trying to learn all the flowers and grasses.

# Karen Hummel



Karen Hummel has served on the FOKP Board for three years and is eligible for another three-year term. She is currently serving as FOKP President and also enjoys volunteering as a docent for KEEP. She completed Docent Training in 2006 and Kansas Master Naturalist training in 2012.

As a fourth generation Kansan, raised on the farm homesteaded by her great great grandfather, Karen has long been interested in the history and development of the area. With degrees in education and engineering, her career path wound through teaching, aerospace, hydrology, and database design and management. In retirement, she enjoys working with Konza programs, helping at the Beach Art Museum, and Kansas Native Plant Society. Family is an important source of joy, including eleven swiftly growing grandchildren. The prairie, constant yet ever-changing, is an integral part of her life.

# Don't miss it!

WHAT: FOKP Annual Meeting WHEN: Friday, Sept. 26, 2014,

5:30 p.m. Meeting/Docent Graduation

6:00 p.m. BBQ/Potluck 6:30 p.m. Bison Loop Tour

WHERE: Konza Meeting Hall - Cortelyou Conference Center

Join us for this Annual Event. It's a great chance to **visit** with

friends, **vote** on next year's Board members, and **congratulate** this year's docent class. And **enjoy** our BBQ/pot-luck dinner.

Your membership and participation are vital to the success of the Friends of Konza Prairie program. We encourage you to come, and to bring friends and potential FOKP members who may be interested in knowing more about the prairie and the FOKP program.

The FOKP Annual Meeting will be held in the Konza Historic Barn Cortelyou Conference Center at 5:30 p.m., followed by the bison burger potluck dinner. Please bring your own eco-friendly plates and utensils, and let us know how many folks you're bringing by calling 587-0441 by Sept.23. See you there!



One of the photos that will be in the 2015 Calendar! Photo courtesy of Brett Sandercock

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# Memories of a Delightful Lady



When you travel with friends, you really get to know them. Two birding trips abroad and a cruise through the Panama Canal sealed my admiration for Lena Ferguson. Doris Burnett also traveled with the Fergusons. We came to the same conclusion. The word affable best describes Lena, gentle and gracious, easy and pleasant to converse with. Lena was such a delight, always a smile, always that jaunty hat, never a complaint. She was as adamant a birder as husband Clyde and shared his wit. Stories of her youth in Oklahoma were told with Southern good humor and congeniality.

"What a delightful lady."

Everyone who knew her even briefly would say

Valerie Wright

Clyde and Marilena Ferguson have been members of FOKP for almost as long as it has existed. Here they are at one of our Holiday Gatherings. They have contributed so much to our organization.

Lena will be missed by all who knew her.

It was Lena's wish that any memorial donations be given to the Friends of Konza Prairie and/or the Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society.





# **FOKP BOARD OFFICERS**

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