



Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) - Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW)  
Manhattan, KS - September 25-27, 2015

August 10, 2015

Dear KNPS Members,

It's time once again for our three-day AWW (Annual Wildflower Weekend). This year KNPS members will converge on Manhattan, Kansas, September 25–27, for our 37th AWW. Anyone who has attended the AWW in the past knows it is the highlight of the year for those who love native plants and enjoy being around people with the same passion. This year's theme is: "Flint Hills Landscapes."

Outings to diverse sites in the area are planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You will have the chance to botanize at Konza Prairie, enjoy views of Tuttle Creek Lake, and visit a prairie restoration.

Our speakers, Kathy Roccaforte, PhD candidate at the University of Kansas, and Shelly Wiggam, PhD candidate at Kansas State University, will discuss their prairie pollinator research projects.

Returning members look forward to these traditional activities: presentation of **Annual Awards**, the display of outstanding pictures in the **Photo Contest**, and the fun of placing bids and winning items in the **Silent Auction**.

The following pages include the weekend schedule, descriptions of tour sites, lodging options, and a registration form. To help cover a portion of the cost of conducting the meeting, we are charging a registration fee of \$10 for KNPS members and \$20 for non-members. All meals will be on your own, so we are not taking pre-payments for meals. Manhattan has a wide variety of dining choices in all price ranges. Registration fees may be paid by check using the form in this document or via PayPal through the KNPS web site ([www.ksnps.org](http://www.ksnps.org)), which also contains links to additional resources mentioned herein.

The weekend is open to the public.

**Weekend Summary**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit the Flint Hills Discovery Center</li> <li>• KNPS Board meeting</li> <li>• Orientation to the Konza Prairie Biological Station</li> <li>• Botanize on the Konza's Butterfly Hill</li> <li>• Dinner on your own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards Presentation</li> <li>• Guest Speakers</li> <li>• Photo Contest Winners</li> <li>• Silent Auction</li> <li>• Tour site at Tuttle Creek</li> <li>• Tour Bob Haines Pasture</li> <li>• Dinner on your own</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tour Valerie Wright prairie restoration</li> <li>• Tour Konza Prairie (Shane Creek entrance)</li> <li>• Visit the Flint Hills Discovery Center</li> </ul>

Make your hotel reservations and come to the AWW!

**AWW Contact numbers (on days of events only)**

Mike Haddock: 785-313-3176  
Valerie Wright: 785-340-2320  
Earl Allen: 785-477-9914



### 2015 AWW Itinerary

Friday, September 25

- **9:00 am to 5:00 pm** Visit the Flint Hills Discovery Center on your own. \$2 reduced admission for AWW participants. (Cost will be \$7.00 per person when you show your conference badge or this AWW letter about the event rather than \$9 per admission.)
- **1:00 pm** Fall Board Meeting at the Konza Prairie Biological Station Headquarters, Konza Meeting Hall (Board members required)
- **3:15 pm** Orientation to Konza Prairie Biological Station research by Director John Briggs.
- **4:00 pm** Botanizing on the Konza Prairie Butterfly Hill trail
- **6:30 pm** Dinner at your choice of local restaurants with other KNPS members

Saturday, September 26

- **8:00 am** Registration at Big 12 Room in the K-State Student Union, Kansas State University. The Big 12 Room is on the second floor of the Union. Adjacent parking is available in the Parking Garage (cost) or in nearby university lots (free on Saturdays). Coffee, juice, and pastries available. Set up Silent Auction, Photo Contest, and Merchandise Displays.
- **9:00 am** Annual Business Meeting
- **9:30 am** Awards, Election, and Photo Contest
- **10:00 am** Refreshment break. Silent Auction continues.
- **10:30 am** Presentation: *If We Build it, Will They Come?: Exploring plant-pollinator interactions in the context of tallgrass prairie restoration*, Kathy Roccaforte, doctoral aspirant in ecology and evolutionary biology, University of Kansas
- **11:15 am** Presentation: *Patch-burn grazing promotes pollinator diversity in Flint Hills rangelands*, Shelly Wiggam, doctoral aspirant in entomology, Kansas State University
- **12:15 pm** Silent auction concludes
- **12:15 pm to 1:30 pm** Lunch at the K-State Union Food Court or nearby local restaurants with other KNPS members
- **1:30 pm** Meet at West Stadium parking lot to caravan to Tuttle Creek site
- **3:30 pm** Caravan from Tuttle Creek site to Bob Haines pasture
- **6:30 pm** Dinner at your choice of local restaurants with other KNPS members

Sunday, September 27

- **9:00 am** Meet at Flint Hills Discover Center parking lot and caravan to Valerie Wright prairie restoration
- **9:30 am** Valerie Wright prairie restoration
- **10:30 pm** Short caravan to Konza Prairie, Shane Creek watershed
- **10:45 to 12:30 pm** Botanize on the Konza.
- **Afternoon to 5:00 pm** Visit the Flint Hills Discovery Center on your own. \$2 reduced admission for AWW participants.



### Meeting & Tour Sites

**Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm** - Visit the [Flint Hills Discovery Center](#) on your own. \$2 reduced admission for AWW participants. (Cost will be \$7.00 per person when you show your conference badge or this AWW letter about the event rather than \$9 per admission.) **Directions:** The Flint Hills Discovery Center is located at the intersection of 3rd and Pierre Streets, just off of Fort Riley Boulevard. Free parking is available southeast of the main entrance.

#### Friday Afternoon Tour Site #1

**Gather at 3:00 at the [Konza Prairie Biological Station Headquarters](#)**

Director Dr. John Briggs will provide an overview of the Konza Prairie Biological Station and lead a short walking tour of nearby research plots.

**Directions from Manhattan:** Immediately after crossing the Kansas River Bridge, turn south on McDowell Creek Road (County highway 901). Proceed approximately 6.2 miles to the Konza Prairie Lane turn-off on the left. Follow the gravel road past the public trailhead until reaching the headquarters buildings. We will gather on the south side of the stone house. **Directions from Interstate I-70:** Take exit 307 (McDowell Creek Road/highway 901) and proceed north approximately 4.7 miles to the Konza Prairie Lane turn-off on the right. Follow the gravel road past the public trailhead until reaching the headquarters buildings.

#### Friday Afternoon Tour Site #2

**Butterfly Hill at the [Konza Prairie Biological Station](#)**

This non-public trail near the Konza Headquarters has been opened to KNPS AWW participants only on the day of the tour.

#### Saturday Morning Meeting Site

**Gather 8:00 to 9:00 AM at Big 12 Room, Kansas State University Student Union, located near the intersection of 17th Street and Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS**

The annual meeting, program presentations, silent auction, raffle, and photo contest will be held in the [Big 12 Room](#) on the second floor of the Union. Kansas State University Student Union is located near the intersection of 17th Street and Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS. Parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to the Student Union (cost) or in nearby university lots D1, A1, or A2 (free). See the [campus map](#) and the [2014-2015 campus parking map](#).

#### Saturday Afternoon Tour Site #1

**Gather at 1:30 PM to caravan to Tuttle Creek Site**

This is a very accessible and easy-walking area. There are a variety of ecosystems (woods, prairie, wetland) in a relatively small site with a plethora of blooming plant species. We will start at the end of the drive. **Directions from Kansas State University:** Meet on the south side of the parking lot (D1) immediately west of old Memorial Stadium (one block west of the Student Union). Proceed north on Denison Avenue and turn right on Kimball Avenue. At the intersection of Kimball and U.S Highway 24 (also called Tuttle Creek Blvd), turn left (north). Proceed 3.5 miles to the intersection of Kansas Highway 13 and U.S. Highway 24. Turn right on Kansas 13 and proceed across the dam. After you cross the spillway, you will come to an intersection. Turn left onto "Spillway Marina Road." Shortly you will see a driveway on the left. There is a sign "Victory Drive" "Home of K-State Crew." Go through the white gate up to the top of the hill where you can park.



**Saturday Afternoon Tour Site #2**

**Caravan at 3:30 PM to Bob Haines pasture**

The Haines property is an excellent example of management for control of eastern red cedar and supports a wide diversity of plant species. The landscape is varied, with upland and valley prairies as well as patches of gallery forest. **Directions from Tuttle Creek site:** Go west 6.4 miles from the intersection of Kansas Highway 13 and U.S. Highway 24 (also called Tuttle Creek Blvd) and turn right onto W 71st Ave, which runs in front of the former Outpost building. W 71st will curve to the north and ends at the gate into the Haines pasture.

**Sunday Morning Tour Site #1**

**Gather at 9:00 AM to caravan to Valerie Wright prairie restoration**

Originally a wheat field, these 5 acres along Shane Creek have been managed for forb diversity. The plant list includes 130 native species with grasses. **Directions:** Gather at The Flint Hills Discovery Center parking lot located just east of the intersection of 3rd and Pierre Streets. **Directions from Blue Earth Plaza/FHDC parking lot:** Immediately after crossing the Kansas River Bridge, turn south on McDowell Creek Road (County highway 901). Proceed 4 miles to Shane Creek Lane. Turn left and follow KNPS signs.

**Sunday Morning Tour Site #2**

**Caravan at 10:30 AM to Shane Creek, Konza Prairie Biological Station**

The Shane Creek watershed is another portion of the Konza Prairie Biological Station not normally open to the public. It offers impressive prairie vistas as well the opportunity to explore oak/hickory woodland. **Directions from Valerie Wright prairie:** Turn left on Shane Creek Lane and proceed a short distance to the Konza Prairie Shane Creek gate 8. Park inside the gate. Please do not park along the private road.

**Sunday afternoon to 5:00 pm** - Visit the Flint Hills Discovery Center on your own. \$2 reduced admission for AWW participants.

# Kansas Native Plant Society

## 2015 Annual Wildflower Weekend Registration

### Manhattan, Kansas September 25-26-27

Kansas Native Plant Society  
R.L. McGregor Herbarium  
University of Kansas  
2045 Constant Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66047-3729  
785-864-3453 or email@ksnps.org

Reservations are required. Fill out the form online and print or print and fill out by hand. Payments may be made by check using this form or pay online at [www.ksnps.org](http://www.ksnps.org).

#### 1. Enter your Contact Information

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address 1	<input type="text"/>		
Address 2	<input type="text"/>		
City	<input type="text"/>	State <input type="text"/>	Zip <input type="text"/>
Phone	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>

#### 2. Choose your Membership Level

Renew for 2015 or become a member

- Don't pay membership dues at this time
- \$500 Lifetime
- \$100 Contributing
- \$30 Family
- \$20 Individual
- \$10 Student

#### 3. Adult Registration Fee, Enter number attending

To offset AWW costs we've implemented this fee. Children are free.

Number of KNPS members (\$10 each)	<input type="text"/>	Subtotal	<input type="text"/>
Number of non-KNPS members (\$20 each)	<input type="text"/>	Subtotal	<input type="text"/>

#### 4. If Desired, Enter Additional Contributions to any of our Funds

- General Fund, Supports operating expenses such as the newsletter, brochure, and website.
- Legacy Fund An investment to fund special and long term projects.
- Scholarship Fund, Supports the Mary Bancroft Memorial Scholarship for graduate student research.

#### 5. Print the form

#### 6. Send a check for the Total Amount to the address at the top of the form.

Total Amount



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### Saturday Meeting Activities

#### Silent Auction

Our Silent Auction fundraiser will be held during the business meeting on Saturday morning. Proceeds benefit the programs of KNPS. Bring a few items to donate to the auction and help support KNPS. Artwork, crafts, books, posters, clothing, jellies, decorative arrangements, and baked goods are just a few of the items that have been donated in the past.

#### Photo Contest

Rules and instructions for submitting photos online can be found at:

[http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/photo\\_contest.php](http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/photo_contest.php)

#### Accommodations

The [Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) offers a full list of local attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and events in and around Manhattan.

Following is a list of accommodations located near Blue Earth Plaza or near Kansas State University. A full list of lodgings is available on the [Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) web site.

Motels near Blue Earth Plaza and the Flint Hills Discovery Center

- [Hilton Garden Inn](#) • 410 South 3rd Street • 785-532-9116 • A block of 20 rooms has been reserved for the Kansas Native Plant Society at a rate of \$104 per night.
- [Fairfield Inn by Marriott](#) • 300 Colorado Street • 785-539-2400
- [Candlewood Suites](#) • 210 Blue Earth Plaza • 785-320-7995

Motels near Kansas State University

- [Bluemont Hotel](#) • 1212 Bluemont Avenue • 785-473-7091 • Directly across the street from Aggieville and adjacent to the K-State campus.
- [Holiday Inn at the Campus](#) • 1641 Anderson Avenue • 785-823-6929 • Directly across the street from the K-State Student Union, site of the Saturday meeting.

Bed & Breakfasts

- [Anderson B&B](#) • 1719 Fairchild Avenue • 785-539-4994
- [Moore House B&B](#) • 500 Denison Avenue • 785-776-5603
- [Morning Star Bed & Breakfast](#) • 617 Houston Street • 785-587-9703

[Camping Options](#) – see KNPS website for camping options at Tuttle Creek State Park

Dining

Manhattan offers a wide variety of dining options. See the [Manhattan Convention and Visitors](#) dining web pages or the [2015 Manhattan Kansas Visitors Guide](#) for a full listing (see pages 32-35).

#### Tour Site Recommendations

For outdoor events we recommend wearing sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, and a hat; and bringing water. Inclement weather could limit access to some sites. Announcements will be made at the meeting venues.

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