

Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) – Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW)  
 Concordia, KS – September 8-10, 2017



August 1, 2017

Dear KNPS Members,

The 39th Kansas Native Plant Society Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW) celebration is approaching. Mark your calendars for September 8-10, to visit Concordia, Kansas. If you are new to KNPS or haven't attended before, AWW is the highlight of the year for everyone interested in native plants. Join fellow native plant enthusiasts as we explore native plant communities in north central Kansas. This year's theme is "**Native Plants and Pollinators**", with forays planned in diverse settings over three days. We will visit locations with vegetation benefitting from sound stewardship and conservation activities. **Cloud and Republic Counties** are located in the Smoky Hills of Kansas, one of the most diverse eco-regions of Kansas, with mixed grass prairie including both tall and short grasses and forbs.

**Dale Strickler**, a local well-known agronomist, will be our main speaker Saturday morning. He will discuss his experience and research in sustainable agriculture. **Bryan Sorensen**, Star Seed Company, will discuss seed plant production.

Returning members look forward to traditional activities, including the presentation of **Annual Awards**, the display of outstanding photographs in the **Photo Contest**, and the fun of placing bids and winning items in the **Silent Auction**. The Photo Contest, open to KNPS members only, is conducted online. Rules and instructions for submitting photos are posted at: [http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/photo\\_contest.php](http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/photo_contest.php).

The Silent Auction, held during the business meeting on Saturday morning, benefits 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 a few of the items that have been donated in the past.

The following pages include the weekend schedule, descriptions of tour sites, lodging and meal options, and a registration form. To help cover a portion of the cost of the meeting, there is a registration fee of \$10 for KNPS members and \$20 for non-members. You may pay New Member dues on the attached Registration Form. Registration fees may be paid by check using the included form or via PayPal through the KNPS website ([www.ksnps.org](http://www.ksnps.org)).

**We need to receive your Registration Form by August 31.**

The weekend is open to the public. Please register, make your motel reservations, and join us at AWW!

Friday, Sept. 8	Saturday, Sept. 9	Sunday, Sept. 10
<p><b>Site Tour #1</b> Free Educational Tour at Wind Farm – Aurora, KS                      KNPS Board meeting                      National Orphan Train Museum</p> <p><b>Site Tour #2</b> Morrison Ranch                      Dinner of your choice at <b>Heavy's BBQ</b> reserved space  <b>Movie:</b> Documentary "Home on the Range", bring lawn chairs.</p>	<p><b>Registration</b> at CCCC                      Business Meeting                      Silent Auction &amp; Awards                      Guest Speaker                      Photo Contest Winners                      Lunch at CCC College</p> <p><b>Site Tour #3-#5</b> in afternoon                      Dinner of your choice                      Tags Grill reserved space</p>	<p><b>Site Tour #6</b> Bob Broyles Property - virgin prairie                      11.5 miles east of Delphos, KS                      Lunch of your choice</p> <p>Happy Trails!</p>

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

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## 2017 AWW Itinerary

### Friday, September 8

**10:00 am – Educational Tour #1– Wind Farm, Aurora** (SE of Concordia) – Ryan Carlgren rents this property. Meet at the SE corner of Walmart parking lot (140 College Drive) in Concordia to caravan to this site.

**12:00 pm to 2:00 pm** Fall Board Meeting in the Concordia Chamber Office (Board members required), .

**2:30-3:30 pm** Optional: Visit National Orphan Train Complex (300 Washington Street). The KNPS group rate is \$6.00.

**4:00 pm Tour #2 – Morrison Ranch**, Gordon & Janet Morrison (owners). Meet at the SE corner of Walmart parking lot in Concordia to caravan to this site, 8.5 miles south of town.

**6:00 pm** Dinner at your choice of local restaurants. A room at Heavy's BBQ (103 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Concordia) has been reserved. Please indicate on the reservation form if you intend to eat there so we can reserve a seat for your party.

**7:30 pm Movie “Home on the Range” at Broadway Plaza** (W. 6<sup>th</sup> & Broadway, ½ block north of Heavy's). Free – a good will donation is suggested, bring lawn chairs. *In case of rain it will be shown at the Cook Theater at CCCC.*

### Saturday, September 9

**8:00 am** Registration at Cook Theater on the Cloud County Community College Campus (2221 Campus Drive, Concordia, KS). The Cook Theater is near the east entrance of the campus on Campus Drive. Parking is free. Coffee, tea, and pastries available – Sponsored by Star Seed. Set up displays and Silent Auction.

**9:00 am Annual Business Meeting** – Introductions & Welcome by the Concordia Mayor, Chuck Lambertz.

**9:30 am Awards, Elections, and Photo Contest.**

**10:00 am Refreshment break.** Silent Auction continues.

**10:30 am Presentation “Wildflowers for Profit, Not Just Pretty” by Dale Strickler.** Dale grew up on a diversified family farm near Colony, Kansas. He attended Kansas State University, achieving both a BS and MS in Agronomy. He has taught agronomy at Cloud County Community College, worked as an agronomist for Land O'Lakes, Star Seed, and Valent USA; currently he works at Green Cover Seed. He also has his own farm where he tests his theories with (usually) good results.

**11:30 am – Presentation “Pollinator Partnerships” by Bryan Sorensen**, Star Seed Company. Bryan grew up in Valley Center, Kansas before attending CCCC. He attended Kansas State University and graduated in 2008 with a BS in Wildlife Biology. After graduation he began working for KDWP as a Public Lands Manager at both Marion and Neosho Wildlife Areas. He currently works at Star Seed as the Production Manager, growing native grasses, wildflowers and specialty field seeds.

**12:15 pm Silent auction concludes** - bidders please pay for auction items before lunch.

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**12:15 pm to 1:00 pm Lunch** available in Cook Theater Lobby (pre-order your choice of lunch on the attached Registration Form). Cost is \$10, payable at the lunch service table.

**1:15 pm** Caravan from the CCCC parking lot to **Tour Site #3 – Jamestown Wildlife Area** (approx.. 18 miles from CCCC)

**3:30 pm** Caravan from Tour Site #3 to **Tour Site #4 – Dale Strickler Property** (1 mile north of the Jamestown Wildlife Area)

**5:00 pm – Tour of Scandia** (15 miles from Site #4) on your own. Several Antique Shops / Rest Rooms.

**5:45 pm – Tour #5 – Kevin Larsen Property** (6 miles south of Scandia) – meet at Scandia City Park, east end of Main Street.

**6:30 pm** Dinner on your own. A room at Tags Bar & Grill in Scandia, has been reserved. Located at 319 Cloud Street, downtown Scandia.

### Sunday, September 10

**9:00 am** Caravan from the CCCC parking lot to **Tour Site #6 – Bob Broyles Property**, 44 acres of Virgin Prairie (7 miles east of Delphos, KS – 30 miles south of Concordia).

**Lunch on your own.**

## Meeting & Tour Sites (watch for arrow signs)

### Friday 10:00 am 11:30 am – Tour Site #1 – Aurora Wind Farm, Ryan Carlgren, Land Tenant

**Free Educational Tour** (open to public, no charge for adults or children) This is an opportunity to participate in a session of Earth Partnership for Schools (EPS) – Teaching people of all ages to go outside and get in touch with natural surroundings and learn about the prairie and natural history of Kansas. Presented by the Dyck Arboretum, contact Brad Guhr at 620-327-8127 or [brad.guhr@hesston.edu](mailto:brad.guhr@hesston.edu) for more information.

Meet at the SE corner of Walmart parking lot in Concordia to caravan to this site. **Directions:** From Walmart stop lights on US 81 turn south, proceed south 7 ½ miles to Iron Road (Wind Farm Building at this intersection). Turn left (east) and go 6 miles on Iron Road to 200<sup>th</sup> Road. Turn right (south) on 200<sup>th</sup> Road and go ½ mile to the first pasture location on the west side of the road. Second location is ¾ mile south on the east side of the road.

**Friday Noon to 2:00 pm - Board Meeting at the Concordia Chamber Office**, 606 Washington Street.

**Friday 2:30-3:30 pm – National Orphan Train Museum**, 300 Washington Street. KNPS group rate of \$6.00.

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**Friday 4:00 - Tour Site #2 – Morrison Ranch**

Gordon & Janet Morrison owners. Meet at the SE corner of Walmart parking lot in Concordia to caravan to this site. **Directions:** Take Highway 81 south 7 miles to Key Road. Turn west on Key Road and go 1.2 miles west. The house is on the south side of the road. Please follow instructions as to where to park.

**Friday Evening Dinner 6:00 pm – Dinner of your choice.** A room has been reserved at Heavy's BBQ, 103 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Concordia. Please indicate on the Registration Form if you plan to attend. A buffet (choice of 2 meats and 2 sides) will be available for \$10.00 (paid at restaurant that evening). Other additional options may be ordered from the menu.

**Friday, Free Movie at 7:30 pm –** Movie at the outdoor Broadway Plaza, downtown on Main Street (located at W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway ). A short walk from Heavy's, 1/2 block north. A documentary of the song "Home on the Range" will be shown on the outdoor big screen. Ken Spurgeon, representative of Lone Chimney Productions, will be present to explain the background of filming the movie dedicated to finding the origin of the song "Home on the Range". A goodwill donation is suggested, bring a lawn chair.

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**Saturday Morning Meeting Site**

**8:00 to 9:00 am at the Cloud County Community College (CCCC),** 2221 Campus Drive, Concordia, KS. Located south of Concordia. Registration begins at 8 am and the public meeting begins at 9 am. A business meeting will be held along with Presentations, Awards, Silent Auction, and Photo Contest. **Lunch will be available on site. Please indicate how many in your party will be eating lunch at CCCC on the attached Registration Form.** You will pay for lunch at the buffet line on Saturday. **Directions:** From Highway 81 south of Concordia turn on College Drive, which is the same exit as Walmart. Follow College Drive which will curve to the west. Parking is free and available in the lots adjacent to the building.

**Saturday Afternoon Tour Site #3 – Jamestown Wildlife Area**

**1:00 pm - Gather at the CCCC parking lot to caravan to the Jamestown Wildlife Area.** Park at the new office building at the Wildlife Area. Matt Farmer, Manager, will provide a guided tour and discuss the history of the site. **Directions:** From CCCC take Highway 81 north through town to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (last stop light before the viaduct bridge over the railroad). Turn left (west) on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and go one block to Broadway. Turn right (north) on Broadway one block then left (west) again on 7<sup>th</sup> Street following the signs for Highway 28 west. Continue west out of town, turn right at the Junction and take Highway 28 west to Jamestown. Approximately 13 miles there will be a brown directional sign (Jamestown Wildlife Area) at the Jamestown filling station directing you north on County Road 765 (which is a blacktop road). Turn right (north) on County Road 765 and go one mile. Turn left (west) on Vale Road and go one mile. Turn right (north) on N. 30<sup>th</sup> Road and go two miles. Turn left (west) on Republic Road (there will be another directional sign). Take Republic Road west one mile and it will curve to the north taking you to the Wildlife Headquarters. The office building will be on the left (west) side of the road. Located on the corner of N. 30<sup>th</sup> Road and Marsh Trail Road. Follow instructions for parking.

**Saturday Afternoon Tour Site #4 – Dale Strickler Property**

**3:30 pm –** Dale's goals are to run a cow herd in the best ecological manner possible; make the most profit possible; and demonstrate that these two goals are not mutually exclusive but rather the same goal. He believes both goals can be accomplished by working with nature as much as possible, rather than spending a lot of money trying to fight nature. **Directions:** 230 N. 30<sup>th</sup> Road, Jamestown, KS 66948. Located just 1 mile north (on 30<sup>th</sup> Road) of the Jamestown Wildlife Area.

**Saturday Afternoon – Tour of Scandia Antique Shops**

**5:00 pm** – Check out this settlement that was established as a result of crop failures during the 1860s in Sweden. In 1868 the Scandinavian Agriculture Society of Chicago purchased 12 sections of land along the Republican River and formed a colony first called New Scandinavia. The name was changed to Scandia in 1876. **Directions:** From Dale's property go North on 30<sup>th</sup> Road, cross over Hwy 148 and continue north approximately 10 miles and pass through Courtland to Hwy 36. Turn right (east) on Highway 36 and go approximately 6 miles to Scandia. Turn right (south) on Cloud Street and go 3 blocks to main street.

**Saturday Afternoon Break** in Scandia. Rest Rooms are located at the city park (end of Main Street). Allowing time for browsing the quaint antique shops downtown (owners agreed to stay late for our group) and meet at the city park (east end of Main Street) by 5:45 pm to travel to the Larsen Property.

**Saturday Afternoon Tour Site #5 – Kevin Larsen Property**

**5:45 pm** – Located 6 miles south of Scandia. A hillside property that has always been a pasture or cut for prairie hay. Wagon wheel tracks can be seen on the site. **Directions:** From Scandia Park go south out of town on 90<sup>th</sup> Road, road curves to the east and becomes 100 Road. Pass a feedlot and 2 miles on the right (west) side of the road is the entrance to the property. Located at the corner of 100<sup>th</sup> Road & Timber Road.

**Saturday Evening Dinner 6:30 pm** (or later if you care to stay at the Larsen property longer) – **Dinner of your choice.** A room has been reserved at Tags Bar & Grill in Scandia, located at 319 Cloud Street downtown Scandia. Order from the menu.

**Sunday Morning Tour Site #6 – Broyles Property**

**9:00 am** departure time for caravan to property. Meet at Cloud County Community College parking lot. This property is a preserved virgin prairie on family farm land. **Directions:** From Concordia take Highway US-81 South. Go six miles south of the US-24 Junction, Highway K-41 exits to the right (west) toward Delphos. At this location turn left (east) onto Volunteer Road. Go 3 miles east on Volunteer Road and following the road as it curves to the right (south) onto N. 170<sup>th</sup> Road. After 1 mile, follow the road as it curves left (east) onto Ute Road. Follow Ute road east for about 3.5 miles, the lane is on the left (north) side of the road. A sign will be posted at the lane. Follow the lane to the parking area at the two grains bins by the windmill.



## Tour Site Recommendations

For outdoor events we recommend wearing sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat and bring water. Participants acknowledge that hiking can be hazardous and that they voluntarily participate in outings with the knowledge of the risks involved. Inclement weather could limit access to some sites. Announcements will be made at the meeting venues.

## Accommodations

The Concordia Chamber of Commerce is on Facebook/[concordiakschamber](#) (785-243-4290) and offers a full list of local attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and events in and around Concordia.

### Motels

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express, 2175 Lincoln Street, Concordia (785-243-2700). Please mention **KNPS AWW** for rate and reserve by **August 15th** to secure your stay. This is an exceptionally clean and a top-rated hotel of the chain; it regularly sells out on weekends, so please plan ahead. It is located on Highway 81 at the south end of town. Check out [www.cloudcountytourism.com](http://www.cloudcountytourism.com) page for more information.

### Other motels in the area are:

Super 8 Concordia – 785-243-4200  
Rodeway Inn – 785-243-4545

### Bed & Breakfast:

Kansas Creek Inn – 785-243-9988

### Camping

Airport Park Campground  
Brome Ridge RV Park

### Dining

The Concordia area offers a wide variety of dining options. See the Cloud County Tourism site for a complete list ([www.cloudcountytourism.com](http://www.cloudcountytourism.com)).

Gambinos Pizza, 130 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kristy's Family Restaurant, 100 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
El Puerto, 217 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Heavy's BBQ, 103 West 7<sup>th</sup>  
Country Honky Tonk, 418 Broadway Street (open at noon only)  
Taco Johns, Hwy 81  
Pizza Hut, Hwy 81  
Arby's, Hwy 81  
McDonalds, Hwy 81  
Dairy Queen, Hwy 81  
Sonic, Hwy 81

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Reservations are required – we need to receive your Registration Form and payment by Thursday, August 31.** Print and fill out this Registration Form and mail in with your payment before August 31, or register online at [www.ksnps.org](http://www.ksnps.org).

**1. Enter your Contact Information (please print)**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	

**2. Adult Registration Fee, Enter Number Attending**

The registration fee helps offset some of the costs of AWW. Children under 12 may attend free.

Number of KNPS members attending Meeting & Tours (\$10 each)	_____	\$ Subtotal	_____
Number of non-KNPS members attending Meeting & Tours (\$20 each)	_____	\$ Subtotal	_____
Total number of attendees	_____	\$ Total	_____

**3. Friday 10am Tour – Free Wind Farm Educational Tour – no charge but we need a head count.**

Total number attending the tour \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Indicate whether you plan to dine as part of a group on Friday nite. No money is needed now, this helps us reserve your place at the restaurant.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to dine with other KNPS members at Heavy’s BBQ on Friday night at 6 pm (indicate number of people dining.) A buffet will be prepared with 2 meat choices, 2 sides and a drink for \$10.

**5. Indicate whether you plan to dine as part of a group on Saturday at the CCCC Dining Services. No money is needed now, this helps us plan the number of lunches to be prepared.** Lunch is a box lunch with 12 oz soda or bottled water for \$10, payable at buffet line. Four choices listed below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Roasted Garden Vegetable Ciabatta** (indicate number needed)  
 Roasted balsamic marinated zucchini, eggplant, mushrooms, red peppers and red onion  
 Topped with mozzarella on a ciabatta roll. Service with fresh fruit salad, potato chips, cookie or brownie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Southwestern Chicken Fajita Wrap** (indicate number needed)  
 Sliced chicken breast with sautéed chipotle pepper & onion strips, tomato and shredded lettuce and wrapped in a flavored tortilla. Served with roasted corn & black bean salad, chips, cookie or brownie.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Turkey Cheddar Tomato Wrap** (indicate number needed and circle choice)  
 Shaved roasted turkey breast and aged cheddar cheese, leaf lettuce, tomato and ranch-flavored cream cheese wrapped in a flavored tortilla. Served with a pasta salad, chips, cookie or brownie.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Midwest Smoked Ham Club** (indicate number needed and circle choice)  
Smoked ham saved and stacked on a flakey croissant with provolone cheese, leaf lettuce, sliced tomato, crisp bacon and honey mustard. Served with a side of pasta salad, chips, cookie or brownie.

**6. Saturday evening Group Dinner.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to dine with other KNPS members at **Tags Grill & Bar** on Saturday night at 6:30 pm  
(indicate number of people dining, you will order from a menu and pay at the restaurant)

**7. Sign up for New Membership or Renew Membership. Choose a Membership Level:**

Renew for 2017 or 2018 if you haven't already done so.

_____ Do not pay membership dues now	_____ \$35 Organization	_____ \$10 Student
_____ \$500 Lifetime	_____ \$30 Family	
_____ \$100 Contributing	_____ \$20 Individual	

**8. 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 endowment fund for long-term projects.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund - supports the Mary Bancroft Memorial Scholarship for graduate student research.

**9. Mail this form with your check (including the total for your registration fee, membership dues and contributions, if applicable) made out to the Kansas Native Plant Society to:**

Kansas Native Plant Society  
R.L. McGregor Herbarium  
2045 Constant Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66047-3729