

Kansas Native Plant Society - Annual Wildflower Weekend
Hays, KS - October 3-5, 2008

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The Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW) of the Kansas Native Plant Society will take place in Hays, Kansas on October 3-5, 2008.

The theme this year is "Ethnobotany – cultural uses of native plants".

Highlights of the weekend include:

- Receive your free KNPS Wildflower Poster
- Participate in the Silent Auction
- Participate in the Photo Contest
- Tour three sites

Tour site 1 (Friday)

Private Ranch: Site of Echinacea study located on thin limestone soils about 15-20 miles north of Hays. Besides Echinacea we will see Fremont's clematis and resinous skullcap. The purpose of the foray is to see both the large stands of Echinacea and a demonstration of how they are wild harvested, and especially to see the diversity of these interesting habitats.

Tour site 2 (Saturday)

Ft Hays State University Field Station property

Tour site 3 (Sunday)

Wilson Reservoir – Lucas Park - Rocktown Natural Area

<http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/wi/History.cfm>



Rocktown Natural Area is a 305 acre site located on the western boundary of Lucas Park. In August, 1986 it was designated a Natural and Scientific Area by the Kansas Biological Survey. Although the most obvious feature of Rocktown is the 15-30 foot high sandstone pillars that dominate the landscape, it is the unusual mix of prairie plant species associated with the shallow, sandy soils of the Sandhills that paramount natural significance. The soils in the area are not typical of this region of Kansas. Dakota sandstone and limestone outcrops are common. Plant species of interest include Fremont's clematis, Fremont evening primrose, shortstem spiderwort, blue funnel lily, Buckley's penstemon, fameflower, prairie sandreed, and Maryland senna. Although of

interest, these species are not sufficiently rare or unusual enough to require monitoring by the Kansas Natural Heritage Inventory. Rocktown is, however, a significant state resource.

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Poster

Every member in good standing is entitled to one of our 2' by 3' KNPS wildflower posters titled "Kansas Wildflowers – Gems of the Plains".

Silent Auction

The Silent auction fundraiser will be held during the business meeting Saturday morning, October 4. Proceeds will benefit the programs of KNPS. Bring a few items to donate to the auction and help KNPS prosper. Items such as artwork, crafts, books, posters, apparel, jellies, cookies, breads are just a few of the items that would be appropriate. This activity ends up being a good mixer for the members, and there is always some aggressive bidding on certain items.

Photo Contest

The Kansas Native Plant Society Photo Contest is held each year at the Annual KNPS Meeting. Be sure to bring your favorite photos and show them off to the rest of the membership.

Rules

1. Photo submissions are accepted from KNPS members only.
2. The subject of all entries must be native plant species or native landscapes in the state of Kansas.
3. Four entries per category per KNPS member are allowed.
4. Photos should range in size from 4" x 5" to 8" x 10".
5. Each photo must be mounted on poster board. Matting is optional. No frames, please.
6. Each photo must have a label with the following information:
 - Category (see below)
 - Photographer's Name and City
 - Title of photo (include plant species name, if applicable)
 - Location where photo was taken
 - Camera type (e.g. SLR, digital)
7. Photographs will be judged by the following criteria: Composition, Sharpness, Exposure, Color, Appropriateness to category, Presentation, Full label information
8. Digital photographs that are cropped or enhanced must be indicated as such.
9. Bring your photos to the Annual Meeting. Do not send photos to KNPS.
10. Categories
 - **Collage:** multiple photos of the same species showing different stages of the plant (e.g. the flower, fruit, and whole plant – all matted together).
 - **Flora:** a photo of a whole plant or plant part. Examples: flower, fruit, seed, leaf, bark, or bud.
 - **Fauna:** a photo of animals on or surrounded by native plants. Examples: mammals on the prairie, birds eating seeds, insects pollinating native flowers.
 - **People:** a photo of people enjoying native plants and their habitats. Examples: people at a KNPS outing, people enjoying a favorite bloom.
 - **Scenery:** a photo of a native landscape such as a prairie, woodland, or wetland. Examples: fire in the Flint Hills, sunrise on the wetlands.
 - **Garden:** a photo of native plants used in a garden created by people. Examples: your favorite garden.

Prizes

First, Second, and Third place ribbons may be awarded for each category, as well as "Best of Show", according to the judges' discretion.

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Annual Wildflower Weekend Itinerary

Friday, October 3

- 1:00 pm **Board members only meet:** Fall Board Meeting at Sternberg Museum, Engel Education Center
- 3:00 pm **Meet at Sternberg Museum of Natural History, 3000 Sternberg Drive, Hays, KS 67601, 877-332-1165**
Come earlier and tour the museum for \$4.00 - regular price is \$6.00
- 3:15 pm Caravan to TBA private property for wildflower tour
- 5:00-6:00 pm Free time (Check into lodging)
- 6:15 pm Dinner at Sternberg Museum 1st floor Expeditions Room
- 7:30 pm Presentation: Kelly Kindscher – “The History and Impacts of Echinacea angustifolia Harvest in Kansas” in the 3rd floor Engel Education Center
- 8:30 pm End

Saturday, October 4

- 8:00 am **Meet at the Whiskey Creek Wood Fire Grill, 3203 Vine, Hays, KS 67601, 785-628-8646, www.whiskeycreek.com**
Registration. Coffee, juice, and rolls.
Set up Silent Auction
Set up Photo Contest.
Set up merchandise displays.
Sign up for “dinner on your own” with other members
- 9:00 am Annual Business Meeting:
Past Accomplishments and future Plans.
- 10:00 am Awards presentation and election of new Board members.
- 10:30 am Refreshment break. Silent Auction continues.
- 10:45 am Presentation: Frank Norman – “Native medicinal plants of the prairie”.
- 11:15 am Presentation: Cindy Ford – “Dyeing wool with native plants”
- 11:45 am Break
- 12:00 noon Lunch at Whiskey Creek restaurant
- 1:30 pm Caravan to TBA private property
- 3:30 pm Exploration, shopping, and dinner on your own.

Sunday, October 5

- 10:30 am **Meet at Wilson Reservoir – Rocktown Natural Area in Lucas Park**
Directions: From I-70, take K-232 across dam to Lucas Park. Enter the park, turn right at the fee booth (towards Lucas Point) and continue to the signed trailhead parking lot.
Map: <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/wi/Brochure/Wilson-Lakemap.pdf>
Bring a sack lunch for lunch on the prairie.

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Accommodations

Hotel Room Blocks

The following hotels have reserved blocks of rooms for KNPS members. Please mention that KNPS has a block of rooms when making reservations.

Best Western Vagabond

\$60.00 plus tax for 2 adults, \$4.00 each extra person. Rate available if reservation is made before 9-19-2008

800-432-2776, 2524 Vine St, Hays KS

Days Inn

25 rooms for \$50.00 - \$60.00 plus tax depending on the room type for 1 to 2 persons, \$5.00 for each extra person. Rate available if reservation is made before 9-19-2008

785-628-8261, 3205 Vine St, Hays KS

Other Lodging options

Baymont Inn & Suites, 785-625-8103, 3801 Vine St, Hays KS

Budget Host Villa Inn & Suites, 785-625-2563, 810 E 8th St, Hays KS

Comfort Inn & Suites, 785-625-9322, 1001 E 41st, Hays KS

Econolodge, 785-625-4839, 3503 Vine St, Hays KS

Fairfield Inn, 785-625-3344, 377 Mopar Dr, Hays KS

General Hays Inn, 785-628-1076, 4820 Highway 183 Alternate, Hays KS

Hampton Inn, 785-621-4444, 4002 General Hays Rd, Hays KS

Holiday Inn, 785-625-7371, 3603 Vine St, Hays KS

Motel 6, 785-625-4282, 3404 Vine St, Hays KS

Quality Inn, 785-628-8008, 2810 Vine St, Hays KS

Sleep Inn & Suites, 785-625-2700, 1011 E 41st St, Hays KS

Super 8 Motel, 785-625-8048, 3730 Vine St, Hays KS

Tea Rose Inn Bed & Breakfast, 785-623-4060, 117 W 13th St, Hays KS

Area Attractions

711 Studio

Blue Sky Miniature Horse Farm

Boot Hill Cemetery

Chestnut Street District in Historic

Downtown Hays

Country Schoolhouse

Ellis County Historical Society Museum

Fort Hays State University Farm

Fort Hays State University Walking Tour

Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course

Frontier Park

Hays Aquatic Park

Hays Arts Center Gallery

Hays F.E.E.T. Trail

Hays Recreation Center

Hays Sportsman Club

Hiking & Fitness Trail at Hays Medical Center

Historical Downtown Walking Tour

Historic Fort Hays

Lazy H Kansas Ranch

Kansas Merci Boxcar & Veterans Memorial
Park

KSU Agricultural Research Center

Outdoor Wildlife Learning Site

Precision Valley Golf

Sternberg Museum of Natural History

Stone Gallery

Studio Kuksi

The Artists at Work Studio

Volga German Haus

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Annual Wildflower Weekend pre-registration and meal choices

The KNPS Annual Wildflower Weekend is free and open to the public. You do not have to be a KNPS member to attend. Please let us know you are coming and what your meal choices are. **The deadline for registration is September 23, 2008.** If you have questions call 785-864-3453.

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Number Attending	
KNPS member?	

Date	Location/Meal	Number	Cost	Subtotal
Friday Oct 3	Supper at Sternberg Museum	Mark buffet quantity	\$tba includes tax and gratuity	
	Buffet includes TBA			
	Buffet			
Saturday Oct 4	Lunch at Whiskey Creek	Mark lunch quantity	\$tba Includes tax and gratuity	
	Lunch includes TBA			
	Lunch			
			Total	

Mail this form with your check made out to **Kansas Native Plant Society** to:

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2045 Constant Avenue
Lawrence, KS 66047-3729