

Kansas Native Plant Society - Annual Wildflower Weekend  
Pittsburg, KS - September 18-20, 2009

August 18, 2009

Join with plant enthusiasts from across our state at the Kansas Native Plant Society's 31st Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW) on September 18, 19, and 20. The event will be in Pittsburg, KS, where we will be able to experience the unique flora, ecology, and geology of the Ozark Plateau and Cherokee Lowlands.

The theme this year is "Plants and People – a Productive Partnership." There will be a presentation on edible plants entitled "Wild Edibles from the Native Landscape." Two workshops are planned: one on using fiber and dyes from plants and one for those interested in learning about the Prairie Patch Program (an identification workshop). As usual, we also will have multiple wildflower/plant tours.

The weekend will be rounded out by good food, a silent auction, a display of contest photos (make sure to bring your entries), the General Business Meeting, plus free time to shop and visit the surrounding area.

On the following pages, you will find a schedule of the planned events, information about lodging, and a registration form for the meals. There is no separate registration fee for KNPS members, but if you plan to eat lunch with us on Saturday after the meeting, we need your lunch reservations and payment by **September 11, 2009**. If you are not a KNPS member, there is a \$5.00 registration fee, which will be waived if you become a member in KNPS.

Lastly, we want you all to think about where you want to have the AWW next year. The last four places (regions) we have been are: Hays (Smoky Hills), Hutchinson (Arkansas Lowlands), Holton (Glaciated), and Coldwater (Red Hills).

We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburg in September!

The KNPS Board of Directors

## Friday Events

### **Board Meeting (Board Members Only) at Pittsburg State University Natural Area**

Directions: **From Pittsburg:** Take Hwy 69 south to Hwy 400, turn right (west); Continue west for 4 miles; Turn right (north) on 180th Ave; Continue 2.5 miles, turn left (west) onto lane (Sign says "PSU Natural History Reserve"); Take left fork in lane and curve around to green building.

**From Parsons:** Take Hwy 400 east through Cherokee (at Hwy 7); Continue east for 3 miles; Turn left (north) on 180th Ave; follow above directions

### **Plant Dyeing Workshop at Ford Farm**

Learn about natural fibers and dyeing with plants. Come prepared to walk on trails to gather some plant materials to dye. Participants will be involved in the process of preparing fibers and dyeing yarns with plants. Spinning will also be demonstrated.

Directions: The Ford Farm is located between Cherokee and McCune off Hwy 400.

Coming from the north or east; Turn right (west) at junction of Hwys 69 & 400; Travel to Cherokee at junction of Hwy 7; Travel 4 miles past Cherokee to cylindrical water tower at top of hill; Turn right (north) and travel about 1 mile to "T"; Turn left (west) about 3/4 mile to first mailbox on left side of road; Turn left (south) onto lane toward farm gate; Open and close farm gate on way to house.

### **Wildflower Tour at Mon-Shon Prairie Conservation Area**

This tallgrass prairie is located east of Pittsburg, KS on the KS/MO state line in Missouri.

Directions: Coming from the north, at intersection of Hwys 69 and 400, turn left (east); (highway becomes Hwy 171); Travel about 4 miles; Turn left (north) on 260th Rd; Travel 2 miles and turn right (east) on 520th Rd (which is gravel); Travel east about 1 mile to "T" in road; Mon Shon Prairie parking area directly ahead

[http://mdc.mo.gov/documents/area\\_brochures/8838map.pdf](http://mdc.mo.gov/documents/area_brochures/8838map.pdf)

### **Prairie Patch Workshop at Mon-Shon Prairie Conservation Area**

The Patch Program is an educational tool that helps you learn how to identify plants as well as learn about their plant community. In the Workshop we will guide you through the steps of the program. In the program you choose two species of plants to "study". You observe them, take notes, and take pictures or make sketches. The Workshop is open to all ages and to anyone who wants to learn about plants.

## Saturday Events

### Schermerhorn Park

Located south of Galena, KS, this park is found within the Ozark Plateau of Kansas. There are only 50 square miles of Ozarks in Kansas. Many rare plants of Kansas are found in this area. The park contains Ozarks Woodlands and an Ozark Glade.

<http://www.naturalkansas.org/schermerhorn.htm>

### Spring River Wildlife Area

Its location is 10 miles east and 1/4 mile north of Columbus, KS. The Spring River Wildlife Area is located within the Ozark Plateau. The Spring River borders the east side of the property for a length of 0.8 miles.

<http://www.kdwp.state.ks.us/news/KDWP-Info/Locations/Wildlife-Areas/Region-5/Spring-River>

## Sunday Events

### Wildcat Glades Nature Center

Located in Joplin, MO, this park contains chert glades. Shoal Creeks runs through the property.

<http://www.wildcatglades.audubon.org/>

## Activities

### 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 on Saturday morning. Proceeds will benefit the programs of KNPS. Bring a few items to donate to the auction and help support KNPS. Artwork, crafts, books, posters, clothing, jellies, and baked goods are just a few of the items that have been donated in the past.

### Photo Contest

The Kansas Native Plant Society Photo Contest is held each year at the annual meeting. Be sure to bring your favorite photos and show them off to the rest of the membership. First, second, and third place ribbons may be awarded for each category, as well as "Best of Show", according to the judges' discretion.

#### Photo Contest 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.

## Annual Wildflower Weekend Itinerary

### Friday, September 18

- 1:00 - 3:00pm Fall Board Meeting at PSU Natural Area (**board members only**)
- 3:30 - 5:30pm Choice of the following
  1. Spinning & dyeing workshop at the Ford Farm
  2. Field trip at Mon Shon Prairie
  3. Prairie Patch Workshop at the Mon Shon Prairie Tour
- 6:30pm Dinner (on your own, see list of restaurants)

### Saturday, September 19

- 8:00 am Meet at Yates Hall Room 102, Pittsburg State University, on Joplin Street, west of the Stadium. Registration. Coffee, tea, and rolls. Set up Silent Auction, Photo Contest, Merchandise Displays.
- 9:00 am Annual Business Meeting
- 10:00 am Awards & Election
- 10:30 am Refreshment break. Silent Auction continues.
- 10:45 am Presentation: "Wild Edibles from the Native Landscape" by Cyndi Cogbill
- 11:45 am Break
- 12:00 pm Lunch at College Lake
- 1:30 pm Caravan to Schermerhorn Park, Galena, and Spring River Wildlife Area

### Sunday, September 20

- 9:00 am Meet at Yates Hall, Pittsburg State University
- 9:15 am Caravan to Wildcat Glades Nature Center, Joplin, MO

**Note: For outdoor events we recommend bringing sturdy footwear, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat, and water!**

**Parking at Pittsburg State University: On Saturday you can park anywhere around the building despite the color coded parking areas. There is no restriction on Saturday except handicapped parking.**

## Accommodations

### Hotels

- **Comfort Inn & Suite** • 4009 Parkview Drive • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 231-8800 • [www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ks067](http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ks067)
- **Econolodge** • 2408 South Broadway • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 231-8300 • [www.econolodge.com/hotel/ks085](http://www.econolodge.com/hotel/ks085)
- **Extra Inn** • 4023 Parkview Drive • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 232-2800 • [www.extrainnhotel.com](http://www.extrainnhotel.com)
- **Holiday Lodge** • 2701 North Broadway • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 231-1350 •
- **Lamplighter Inn & Suites** • 4020 Parkview Drive • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 231-8700 • [www.lamplighterpittsburg.com](http://www.lamplighterpittsburg.com) • **NOTE: KNPS has a special rate of \$49.00 on 25 rooms.**
- **Super 8** • 3108 North Broadway • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 232-1881 • [www.the.super8.com/pittsburg03600](http://www.the.super8.com/pittsburg03600)
- **Holiday Inn Express** • 4013 Parkview Drive • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 231-1177 • [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

### Bed & Breakfasts

- **Himmel House** • 402 West Euclid • Pittsburg, KS 66762 • (620) 232-9497 • [www.geocities.com/himmelhouse@sbcglobal.net](http://www.geocities.com/himmelhouse@sbcglobal.net)
- **Madison House** • 211 North Summit • Girard, KS 66743 • (620) 724-4679 • (620) 704-3966
- **Lyon's Twin Mansions** • 742 S National Ave Fort Scott, KS 66701 • (620) 223-3644 • [lyonsmansion.com](http://lyonsmansion.com)
- **Bit of Eden** • 3546 South Pearl Joplin, MO 64804 • (417) 782-8592 • [www.bitofedenbnb.com](http://www.bitofedenbnb.com)

### Restaurants

- Applebees
- Bamboo Palace
- Barto's Idle Hour Steak House
- Café Del Rio
- Chatters Restaurant
- Chicken Annie's Original
- Chicken Annie's Pichler's
- Chicken Mary's
- Chill's Grill
- El Charro
- Jim's Steak House
- Josie's Ristorante
- Mall Deli
- Napoli's Italian Restaurant
- Rockin K Steak & Rib
- Sweet Greens Soup & Salad Bar
- Yummy Buffet

**Annual Wildflower Weekend pre-registration and meal choices**

Please let us know you are coming and what your meal choices are. **The deadline for meal choices is September 11, 2008.**

If you have questions call Craig Freeman at 785-864-3453 or email us at email@ksnps.org.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Number Attending</b>	
<b>KNPS member?</b>	

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location/Meal</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>
Saturday	<b>Outdoor Lunch at College Lake</b>	<b>Mark quantity</b>	<b>\$10.00/meal</b> Includes tax and gratuity	
	Lunch includes choice of gourmet sandwich, pasta salad, dessert, and tea or lemonade			
	Regular Lunch (above)			
	Vegetarian alternative			
			<b>Total</b>	

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

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