



Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) - Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW)
Winfield, KS - September 21-23, 2012

August 1, 2012

Dear KNPS Members,

It's time once again for our three-day AWW (Annual Wildflower Weekend). This year KNPS members will converge on Winfield, Kansas, September 21–23, for our 34th 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: "Native Plants and Insects: Exploring the Relationships."

Four outings to diverse sites in the area are planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Expect to see plants that are "new to you," as there are many species unique to this area. Knowledgeable KNPS members will be there to share information on any unknown plants that are encountered.

A special treat this year will be a **free concert** Friday evening by the **Tallgrass Express String Band**. The group is well known and very popular because of their original songs inspired by the prairie.

Our speaker, **Jim Mason from the Great Plains Nature Center** will develop our theme in his presentation on "**The Flying Flowers of Kansas.**" We have a tradition of several other events that returning members look forward to: 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**.

Once a member comes to an annual meeting, chances are good they will return. It is fun weekend, filled with seeing new plants and making new friends. KNPS people are amazingly friendly. Newcomers find themselves quickly drawn into the group, and when they come back each year, it feels like the best possible "family reunion."

On the following pages, you will find a schedule of the planned events, lodging and restaurant information, and a registration form for the meals. There is no registration fee to attend, but if you plan to join us for lunch on Saturday, we need your **lunch reservations** and payment by **Friday, September 14, 2012**. You may pay by check or via PayPal through the KNPS web site (www.ksnps.org).

Although it is primarily a weekend for the membership of KNPS, you do **not** have to be a **member** to attend any of the events.

Weekend Summary

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour private Flint Hills prairie • Attend the free concert 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards Presentation • Guest Speaker on Butterflies • Photo Contest • Silent Auction • Tour Chaplin Nature Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour Slate Creek Wetlands • Tour Snyder Ranch prairie

Make your hotel reservations, pay your meal reservations, and come to the AWW!



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2012 AWW Itinerary

Friday, September 21

- 12:00 pm Fall Board Meeting at the TBA room, Southwestern College (board members required)
- 2:30 pm Caravan from Southwestern College parking lot on Fowler Avenue to tour near Marjorie Snyder Residence, 15242 172nd Road, Winfield, KS.
- 5:00 pm Dinner at your choice of local restaurants with other KNPS members
- 7:00 pm Free Concert: Tallgrass Express String Band at the Richardson Performing Arts Center, Southwestern College

Saturday, September 22

- 8:00 am Registration at Wroten Hall multi-purpose room, Southwestern College, off Fowler Avenue. Coffee, juice, and pastries available. Set up Silent Auction, Photo Contest, and Merchandise Displays.
- 9:00 am Annual Business Meeting
- 9:45 am Awards & Election
- 10:15 am Refreshment break. Silent Auction continues.
- 10:45 am Presentation: "The Flying Flowers of Kansas" by Jim Mason, Naturalist, Great Plains Nature Center and author of the new *Pocket Guide to Common Kansas Butterflies*
- 11:45 pm Break
- 12:00 pm Catered lunch
- 1:00 pm Caravan from Southwestern College parking lot on Fowler Avenue to Chaplin Nature Center, 27814 27th Dr, Arkansas City
- 6:00 pm Dinner at your choice of local restaurants with other KNPS members

Sunday, September 23

- 9:00 am Caravan from Southwestern College parking lot on Fowler Avenue to Slate Creek Wetland, South Greenwich Rd & East 70th Street, Oxford, KS
- 12:00 pm Lunch at your choice of local restaurants with other KNPS members
- 1:00 pm Caravan from Southwestern College parking lot on Fowler Avenue to tour Snyder Ranch, 162nd Rd & 291st Rd, Dexter, KS

AWW Contact numbers (on days of events only)

Jeff Hansen: 785.806.6917 (all weekend)

Marjorie Snyder: 316.680.7658 (Friday Tour Site and Snyder Ranch)

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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Meeting, Tour & Concert Sites

Friday Afternoon Tour Site

Private Flint Hills prairie, 6 miles from Winfield, meet at 15242 172nd Road, Winfield, KS
Marjorie Snyder, KNPS regional leader for the Winfield Region has gained permission to tour the Flint Hills pasture next to her residence. There is a creek that runs through the property with grasslands on both sides of the creek. We will botanize in the pasture and along the road adjacent to it. Restrooms are available at Marjorie's house. This site is only open to us during our tour. **Directions:** from Winfield go 4 miles East of on Hwy 160 to 151st Road/Co Rd 1, take a right (south) and go 1 mile to 172nd Rd, take a right (west) and go less than 1 mile to Marjorie's house.

Friday Evening Concert

Richardson Performing Arts Center, Southwestern College, 100 College Street, Winfield, KS

<http://www.sckans.edu/campus/>

Tallgrass Express String Band, www.tallgrassexpress.com/

A special donation was made to KNPS to bring the Tallgrass Express String Band to play a concert at the Richardson Performing Arts Center. The Arts Center is located in the Christy Administration Building located off of King Drive. The concert is open to the public with no cost for admission. They perform original songs that are inspired by the prairie. This concert will feature songs about Flint Hills plants and animals like "Big Bluestem: King of the Prairie" and "Wildflower Reunion." The four-member string band sings and plays a variety of instruments including fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar, upright bass, dobro, harmonica, and concertina.

Saturday Morning Meeting Site

Wroten Hall, Southwestern College, 100 College Street, Winfield, KS

<http://www.sckans.edu/campus/>

The annual meeting, presentation, silent auction, raffle, photo contest, and lunch will be held in the multi-purpose room of Wroten Hall. Wroten Hall is located on the north side of campus off of Fowler Avenue.

Saturday Afternoon Tour Site

Chaplin Nature Center, 27814 27th Dr, Arkansas City, 5 mile northwest of Arkansas City, KS

www.wichitaaudubon.org/cnc.html

This 230 acre preserve near Arkansas City features a Visitor's Center staffed by a full time naturalist. There are miles of trails through the woods and prairies, and leading to the sandbars of the Arkansas River. Visit one small remnant prairie. Butterfly tagging will also take place the day of our visit. **Directions** from Arkansas City: go 3 miles west on Hwy 166, take a right (north) on 31st Rd, go 2 1/4 miles to nature center.

Sunday Morning Tour Site

Slate Creek Wetlands, Parking Area #3, South Greenwich Rd & East 70th Street, Oxford, KS

[http://kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/content/download/1062/5074/file/SLATE%20CREEK%](http://kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/content/download/1062/5074/file/SLATE%20CREEK%20)

This unique area consists of 927 acres consisting of prairie uplands, riparian habitat, and wetlands. We will tour a 20 acre prairie site that was burned this spring. It is located north and west of the private residence on the west side of Greenwich Road. After touring the prairie we will visit some wetland locations. Gene Young of Northern Oklahoma College will tell us more about history of the area and show us around. He has been studying the flora and fauna of the wetlands since the 1980s. **Directions** from Winfield: west on 160 to Oxford, take a left (south) on Oxford Rd, go 7 miles to 70th Street, take a right (west), and go 2 miles to Greenwich Rd.

Sunday Afternoon Tour Site

Snyder Ranch, meet at the intersection of 162nd Rd & 291st Rd, Dexter, KS. (162nd is Co Rd 28)

This 9000 acre working ranch, is located 16 miles east of Winfield in Cowley County. Marjorie Snyder will introduce us to the ranch's history and management practices. This site is only open to us during our tour. **Directions** from Winfield: go 11 miles east on K-15, leave K-15 and continue east on 162nd/Co Rd 28 for 5 miles to 291st Rd. Park on 291st. There are bathroom facilities north up the driveway at 162nd and 323rd Rd.



Saturday Meeting Activities

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 KNPS 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.

Rules

1. Photo submissions are accepted from KNPS members only.
2. The subject of all entries must be NATIVE plant species (or predominantly NATIVE plant species for photos of groups of plants) or native landscapes (where appropriate) 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 placed on the **back** 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
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
 - **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.
 - **Garden:** a photo of native plants used in a garden created by people. Examples: your favorite garden.
 - **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.
 - **Wildflower of the Year:** a photo of the current year's Wildflower of the Year. The 2012 Wildflower of the Year is Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*).

Prizes

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



Annual Wildflower Weekend Meal Reservations

Please let us know if you plan to join us for lunch on Saturday. The **deadline** for meal reservations is **Friday, September 14, 2012. Reservations may be made by check using this form or pay 2012 meals online at www.ksnps.org.** If you have questions call Craig Freeman at 785-864-3453 or email us at email@ksnps.org.

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	
Number Attending	
KNPS member?	

Date	Location/Meal	Number	Cost	Subtotal
Saturday Sept 22	Lunch at Wroten Hall	Mark quantity	\$12.00/meal includes tax and gratuity	
	Sandwich: Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef, Italian or Veggie Wrap. Sides Include: Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, or Chips. Dessert: Fresh Baked Cookies or Brownies. Beverage: Bottled Soda or Water; Iced Tea			
			Total	

Cut & mail this form with your check made out to **Kansas Native Plant Society** to:

Kansas Native Plant Society
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 2045 Constant Avenue
 Lawrence, KS 66047-3729



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Accommodations

[Winfield Convention and Tourism](#) offers a full list of local attractions, accommodations, restaurants, and events in Winfield. We encourage you to visit their web site to explore the local offerings. Following is a list of accommodations and restaurants in Winfield.

Motels

- [Comfort Inn](#) • 3800 S Pike Rd • 620-221-7529
- [Econo Lodge](#) • 1710 Main St • 620-221-9050
- [Super 8](#) • 3803 S Pike Rd • 620-229-8888
- [Sonner Motor Inn](#) • 1812 Main St • 620-221-4400
- [Town House Motel](#) • 601 West 9th Ave • 620-221-2110

Bed & Breakfasts

- [The Barns at Timber Creek B & B](#) • 14704 91st Rd • 620-221-2797
- [Bluestem Bed & Breakfast](#) • 13292 172nd Rd • 620-221-0735
- [Iron Gate Inn](#) • 1203 E 9th • 888-788-0884

Camping

- Winfield Fairgrounds • 1105 W. 9th • 620-221-5525
- Winfield City Lake • 10348 141st Road • 620-221-5635

Restaurants

- Biederman's Bistro and Catering, 801 Main, 620-221-0888
- Bl'eus Café, 923 Main, 620-221-2233
- Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Store, 509 E. 9th, 620-221-2248
- Burger Station, 113 E. 7th, 620-221-9773
- China Wok Buffet, 1620 Main, 620-221-3933
- College Hill Coffee, 403 Soward, 620-229-8155
- Cuppa Jo's, 815 Millington, 620-402-6607
- Daylight Donuts, 910 Main, 620-221-1700
- El Maguey Mexican Restaurant, 1515 E. 9th, 620-221-4940
- Gambino's Pizza, 1400 Main, 620-229-2278
- Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant, 609 Main, 620-221-0808
- Hibachi Super Buffet, 2010 E. 9th, 620-229-8303
- Hunter's Café, 1020 Manning, 620-221-6222
- Kathryn's Bakery and Deli, 822 Main, 620-402-6660
- The Landing Strip, 22185 Tupper St., 620-442-2800
- McDonald's, 2022 N. Summit, 620-221-4036
- Montana Mike's, 3727 Quail Ridge Dr., 620-221-0069
- Neives' Mexican Restaurant, 119 E. 9th, 620-229-7600
- Pizza Hut Wing Street, 1902 Main, 620-221-7500
- Sonic Drive In, 1921 Main, 620-221-9876
- Subway, 2210 Pike, 620-221-7827
- Taco Bell, 2011 Main, 620-229-9099
- Wendy's, 1617 Main St., 620-221-7060

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