



August 12, 2019

Dear KNPS Members,

The 42nd Kansas Native Plant Society Annual Wildflower Weekend (AWW) celebration is approaching - September 13th, 14th, and 15th, 2019, in Atchison, Kansas. If you are new to KNPS or have not 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 Northeast Kansas along the Missouri and Delaware Rivers. This year's theme is "**A Walk in the Woodlands**". Four stops are planned at native woodlands and wetlands in Brown and Atchison counties. Brown and Atchison counties are located in the Glacial Hills region of Northeast Kansas. Despite the area being some of the richest farm ground in Kansas, this area is alive with large native woodlands, wetlands, and prairie remnants.

Traditional activities of the Saturday morning business meeting include the presentation of **Annual Awards**, introduction of new and returning board members, a 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 the following link; review the categories now and be sure you submit your entries before September 2, 2019: http://www.kansasnativeplantsociety.org/photo_contest.php.

The Silent Auction is a fundraising event that benefits the programs of KNPS. Bring a few items to donate to the auction (\$5 - \$20 value) and help support KNPS. Artwork, crafts, books, posters, clothing, jellies, decorative arrangements, live plants, seeds, and baked goods are a few items that have been donated in the past. We will also have a drawing for several higher value items with the purchase of \$1 tickets. Please note: Cash or Check Only – No Card Processing is Available.

Our featured Saturday business meeting speaker will be **Doug Grimm**, owner and founder of Grimm's Gardens LLC. Doug is a member of the International Association of Arborists, a Master Gardener, and an avid plantsman. He will discuss the Kansas Champion tree program and the interest in finding and discovering large trees in Kansas.

Saturday evening, after our afternoon tour, we will meet at Cedar Ridge Catering and Banquet Hall northwest of Atchison, for food, good conversation, and fun.

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 \$15 per person. You may pay membership dues on the attached Registration Form. Registration fees may be paid by mail with a check using the included form **OR** via PayPal through the KNPS website (www.ksnps.org).

We need to receive your Registration Form and payment by September 5.

The weekend is open to members and non-members. Bring this itinerary with you for directions.

Please review the entire itinerary and complete your registration, make your motel reservations, and join us at AWW!

AWW Contact – Andrew Mitchell 785-409-8940 – phone or text or Andrew@grimmgardens.com

Everyone is invited to use Instagram **#2019AWW** to share their AWW experience.

2019 AWW Itinerary

Friday, Sept. 13	Saturday, Sept. 14	Sunday, Sept. 15
<p>Tour #1 Wetlands at Mission Lake's "Little Lake" Tour #2 Walk the woodlands at Mission Lake Christian Camp Dinner Meet at Mission Lake Christian Camp for a campfire and hot dog roast</p> <p>In case of rain: Take advantage of local restaurants</p>	<p>Registration – Jerry's Again Silent Auction & Awards Guest Speakers Photo Contest Winners Lunch provided by Jerry's Again Tour #3 – Jackson Park</p> <p>Dinner Cedar Ridge Catering & Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Tour #4 Atchison County Lake</p> <p>From Atchison, Head west on U.S. Highway 73 towards Horton. Go 21 miles to Mulberry Road, turn left (south) on Mulberry Road. Go south 1 ½ miles to 330th, follow curve west and through Kennekuk, turn left (south) on Chautauqua Road, turn left (east) on 326th Road, go 2 ½ miles east to Atchison County Lake</p>

Friday, September 13

12:00–3:00 pm – Fall Board Meeting at the Mission Lake Christian Camp - Board members

Mission Lake Christian Camp is located at 1550 125th Street, Horton, KS 66439. From Atchison, go west on US Hwy 73 toward Horton approximately 23 miles to the outskirts of Horton. Turn north on Mallard Road, go 1.5 miles north to 125th Street, and then turn left (west) on 125th Street. The parking area is about 0.4 miles west on 125th Street.

3:30-4:30 pm Tour #1 – Mission Lake's "Little Lake"

The Little Lake is located between During Avenue and Wilson Drive on the northeast edge of Horton, north of US Hwy 73. Turn north onto During Avenue and go around the lake to park. Wetland areas are on two peninsulas on the north side of the lake.

4:30-6:30 pm Tour #2 – Mission Lake Christian Camp.

From Atchison, go west on US Hwy 73 toward Horton approximately 23 miles to the outskirts of Horton. Turn north on Mallard Road, go 1.5 miles north to 125th Street, and then turn left (west) on 125th Street. The parking area is about 0.4 miles west on 125th Street.

From Horton, go east on US Hwy 73 to Mallard Road, turn north on Mallard Road, go 1.5 miles north to 125th Street, then about 0.4 miles west on 125th Street to the parking area.

6:45 pm – Hot Dog Roast at Mission Lake Christian Camp or dinner on your own (NO ALCOHOL permitted at Mission Lake Christian Camp).

Saturday, September 14

8:30 am – Registration at Jerry's Again (Upstairs) – Jerry's Again Restaurant is located at 125 N 5th Street in Atchison, 1 ½ blocks north of the Holiday Inn Express. Parking is free across the street to the rear of the building, and along the street fronts. Enter through the doors on the left (look for KNPS Sign). Take the stairs to the second floor. An elevator is available for those with special needs or handicapped (only run by employees of Jerry's).

9:30 am – Annual Business Meeting – Welcome and description of Saturday plans, Silent Auction and Drawings.

- **Board of Director Elections, Awards and Photo Contest.**

10:30 am – Refreshment break. 20 minute break - Silent Auction and Drawing Ticket sales begin.

10:50 am – Doug Grimm- Featured Speaker for the 2019 AWW theme “A Walk in the Woodlands” – discovering state champion trees in the woods and landscapes of Kansas

11:50-12:10 Refreshment break 20 minute break - Silent Auction and Drawing Ticket sales finish now – Tickets Drawn at 12:10.

12:10–12:45 pm – Pay for Silent Auction winnings – bring your Silent Auction bid sheets to the Registration Table to check out. Cash or Check Only – no Card Processing is Available. Break down displays by 1:30 pm.

12:45–1:45 pm – Lunch at Jerry’s Again or on your own in Atchison

Lunch at Jerry’s Again will be a buffet consisting of sandwiches (ham, turkey, chicken salad), fresh fruit, pasta salad, chips, small desserts (brownies and lemon bars), tea and water. You may also order from their lunch menu.

PLEASE SHARE RIDES TO REDUCE NUMBER OF VEHICLES – LOCK CAR DOORS AND PLACE VALUABLES IN TRUNK– CHOOSE A NAVIGATOR TO HELP WITH DIRECTIONS - WE WILL RETURN TO THE PARKING LOT BEFORE DINNER - Please drive safely –

2:30–5:00 pm – Tour #3: Jackson Park– Meet at the parking lot between North 6th and North 7th Streets, south of Kansas Avenue, to caravan to the site. From the parking lot, we will take Kansas Avenue east to 5th Street. On 5th Street head south, eventually merging with 6th Street, and continuing south on 6th Street to the entrance of Jackson Park. Turn left at College Street into the entrance and go to the top of the hill. We will go through the parking lot to the east road through the park, down and around the winding road, and then stop along the road at the bottom of the hills before dispersing to the various trails.

Jackson Park, once known as City Park, found new life in the early 1900’s when Zaremba E. Jackson, a prominent citizen, spear-headed a push to improve the park. The city renamed the park Jackson Park in his honor. The park today enjoys an expansive property of more than 100 acres, with walking trails, picnic areas, a Frisbee golf course, and new playgrounds.

We have ample time to hike the trails, study plants, and watch birds. This will be our only tour on Saturday.

7:00 pm – Dinner at Cedar Ridge Catering & Banquet Hall- Cedar Ridge is located northwest of Atchison. From the Holiday Inn Express in Atchison, go west on Main Street to 17th Street (KS Hwy 7), turn north on Hwy 7 and follow it for 4.8 miles north through town to 318th Road. Turn left (west) on 318th Road and go 2 miles. The entrance to Cedar Ridge Catering and Banquet Hall is on the south side of the road. Reservations are required (see reservation form).

Dinner at Cedar Ridge Catering will include lettuce wedge with tomatoes & dressing, chicken noodle soup, pulled pork, brisket, lemon pepper chicken, potato and vegetable, dinner rolls, and cobbler with ice cream. It is all you can eat served at the table. You can also order from the menu.

Sunday, September 15

10:00 am – Tour #4 Atchison County Lake

From Atchison, head west on US Hwy 73 towards Horton. Go about 21 miles to Mulberry Road. Turn left (south) on Mulberry Road and go 1.5 miles south to 330th Road (which becomes Cherokee Road at the intersection with 100th Street). Go west on 330th Road into the small community of Kennekuk. At the intersection of 330th Road and Chautauqua Road, turn left (south) on Chautauqua Road for 0.4 miles to 326th Road. At 326th Road, turn left (east) on 326th Road and go 2.5 miles east to Atchison County Lake. We will meet at the shelter house on the south side of the lake unless the dam road is closed, in which case we will assemble along the road near the west entrance to the lake.

On your own – Feel free to see other attractions in the Atchison area

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum 223 N Terrace Street
Atchison Rail Museum – 200 S 10th Street
4th of July and Independence Creek Crossings
Trolley Rides
Haunted Houses
Atchison State Fishing Lake

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE AWW – WE HOPE IT IS AWESOME FOR YOU!

If you would like to submit a short article, quote, or photograph about your experience at the AWW, and allow us to publish in the next KNPS newsletter or on the KNPS website – please email to krista.knps@gmail.com.

Tour Site Recommendations

For outdoor events, we recommend wearing sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, and 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

Motels

You may make reservations at the following hotels in Atchison:

Holiday Inn Express – 401 Main Street, Atchison – 913-674-0033
Americinn by Wyndam – 500 US-73, Atchison – 913-367-4000
Super 8 – 509 S 9th Street, Atchison – 913-367-7666

Bed & Breakfasts also available in the area

Dining

A number of restaurants are available in Atchison, including:

Gambino's Pizza – 601 Commercial Street
Gateway to Kansas – 504 Commercial Street
Iron Horse BBQ – 306 Commercial Street
Lopez de Mexico – 112 S 6th Street
Maria's Mexican Restaurant – 801 Commercial Street
McDonald's – 118 S 8th
Mr. G's – 1710 Main Street
Mueller's Lockerroom – 120 S 2nd Street
Paolucci Restaurant, Deli & Lounge – 115 S 3rd Street
Pete's Steakhouse – 618 Commercial Street
Pizza Hut – 333S 10th Street
Sonic Drive-In – 1001 Main Street
Subway – 301 S 5th Street
Taco John's – 216 S 10th Street
The Atchison Bread Company – 626 Main Street
Willie's Sports Pub – 701 Commercial

REGISTRATION FORM

Reservations are required – we need to receive your Registration Form and payment by Thursday, September 5, so mail early. Print and fill out this Registration Form and mail in with your payment. You may also register online at www.ksnps.org no later than September 5.

1. Enter your Contact Information (please print)

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

2. Adult Registration Fee for Saturday business meeting and Weekend Tours. Enter Number Attending

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

Number attending Saturday Meeting (\$15 per person; children under 12 free) _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

3. Indicate number in your party that will eat Friday at the hot dog roast.

Hot dogs, roasting sticks, sides and drinks provided for \$5 per person _____ x \$5 = \$ _____

4. Indicate number in your party that will eat lunch Saturday at Jerry's Again

Prepay or pay at the registration desk at the meeting; we need a head count to make reservations for everyone. Indicate number in party in the blank space. _____ x \$15 per person prepay = \$ _____

5. Indicate number in your party for Saturday night dinner at Cedar Ridge Catering & Banquet Hall

Prepay or pay at the registration desk; we need a head count to make a reservations for everyone. Indicate number in party in the blank space. _____ x \$16 per person prepay = \$ _____

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

New memberships continue to 12/31/2020. Current members may renew for 2020.

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

7. If desired, enter additional contributions to support KNPS:

_____ General Fund - supports operating expenses such as the newsletter, brochure, and website.	\$ _____
_____ Legacy Fund - an endowment fund for long-term projects.	\$ _____
_____ Scholarship Fund - Mary Bancroft Memorial Scholarship for graduate student research.	\$ _____

8. Mail this form with your check (including the total for your Registration Fees, Friday night hotdog roast, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, membership dues and contributions, if applicable) payable to the Kansas Native Plant Society to: Kansas Native Plant Society, R.L. McGregor Herbarium, 2045 Constant Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66047.

Registration:	\$ _____
Friday Hotdog Roast	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch:	\$ _____
Saturday Dinner:	\$ _____
Membership:	\$ _____
Fund Contributions:	\$ _____
Total Enclosed:	\$ _____

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