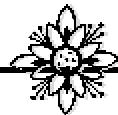
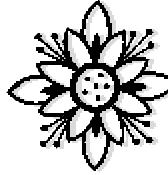




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FLOWERS, FOOD, FUN AND MORE AT HOLTON!

WHERE CAN YOU?

- ✿ Learn about **seed collecting from Kansas prairies** as part of the Millennium Seed Bank Project.
- ✿ Enjoy the **Victorian ambiance** of a restored hotel or guest house.
- ✿ Visit a number of original prairie remnants, plus **observe prairie restoration in progress**.
- ✿ Be assisted in plant identification by some of the **outstanding plant experts** in the state.
- ✿ Renew friendships, make new acquaintances with **warm friendly people** who are as passionate about the natural world as you are. (When asked what is the best thing about KNPS, most people claim it is a tie between the people and the plants.)

All of the above will be a part of the KNPS ANNUAL FALL MEETING to be held in Holton, Kansas, on September 8, 9, and 10. Holton, nestled 30 miles north of Topeka in the glaciated hills of northeast Kansas, promises a spectacular assortment of late season native plants for our enjoyment.

The theme of the meeting is "Restoring Small Areas to Native Plants." Several nearby prairie remnants and restored sites will be featured, including the Coombs farm east of Holton, where we will view a native plant garden and prairie restoration in progress on Friday afternoon. A highlight of the meeting will be an outing Saturday afternoon to the Ra-

chel Snyder prairie near Mayetta, which features a beautiful prairie remnant surrounded by other fields in various stages of restoration. In preparation for visiting this site, Frank Norman will give a power point presentation Saturday morning at our gathering at the Holton Middle School, which will describe the work of the Grassland Heritage Foundation as stewards of the Rachel Snyder prairie.

For the final prairie visit on Sunday, those attending the Annual Meeting will caravan to three unusually rich remnants never before opened to the public. These include a hillside tall-grass prairie, typical of the region, a rare original remnant of predominantly eastern gama grass in bottom land, and some spectacular acreage incorporated into the grounds of an estate north of Topeka.

There are two additional presentations of high interest planned. Betsy Allen of Chicago's Botanic Garden, who is guiding Tallgrass Prairie native plant seed collections in Kansas for the worldwide Millennium Seed Bank Project, will bring us up to date on their work. Betsy will be speaking at the chuck wagon supper at Red Rock Guest Ranch Friday evening. On Saturday morning, Brad Guhr of Dyck Arboretum at Hesston will share information about the Arboretum's Prairie Windows Project.

Information about the annual photo contest and silent auction, schedule of the events, travel directions, suggested accommodations, and a reservation form for the meeting and meals are found on the inside pages.

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The Kansas Native Plant Society Newsletter is printed four times a year: Winter (January), Spring (April), Summer (July), Fall (October). The deadline for submitted material is the 15th of December, March, June and September.



The mission of the Kansas Native Plant Society is to encourage awareness and appreciation of the native plants of Kansas in their habitats and in our landscapes by promoting education, stewardship, and scientific knowledge.

Wildflower Wanderings

By Jeff Hansen, President

I'm writing this on the first day of summer, and it's peak flowering time on the prairie. I still love seeing mounds of catclaw sensitive briar blooming. Purple prairie clover also is putting on a nice show. You can't beat a nice patch of black-eyed Susan to make you feel good. My garden's Michigan lilies are at their peak – there are at least 50 blooms, and its one of our showiest native botanical babies. (*See picture.*)



June is such a busy time for native plant events. It was the perfect month to be declared as Kansas Native Plant Appreciation Month. We had plenty of events to attend. I started the month out by attending the Wilson Wildflower tour for my first time – very nice event. That same weekend the Coblenz prairie walk occurred. The next week I was in Chase County for their Wildflower tour and festival, followed by the Symphony on the Prairie. On Sunday afternoon we had the Grant Bradbury prairie walk in Topeka. There was also an event at the Konza prairie that evening.

One of the things I learned while attending these events was there are many people in our state who love seeing native plants such as grasses and wildflower in their natural setting of the prairie. But I unfortunately learned that many of the people on these tours had never heard of

KNPS. We did hand out oodles of brochures to those in attendance, so we did get our name out. Many in attendance at the symphony also learned more about us through our brochures, business cards, and our super showy display. I also discovered that some of the counties in Kansas (Wilson, Chase, Barber) have conservation districts that do the planning for wildflower tours - I thought it would be nice to see more counties doing this across Kansas. At the Chase tour and the Wilson tour, people came from as far as two hours away.

Our really big event, our KNPS Annual Meeting, is coming up this fall in the Holton area. I look forward to seeing all of our new members and long time members there. Remember, if you have any comments or questions about KNPS, let me know via email@kansasnativesplantsociety.org.

KNPS ROLE IN SYMPHONY IN THE FLINT HILLS REWARDING FOR ALL

By June Kliesen

Craig Freeman pretty well summed up our feelings when he said, "It was a great day to help the public enjoy the beauty of the Flint Hills, understand the value of tallgrass prairie as a part of our state's natural heritage, and learn about the mission of the Kansas Native Plant Society. I was truly impressed with my groups. People were engaged; they asked great questions, and they genuinely enjoyed themselves – in spite of the heat. The frosting on the cake was Dee Scherich imparting tidbits of his cowboy wisdom as we watched and



wondered about the horses, wagons, and cowboys and cowgirls

Photo by June Kliesen

milling about near the KNPS tent. The event was a winner in my book."

None of us knew what to expect when we volunteered to help with the KNPS participation for the Symphony in the Flint Hills at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve on June 10, 2006. In preparation, some of us met there on Fri-

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day, June 9, with Michael Heffron for a quick look at the area where the tours would take place and a review of the plants that were visible and in bloom. We were pleased to note that there was plenty to see and identify, especially down at the lower part of the preserve where the morning tours would be held. Still when the next day came we had no idea what kind of a turnout there would be and exactly what our duties would be.

It turned out that the day was a wonderful success and part of that success was due to the contributions of the seventeen KNPS members. Some of us arrived there at 8:30 a.m., anticipating a slow start to the day of visiting with friends and enjoying the leisurely morning. With temperatures soaring, we didn't expect a great deal of traffic early on, but we were surprised to discover that our services were needed starting shortly after the preserve opened to the public.

We had our first plant tour at 9:30 a.m. It was lead by Craig Freeman and was comprised of equal numbers of plant society members (ready to pick Craig's brain) and early morning visitors, who were spending the day on the Preserve before the evening concert. From that time on, we had at least two tours an hour, sharing our love of native plants with interested concert goers. Visitors were especially impressed by the more showy blooms such as Butterfly milkweed, Cat claw sensitive briar and Venus looking glass. It was a great feeling to be a contributing part of a wonderful day.

Not everyone led tours. Some of us directed guests to the plant tours and



Selling Posters at the symphony

Photo by June Kliesen

various other "happenings." We also answered questions about the Preserve and generally tried to be helpful. Others were stationed at the Native Plant Society booth and gave out information about our group and even gained a few new members.

The concert itself was magnificent. (I didn't get a program and can't specifically remember much about the selections, but they fit the venue. My favorite was the music and narration about the Coyote written by Mark Twain.)

I only have two regrets about the

day. First, that we were so busy working that we didn't get to attend some of the other events that were going on throughout the day and second, that by the time the concert was on, we were so tired we could hardly wiggle.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES FROM KNPS VOUNTEERS

Jeff Hansen "What an adrenalin rush!"-- I wanted to be everywhere and I was: from leading wildflower walks to helping to set up our display board to chatting with everyone. Our (Krista's) display board was "the bomb" - it was by far the showiest and most eye catching of the displays."

Phyllis Scherich "I was impressed with the "laid-back" attitude of most of the attendees. They seemed to be taking advantage of observing the vastness and beauty of the setting. The event did not appear over-organized. This allowed people to feel their way around and experience the day. I was particularly impressed with the man on horseback riding the hills in the near background during the symphony. During the break many people seemed

to be drawn to him and the prairie - they went out onto the prairie to talk with him and admire his horse - returning to their seats for the second half of the symphony."



Craig Freeman points out grasses after the symphony. Photo by Phyllis Scherich

Kansas Native Plant Society - 2006 ANNUAL MEETING

September 8-10, 2006
Holton, KS

Theme: Restoring Small Areas to Native Plants

Friday, September 8

2:00 pm (Board members only) Fall Board Meeting at Coombs farm.
3:00 pm All attendees meet at bandstand on Holton Courthouse square.
3:30 pm Caravan to Coombs farm (7 miles east of Holton at 18160 222nd Rd) View gardens and 80-acre restoration project in progress.
5:00-6:00 pm (Free time) Check into hotel, motel, or B&B (see suggested list below).
6:30 pm Chuckwagon supper at Red Rock Guest Ranch (2 miles east of Soldier).
8:00 pm Betsy Allen, Chicago Botanic Garden, "Seeds of Success: The Millennium Seed Bank Project"

Saturday, September 9

Holton Middle School Cafeteria (9th & Iowa)
8:00 am Registration. Coffee, juice, and rolls. Start Silent Auction, Photo Contest. Set up merchandise displays.
9:00 am Annual Business Meeting: President Jeff Hansen. Welcome. Opening remarks. Committee Reports.
10:00 am Awards. Election of new Board members.
10:30 am Refreshment break. Silent Auction continues.
10:45 am Brad Guhr, Dyck Arboretum, "The Prairie Window Project"
11:15 am Frank Norman, Grassland Heritage Foundation, "The Snyder Prairie"
12:00 noon Lunch at Holton Middle School catered by Bloomer's Grill.
1:30 pm Caravan from Middle School to Snyder Prairie (158th and U Road, 3 miles east of Mayetta).
3:30 pm Exploration, shopping, and dinner on your own.

Sunday, September 10

9:30 am Meet at Holton bandstand. Caravan to Dr. Ernest Kratina's tallgrass and eastern gama prairie remnants.
12:00 noon Rest stop and lunch in Hoyt.

2:00 pm Caravan to Stephen and Sally Illif's prairie remnant on 110th Road

Local Attractions

For any KNPS members who don't live solely for native plants, a variety of antique stores, gift shops, coffee and sandwich spots, quilting and apparel stores, casinos, and even an old-fashioned dime store can be found in and around Holton. Restaurants include **Trails Cafe** on US 75, **S&A's Downtown Cafe** on the east side of the square, **Boomer's Grill and Sports Bar** on 4th Street, **Charlie's** on the south side of the square, **Bodacious BBQ & Cajun Food** on 5th Street across from Hotel Josephine, and **Three Fires Steakhouse** at Harrah's Prairie Band Casino.

Accommodations

Lodging available in the Holton area includes:
Hotel Josephine. 501 Ohio Street, Holton, KS 66436. Just one block east of the square, this historic 1889 hotel has been renovated recently. Single or double rooms are \$50 upstairs or \$60 downstairs. A block of rooms at these rates is being held for KNPS, and reservations can be made by calling 785-364-3151 by August 15.

Super 8 Motel South side of Holton on US 75. A block of rooms at a discounted rate of \$62.90 plus tax will be held for KNPS until August 15. The discount is available only by calling 785-364-1988 and indicating you are with KNPS. Members who book a room after the August 15 deadline may still receive a discount if rooms are available, but weekend vacancies are unlikely. A continental breakfast and high-speed internet access is included.

The Parsonage Guesthouse. A beautifully restored, antique furnished, Victorian B&B, circa 1870, at 425 W. Fourth Street, two blocks from the Courthouse square. Tel: 785-364-2240, website <www.parsonageguesthouse.com>. Rooms with a queen bed run \$99 and a popular attic suite is \$149. All are non-smoking.

Red Rock Guest Ranch. Site of the Friday night supper, 1 1/2 miles east of Soldier and 20 minutes from Holton. Eleven rooms with a variety of configurations and prices. See www.redrockguesranch.com, E-mail bdbrown@btelco.com, or call 785-834-2552.

Harrah's Prairie Band Casino Hotel. 296 rooms in casino complex just west of US 75 on 150th Road. This is about 10 miles south of Holton, but close to some of the

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2006 Kansas Area Native Plant & Wildflower Events

Information provided by Kansas Native Plant Society, R.L.McGregor Herbarium, 2045 Constant Ave., Lawrence, KS 66047-3729.

Online: www.kansasnativesplantsociety.org

Email: <kansaswildflowers@yahoo.com>

Visit our website for additional events. Please share this information with interested folks and contact us about other events to note. Thank you!

Sturdy shoes, long pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, a hat and water are suggested for outdoor events.



August 19: Snyder Prairie Maintenance Work Day near Mayetta, KS north of Topeka, 9am. Assist the Grassland Heritage Foundation Groundhogs [www.grasslandheritage.org]. Prepare to host Kansas Native Plant Society's foray during their annual meeting, September 8-10. Wear appropriate clothing. No special skills or tools needed. Please contact Frank Norman Kansas Native Plant Society Board Member if you would like to help, <frank.norman@appliedeco.com> (785) 887-6775.

September 2: Wildflower Walk at Prairie State Park, near Lamar Missouri. Visit Missouri's largest remaining tallgrass prairie, at nearly 4,000 acres. This event is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

<prairie.state.park.@dnr.mo.gov> call (417) 843-6711



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September 9-10: FloraKansas Great Plains Plant Bazaar, annually the 2nd weekend in September. This is the largest native plant sale in Kansas featuring hard-to-find native perennials, shrubs and trees plus fun 'gardenabilia'. Saturday offerings: classes, demonstrations, and tours from professionals. Hours: Saturday 8am-4pm, Sunday noon-4pm, and Monday 8am-8pm. Contact the Arboretum about becoming a member and special members only sale dates. Admission charge is by donation. Location: Dyck Arboretum of the Plains, 177 West Hickory Street, Hesston, KS. Hesston is 30 miles N of Wichita. [www.dyckarboretum.org] <arboretum@Hesston.edu> (620) 327-8127

September 9: We need your sweat! Join Kansas City WildLands in removing woody invasive plants from 3 sites in the region, 9am-noon. Three locations: Ernie Miller Park prairie in Olathe, KS, Jerry Smith Park prairie, Kansas City, MO, Rocky Point Glades in Swope Park, Kansas City, MO. Long pants, sturdy shoes and a hat are strongly recommended. Insect repellent, gloves and drinking water are supplied. Contact Linda Lehrbaum for more information or to register for a site. <linda@bridgingthegap.org> (816) 561-1061 x116



September 16: Volunteers are needed for prairie maintenance and preservation projects. Assist the Grassland Heritage Foundation Groundhogs [www.grasslandheritage.org]. Wear appropriate clothing. No special skills or tools needed. For details, please contact Frank Norman, Kansas Native Plant Society Board Member <frank.norman@appliedeco.com> (785) 887-6775.



September 16: Early Autumn Woodland Adventure with Kansas Native Plant Society! Join us for a long anticipated visit to the Ft. Leavenworth woods. This forest includes outstanding white oak and maple-basswood sections; we hope to see examples of both as well as the only old-growth pecan forest in Kansas. We expect to see these state-rare native plants: white woodland aster (*Aster lateriflorus*) and Nottoway brome (*Bromus nottowayanus*). Be sure to wear blaze-orange colored clothing as we're sharing the woods w/early-season deer hunters. Caleb Morse, Collection Manager for the McGregor Herbarium will lead the foray at 10am. Meet at the main entrance to the Fort. To car pool from Lawrence, meet at 9am in the parking lot for the McGregor Herbarium / Bridwell Lab and Monarch Watch, Constant Ave. & Crowell Dr, West Campus at KU. Please register by contacting Caleb <cmorse@ku.edu> (785) 864-4493.

September 16: Field Trip to Hidden Valley Natural Area in North Kansas City, MO. We hope to see Goldie's ferns, persimmons and coral root orchids. Meet at parking lot in the park at 9am. Directions: Take I-435 across Missouri River and exit at Parvin Road (near Worlds of Fun). Take Parvin west to Belmont; Belmont south to Russell Road to parking lot on right side of street. For additional information contact President Dave Alberty <envirsci@aol.com> (816) 619-3375



September 16: Dr. Woody Holland's Wildflower Tour of Neosho County, KS. Kansas Native Plant Society Board Member Carl Paulie will lead the tour. We will be looking for Blue Sage, Cardinal-flower, various species of aster, goldenrod, sunflower, and many others. Meet Carl in front of the courthouse on Main St. in Erie, KS at 1pm. The tour will begin at 1:30pm sharp. Questions: (620) 449-2028

September 23: Prairie Jubilee at Prairie State Park, near Lamar Missouri. Visit Missouri's largest remaining tallgrass prairie, at nearly 4,000 acres. Learn about life on the prairie during a day filled with activities and entertainment. Guided wagon rides to view the bison herd will be available, prairie restoration activities, and wildflower gardening plants will be for sale, with advice offered on care. Storytelling and traditional music will fill the air. A bison burger lunch will be available for a small fee. This fun event for young and old is sponsored by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. <prairie.state.park.@dnr.mo.gov> call (417) 843-6711



September 24: Experience the Bounty of Fall on the Grant-Bradbury Prairie. Join Kansas Native Plant Society and Grassland Heritage Foundation on Topeka's premiere prairie park. Grant-Bradbury is an 80-acre tallgrass prairie with at least 296 plant species. Jeff Hansen, KNPS President and GHF Board Member will lead the tour at 1pm. Directions: Take Topeka Blvd south to the University Blvd intersection (stoplight), take a right. Take University west about half a mile - when the road curves south, you are at the driveway to the park gate. There is a small brick building at the driveway. Parking is limited near the gate. <kansaswildflowers@yahoo.com> (785) 864-3453

September 30: Konza Prairie Biennial Visitors' Day, 8am - 4pm. Featuring guided walks, hay wagon rides, and up-close views of the bison herd, near Manhattan, KS. K-State and Friends of Konza Prairie sponsor the Visitors' Day. From I-70, take exit 307 and go northeast on McDowell Creek Road for 4.2 miles to the entrance. [www.ksu.edu/konza/keep] (785) 587-0441

September 30: National Public Lands Day. This is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands we enjoy. [<http://www.npld.com/involved/kansas.cfm>] Get your hands dirty and keep your public lands beautiful! Kansas locations include Fall River State Park (620) 637-2213, Mushroom Rock State Park (785) 546-2565, Nicodemus National Historic Site (785) 839-4233, Pomona Lake (785) 453-2201, and Perry State Park (785) 246-3449.

Kansas Native Plant Appreciation Proclamations

by Shirley Braunlich

In June we celebrated Kansas Native Plant Appreciation Month with proclamations from Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Lawrence Mayor Mike Amyx. The proclamations increased awareness for our native plants as well

as promoting Kansas Native Plant Society. We may want to expand this opportunity for Kansas Native Plant Appreciation Month in June 2007; we could consider requesting a proclamation from the Kansas State Senate as well as many individual Kansas cities and counties.

Other possibilities include partnerships with related organizations and hosting a prairie party for a bigger celebration! It may not be a holiday that gives us a day off from work or school, but I believe this will create a growing appreciation of our native plants.

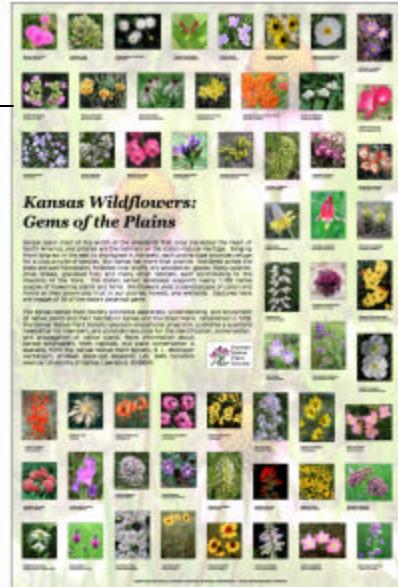
New Kansas Wildflower Poster

The Kansas Native Plant Society (KNPS) is pleased to announce the availability of a new, color poster showcasing 56 of the state's native wildflowers. "Kansas Wildflowers: Gems of the Plains" measures 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and highlights species from across Kansas. Individual photographs are approximately 2" x 2", and each species is identified by scientific name and common name. The mission of and contact information for KNPS also is given.

The poster is free to each KNPS member who renews his/her membership for 2007 and to new individuals, families, and organizations who join KNPS. However, it

must be picked up in person either at the KNPS administrative office or at a KNPS function where the posters are available; it cannot be mailed.

A large supply of posters will be available at the KNPS annual meeting on September 8-10 in Holton, Kansas – a perfect time to pay your 2007 dues, pick up your free poster, and participate in all of the great activities planned for the meeting. Additional posters may be purchased for \$5.00 each. Again, these must be picked up in person at the KNPS administrative office or at a KNPS event.



GRANT COUNTY SPRING WILDFLOWER TOUR, MAY 27

By Marian McGlohon

It was a hot, very windy morning, but eleven die-hard wildflower enthusiasts showed up for the annual tour of Grant County pastures on the last Saturday of May. In spite of the fact that rains had not graced this region, and not many blooms were showing, a total of 47 plant species were noted and identified. It was a good day to learn the grasses from leaders Sam Guy and Marion McGlohon.

One particular field had for the previous two years been totally blanketed with Indian blanket flower, but that species now was pretty sparse and scrawny. The flower most in evidence at the pasture south of the South Fork, was one with out petals, but had lots of pretty yellow disks at its top—yellow hymenopappus (*Hymenopappus flavescens*). Purple plains Chinese lantern (*Quincula lobata*) and big-bract verbena (*Verbena bracteata*) were abloom

all along the pasture road with plenty of stickseed (*Lappula redowskii*) on either side already full of burrs to catch on our clothing. Small soapweed (*Yucca guava*) was up and blooming, and the two little girls of the party enjoyed a taste of the petals.

An adventure for the party was to walk along the wide and grassy swales found there that were left by the travelers of the Santa Fe Trail.

4th ANNUAL GRANT BRADBURY JAUNT

By Jeff Hansen

On Sunday, June 11th, twelve nature lovers enjoyed a day on the prairie at the 80 acre Grant Bradbury Prairie Park in Topeka. Over half of the attendees were not members of KNPS and will hopefully become members as they were all given a brochure. Over 310 species of plants have been identified on this property – quite the diverse site. Thanks go to park naturalist Tom Hammer for mowing a trail through the prairie. This made for a easier and more enjoyable hike, as the grasses grow so thick and dense that it's nearly impossible to walk through.

The prairie was not burned this spring and made for a nice showing of what a prairie looks like without hay-

ing, grazing, or burning. Many of last year's stalks of plants could be seen and helped to show people what plants will look like in the fall. Some of the more interesting plants we encountered were New Jersey tea, tall cinquefoil, cat-claw sensitive briar, tooth-leaved evening primrose, whip razor sedge, purple prairie clover, butterfly milkweed, Sullivant milkweed, and eastern grama grass.

The highlight of the walk was probably a sparrow that we saw and heard. One of our KNPS members, Nancy Coombs, recognized it as the song of the Henslow sparrow, a rare sparrow that requires unburned and unmowed prairie to nest in. I thought it would be good to verify our sighting. I took two Topeka Audubon members

to the site. We found the Henslows, and the expert birder Dan Gish said it was his first sighting in Shawnee County. We also saw a multitude of dickcissels – also seen and/or heard were bluebirds, bobwhites, and meadowlarks. Various animal scat was seen on the trail, showing how the prairie is habitat for many mammals too.

An interesting aspect of this prairie is that it is surrounded by industry to the north and east, housing to the south yet contains high quality prairie and wildlife everywhere. Hat's off to the Topeka parks department for managing the park as prairie.

I hope to see more of you at the 5th annual jaunt.

WILSON COUNTY WILDFLOWER TOUR

By Phyllis Scherich and Anita Smith

The beautiful Osage Cuestas (low, rolling hills) near Altona hosted the *May All Your Weeds Be Wildflowers* 11th Annual Wilson County Wildflower Tour on June 3. Approximately 150 persons took advantage of the superb weather to view the 45 flagged plants, plus at least 45 others that were identified. The predominate showy flowers were the pale purple coneflowers, tube penstemon, showy evening primrose, moth mullein, the brilliant butterfly milkweed and prairie wild rose. Some of the “knees on the ground” special finds were Nuttall’s evolvulus, fringeleaf ruellia, Deptford pink, green violet, string dodder and ad-

der’s-head fern. A surprise and special treat was a blooming Pitcher’s sage—I guess it knew it was the “flower of the year” and needed to show off a bit. Participants enjoyed a presentation by Jeff Hansen on using wildflowers in landscaping and “going shopping” in his pickup bed full of potted wildflowers. Anita Smith was presented a beautiful wildflower arrangement by the tour leaders in honor of her 11 years of wildflower tours. (See photo on right.)



Fall Meeting Program - Cont'

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prairie sites we'll be visiting. Rates vary based on availability. Call 785-966-7777 for reservations.

Finding Your Way Around

Holton is 30 miles north of Topeka on US 75. You will reach downtown Holton by turning east off US 75 onto Banner Road and following the signs to the Courthouse Square. Attendees who arrive Friday afternoon should assemble for refreshments around 3:00 pm at the bandstand on the southeast corner of the square, then join the caravan to the Coombs farm about 3:30 pm. Latecomers can still visit that native plant garden and 80-acre restoration site by driving 7 miles east of Holton on KS 116, south on X Road for 3/4 mile, then west on 222nd Road for 3/8 mile to mailbox 18160.

For supper at 6:30 Friday evening take KS 16 west from Holton 12 miles, proceed north on KS 62 five miles to Soldier, then east (right) on 270th Road 1 1/2 miles to the Red Rock Guest Ranch (Tel: 785-834-2552).

The Saturday sessions will be held at Holton Middle School, located at 9th and Iowa, just west of Holton High School. From the Holton Courthouse square go north to 9th Street and west to Iowa Street.

The group will caravan to Snyder Prairie (158th and U Road) Saturday afternoon and to the privately owned prairie remnants Sunday.

Photos for the Fall Contest

Plant photos to the fall meeting in Holton. The photos should be from 4"x 5" to 8" x 10" and mounted on poster board without frames. Categories are trilogy (same plant at three different stages), flora, fauna using native plants, people enjoying native plants, scenery, and landscapes. Label each photo with the category, your name, and city, a title, the county and location where taken (e.g., garden, roadside), the date taken, and camera type (e.g., SLR). For more detailed rules and the criteria by which photos will be judged, see the KNPS website at www.kansasnativaplantsociety.org.

Silent Auction Fundraiser

The second annual Silent auction fundraiser will be held during the business meeting Saturday morning, September 9. Proceeds will benefit the programs of KNPS. Bring an item or two to donate to the auction and help KNPS continue to provide quality native plant education and information to the people of Kansas. Artwork, crafts, books, posters, wearing apparel, wine, jellies, or teas are just a few of the items that would be appropriate.

NEW MEMBERS 5/21/06 TO 7/19/06

Carrie Adams - Wichita
Leo & Nancy Anderson - Valley Center
Annie Baker - Junction City
Diane Barker & Chris Ross - Manhattan
Duane & Norma Benton - Manhattan
Dianne Blankenship - Sioux City, IA
Diane Bythell - Berryton
Myrna Campbell - Udall
Teri Chambers - Eudora
Paula F. Ciborowski - Independence
Shauna Dendy - Abilene
Elise M. deWit - Manhattan
Ken & Jan Dunlap - Derby

Joan Haney - Altoona
Bryan & Georgia Henderson - Hutchinson
Sylvia Jordan - Burlington
Cally Krallman - Topeka
Joan Lemon - Independence
Candy & Don Linn - Village of Loch Lloyd, MO
Sharon Jo Lupton - Wichita
Joyce A. Miller - Wichita
Gary W. Peterson - Arcadia
Susan & Darrell Schmitz - Topeka
Patsy Smeed - Chanute

Bridget Sousa - Lexington, KY
Josie Stiles - Olathe
Jim Townsend - Wichita
Janeen Walters - Topeka
Sarah L. Weber - Topeka
Jessie Worrell - Leon



Kansas Plants - FEATURED KANSAS PLANT: PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER

Dr. Stephen L. Timme and

Dr. Cindy Ford

Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea* Vent.) is a common species of the bean family (Fabaceae) found throughout much of Kansas. It is a perennial species reaching a height of about 3 feet (9 dm) tall with alternate, odd-pinnate, compound leaves. Each leaf has 3-7 leaflets. The flowering, compact **spike** (elongated inflorescence of sessile flowers) contains numerous pea-shaped flowers. The flowers are dark purple, rose to pink-

ish, and rarely white (albino form). The legumes (fruits) are **obovoid** (egg-shaped). The species is common on prairies and in glades. A variety in western Kansas (*D. purpurea* var. *arenicola*) is found on dunes or sand along streams. According to *World Economic Plants* (1999), the only economic value for Purple Prairie Clover is forage for animals.



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Please make your meal reservations on the form below.

The deadline is August 15, 2006.



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I (we) will attend the KNPS Annual Fall Meeting in Holton, KS, September 8, 9, and 10.

Names:

Number in my Party

Address:

E-Mail Address:

Tel:

Fri, Sep 8 Supper at Red Rock Guest Ranch

Food Item

No

Cost

Smoked beef brisket \$12 ea

\$

Roast pork \$12 ea

\$

Subtotal

\$

Sat, Sep 9 Catered lunch, Holton Middle School

No

Cost

Ham Croissant Sandwich \$9 ea

\$

Chicken Croissant Sandwich \$9

\$

Veggie Croissant Sandwich \$9

\$

Subtotal

\$

Total

\$

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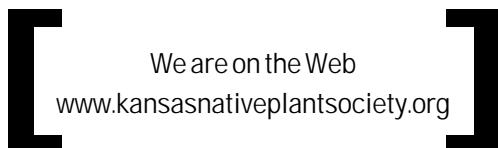
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Name:	
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Check membership category desired:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$5.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$25.00 |
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