

& Bluestem

The annual Wildflower Walk, usually held in June, is postponed this year. But you can still look for wildflowers on your walks. This is an excellent resource:

<https://www.kswildflower.org/>

This site contains information and more than 7968 identification photos for 985 species of forbs, grasses, sedges, rushes, trees, and other woody plants found growing in Kansas.

All photographs were taken by Mike Haddock unless otherwise noted.

Below are some of Mike's photos that you might see in June.

Kansas Wildflowers & Grasses

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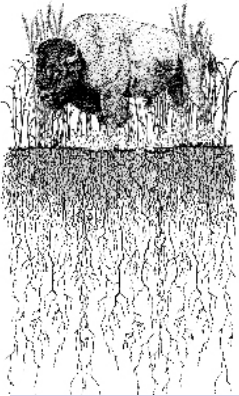
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Spring 2020



Green milkweed



Eastern gamma



Fringed puccoon



Blue gamma



Buffalo grass



Orange butterfly



Spiderwort



Coreopsis

Bison

KPBS Director's Report John Blair



Dear Friends of Konza Prairie,

I hope that this issue of Bison and Bluestem finds you well and enjoying the spring weather, the return of migratory

birds, and the greening of the prairie! In addition to the typical signs of spring, this year has brought many changes to our daily routines and our social interactions. For many of us, these necessary responses to the COVID-19 pandemic have been challenging and stressful. For many of us, the ability to spend some time outdoors in nature provides a welcome respite from teleworking, remote meetings, and social distancing, all of which are necessary at this time. At Konza Prairie, we've had to make a number of adjustments that affect not only research activity at the station, but also our educational and outreach programs.

Konza Prairie is managed by Kansas State University and we are in a "limited operations" status until at least mid-May. Research and general operations are restricted to essential personnel and mission-critical activities. The continuation of our long-term fire treatments, many going for more than 40 years, is an essen-

tial activity. We also are continuing other selected long-term experiments and data collection that can be done safely and with minimal personnel. We are cautiously optimistic that we will be open to both local and visiting researchers later this summer. All non-research activities on Konza (educational programs, tours, meetings, etc.) have been suspended until at least May, when we will reassess the situation. However, the Nature Trail remains open to the public, and you are welcome to visit and enjoy the reawakening of the prairie. However, please follow all posted rules (no dogs, no bikes, stay on trails) and use appropriate measures to limit potential disease spread (stay home if you are not well, no large groups, practice social distancing, minimize person-to-person contact, etc.)

Your support of Konza is as important as ever as we adjust to the challenges of operating under these unusual conditions and look forward to resuming the multifaceted research and educational programs that are hallmarks of the Konza Prairie Biological Station. As always, please feel free to contact me (jblair@ksu.edu; 785-532-7065) with any questions or concerns about Konza.

FOKP President Kelly Yarbrough



I stepped into the role of President of the FOKP board of directors starting January 1, 2020, for a one year term. Serving FOKP in this way is an honor, and I look forward to working with our board members as we continue to support the vital work being done at KPBS.

Already in 2020, the board has been engaging in some high level strategic thinking around how the FOKP organization can best support the trifold mission of the KPBS, how to best communicate our mission and vision to our members and beyond, and how to increase transparency in how we operate. I look forward to sharing more about this work with you later in the year.

Before I moved to Manhattan in 2013 or knew anything about the community, I had visited Konza Prairie and I knew that it was a valuable asset to ecological research. I continue to be encouraged and inspired by the staff, researchers and volunteers that make Konza the special place that it is, and I look forward to helping further our mission.

Thank you for your support.



Pivoting...

On Friday, March 6, the KEEP program finished the spring portion of the new docent training program. We reviewed the Schoolyard Long-term Ecological Research (SLTER) activities offered by KEEP, went outside and ran through the activity titled “Effects of Fire on the Prairie,” but called the “Hulbert Plots” by just about everyone else, and then we finished up by watching the controlled burn in the bison area over by Butterfly Hill. We thought we’d take Spring Break off for a week and then be right back at it and start our spring semester at full speed with the beginning of school groups...boy, were we wrong! We haven’t been back yet.

With the imminent threat of COVID-19 came the shutdown of KEEP and the cancelling of every one of our spring programs. It was interesting...it started out as just those scheduled for April and then it slowly started to include those in early May, and finally, heartbreakingly, all of the activities for the semester. We’re now wondering about the future of our summer activities, specifically our Summer Teachers’ Workshop. It’s scheduled for June 15-19 and we don’t know if we’ll be able to offer it this year.

But, it’s times like these that bring out the creativity in us all! So, we’re pivoting and thinking about the needs of the teachers, parents, and kids who are homebound and needing diversions and educational content to keep

them entertained and educated. The only method we have to communicate with them is via social media – Facebook, so we’re using several different Facebook pages to provide Konza Nature Nuggets several times a day. Each Nugget addresses a nature topic that kids can explore by going outside often by simply looking at things in their yard or nearby park. Kids and families don’t have to go to a prairie to find nature, that is the message behind these Konza Nature Nuggets.

Additionally, KEEP is collaborating with the Kansas Association of Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) to produce educational videos, worksheets, and hands-on activities that teachers and parents both can use for at-home lessons. I’m currently working on one incorporating the concept of seeds into an at-home lesson. Hopefully, kids will learn about the different types of seed dispersal mechanisms and then devise a seed of their own imagination. This is a new frontier for us all, we’re all pivoting...

Thank you for your continued support and assistance, we need you now more than ever!



Konza Prairie Nature Trail

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Konza Nature Nugget - Wednesday, March 25th - Amphibians! Did you know that the Flint Hills is home to lots of amphibians? Right now is a great time to get out and hear the Spotted Chorus Frogs calling. Just about any body of water - large of small - will have Chorus Frogs calling. The best times are early in the morning and right at twilight in the late afternoon. The Chorus Frog is tiny - only about 1" long but its call can be very loud! These Frogs are important to our ecosystem - they eat lots of bugs - so be careful with your use of insecticides. Your assignment - go outside, find some water and listen for the Chorus Frogs!

Thanks to [Ken Stafford](#) for letting us share his wonderful recording from the Konza Prairie trail - this is on the Godwin Hill 6.2 portion of the trail.



509 Views

[Ken Stafford](#)

Docent Spotlight: Don Garwood

Hallie Hatfield



1. What motivated you to become a Konza Prairie docent?

Each year the folks at Konza Prairie, K-State's Plant Materials Center and the North Agronomy Farm take turns hosting an off campus Christmas potluck lunch. Being at the Plant Materials Center, it goes back to those Christmas potlucks. Volunteering at Konza was just a natural progression when I retired.

2. What are some of your hobbies & interests?

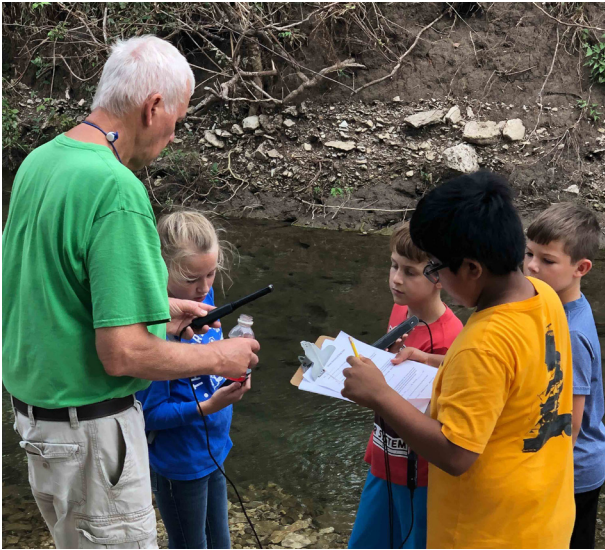
My hobbies and interests include reading, gardening, museums and music.

3. What has been the best part of being a volunteer at Konza Prairie?

The best part of being a volunteer at Konza is that you never stop learning.

4. What brings you the most joy in your life?

My family first and probably our two dogs second.



Photos: Jill Haukos

New FOKP Board Member



Pam Blackmore, originally from Alberta, Canada, received her Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Utah State University in 2013. She next worked a few years doing landscape design, environmental impact statements, and vegetation monitoring for a design firm, the Bureau of Land Management, and an environmental planning firm in Utah.

She came to K-State in January of 2017 and completed a Master of Landscape Architecture degree with a graduate certificate in GIScience in May 2019. Her master's thesis compared the butterfly and plant community of the Memorial Stadium green roof to native tallgrass prairie at Konza Prairie and Warner Park in Manhattan, Kansas.

While completing her thesis research, Pam fell in love with Konza Prairie. She is now the GIS Specialist for the Konza Prairie Long-Term Ecological Research Program in the Division of Biology at Kansas State. She finds joy in photography, vegetable gardening, music, learning new plants and butterflies, and spending time with family.

Call for Photos for 2021 Konza Calendar

Photos -

What photos will fill the pages of 2021 calendar?



It is time to choose the photos you would like to submit to the calendar committee for the 2021 calendar. You are asked to choose five of your very best, high resolution photos that you have taken while on the Konza Prairie Biological Station. Submission criteria include the following:

1. Images must be taken on the Konza Prairie Biological Station, and may include landscapes, flora, fauna, or activities at Konza (research, environmental education, etc.) We hope to receive images taken at different seasons on Konza, and we are particularly interested in unique and original subjects.
2. Images must be in LANDSCAPE format. The printed calendar will contain photos printed approximately 10 inches horizontal by 7 1/2 inches vertical. Portrait format photos may be considered for use on FOKP note cards. Email photos to jpwatson40763@gmail.com.

The deadline for submitting your photos is June 21. We have had wonderful photos submitted in past years, and we expect some great and beautiful photos this year too.

Docents, FOKP members, and faculty/staff are eligible to submit photos. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff or Patti Watson, 740-502-3749 or 740-502-1130 or the email above.

The KPBS Staff:

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KPBS Burn Coordinator Patrick O'Neal
Environmental Educator Hallie Hatfield

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For FOKP membership and general information, call 785-587-0441, or visit the Konza Environmental Education Program (KEEP) website at: <http://keep.konza.ksu.edu> Also, see the back of this issue for a membership form.

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President Kelly Yarbrough
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The FOKP board consists of:

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Ken Stafford (term expires Dec. 2020)

Joining the board on January 1, 2020:

Jim Koelliker - 3 year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022
Jeff Watson - 3 year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022
Marcia Rozell - 3 year term expiring Dec. 31, 2022

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New and Renewing FOKP Members

Thank you all for your support of the Friends of Konza Prairie!

Members who have newly joined or renewed their membership since the last issue of the Bison & Bluestem include:

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Little Bluestem

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