

The Docent News



June 1998

For Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Docents

Gift Shop News

from Sue Wheeler

On May 16 gift shop hours extended until 5 p.m., and the third shift option began for weekends on May 30! This extra coverage should bring extra sales.

Total sales for the month of April were \$4,730.71, bringing year-to-date sales to \$8,130.97, \$795 dollars more than during this period for 1997. We were open 29 out of 30 days.

Hope everyone is having good experiences with the VISA/MC machine. Let us know how you like it, and about your successes as well as any problems.

Don't forget, the credit card procedure is posted and the red operations booklet is nearby, with a help number. Don't be afraid to give it a try! Unfortunately our biggest problem to date has been with the phone lines. When the lines are out, the machine will not process sales. In those cases, take cash or check, please!

Visitation

from George Meyers

Visitation during the month of April was 1178 registrants! Of those, 438 came from 40 other states, 44 came from 11 foreign countries and 696 were from Oklahoma! This brings our visitor data figures to include visitors from 44 states and 19 other countries already.

Visitors from Texas, Missouri, Kansas and California still lead the list of states, with England and Germany tied among the foreign countries with 11 visitors each.

About 185 of this month's first time visitors were Pawhuska first and second graders! All reports indicate that they and their teachers and parents had a great time!

Ice Cream Socials

Planning is beginning for our annual regional ice cream socials, to be held in late July or early August. If you're interested in hosting or helping, call Mary at 918/585-1117.

Calendar

June

- 20 Heritage Day at TGP!
- 27 Butterfly Count at TGP!

July/August

- tba Ice Cream Socials

October

- 3 Docent Appreciation Picnic

This 'N That

by Mary McIntyre
Education and Outreach Coord.

Included with this addition of the Docent News is the new Docent Roster, incorporating the 1998 Docent Class with all of our returning docents. Take a minute to look over this listing to make sure your entries are correct in our database. Please call me if there are corrections (585-1117).

This list is useful when you need to find a partner or to find a substitute - or to find a new friend. Please use it!

We have started the longer hours with the advent of summer. Your opinions on

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 how this is working are welcome! I would like to take a **POLL** regarding the length of shift. Please call my extension (22) at the Tulsa office and leave me a brief message. If the longer hours are causing problems for some of you, please let me know. I would rather find another solution for covering longer hours than to lose you as a docent because you feel overworked!

Mary

BAD NEWS -----

Three of the four "scrimshaw" items which were ordered for gift shop inventory have been "lifted" from the shop, where they were on display. Although this is a beautiful item, we cannot continue to keep it for sale with such a high theft rate. If anyone has any information about where the items may have gone, please contact Sue Wheeler or Mary.

Heritage Day - June 20

Don't forget this special day at the Prairie! Extra docents are needed as there will be a good crowd on hand! Our book sale in the yard is always successful! Contact Barbara Bates to sign up for a partial shift if you plan to attend. There will be great music, and as always, Bad Brad's BBQ for lunch!!

Prairie News

from Harvey Payne, Preserve Director, and Bob Hamilton, preserve director of Science and Stewardship

- Over 130 baby bison have been born as of early-May! The bison are grazing the large burn patches. With the arrival of the calves, the groups of adults are starting to come together. They are also starting to shed their winter hair.
- The trail upgrade is now complete. Both loops have been graveled, with berms installed on the stretches which are eroding. A steel bridge has been installed over the creek on the long loop, and the long loop has been expanded. This long loop is now officially called the "Prairie Earth Trail."
- Alan Brown, a volunteer from Atlanta, returned this year and has been painting the bison corrals. He will finish the paint job by May 30!
- There have been no burns or wildfires recently.
- Peter Pruett, a new Masters candidate under Dr. Jim Shaw at OSU, has started a research project focusing on the use of

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shed bison wool by burrowing rodents.

- In the TU project, the researchers are starting to test different plant species for revegetation of remediated oil spill sites.
- The structure is now complete for the new garage. Electrical and water will be installed by the end of May.
- The cowboys have been removing old fence and cattle pens, and building work benches and shelving for the new shop.
- Volunteer assistance is needed to clean up litter along the roads through the preserves.
- Plant growth got off to a good start this spring, although, prior to last weekend, it had been a little hot and dry. Wildflowers are coming on, with a good display visible along the nature trail.
- Special thanks to Jan and Ted Holsemback and their crew of volunteers for cleanup along the roadside on April 11.

New Docent Roster included in this issue!

AUGUST 1998

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 2 * * * | 3 * * | 4 * * | 5 <i>Dave Dolcater</i> * | 6 <i>Linda Anderson</i> * | 7 0 FM * * | 8 * * * |
| 9 * * * | 10 * * | 11 * * | 12 * * | 13 <i>Doris Mayfield</i> * | 14 * * | 15 * * * |
| 16 * * * | 17 * * | 18 <i>Barbara Bates</i> <i>Sue Wheeler</i> | 19 * * | 20 <i>Nyla Woody</i> <i>Randy Woody</i> | 21 * * | 22 * * * |
| 23 * * * | 24 * * | 25 * * | 26 * * | 27 <i>Bill Rinehart</i> * | 28 * * | 29 * * * |
| 30 <i>William Mosier</i> * * | 31 * * | | | | | |

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JULY 1998

| <i>SUNDAY</i> | <i>MONDAY</i> | <i>TUESDAY</i> | <i>WEDNESDAY</i> | <i>THURSDAY</i> | <i>FRIDAY</i> | <i>SATURDAY</i> |
|--|--|---|---|--|---------------------|---|
| | | | 1 <i>Stu Marshall</i> * | 2 <i>Linda Anderson</i> * | 3 * * | 4 <i>Independence Day !</i> * * * |
| 5 * * * | 6 <i>Mary Johnston</i> <i>Dean Johnston</i> | 7 * * | 8 <i>Dave Dolcater</i> * | 9 <i>Doris Mayfield</i> <i>Christie Kennedy</i> | 10 * * | 11 <i>Wayne Middleton</i> <i>George Myers</i> <i>Vera Myers</i> |
| 12 <i>Mary Cumming</i> * * | 13 * * | 14 <i>Carl Wilhite</i> * | 15 * * | 16 <i>Randy Woody</i> <i>Nyla Woody</i> | 17 * * | 18 * * * |
| 19 * * * | 20 <i>Loretta Vives</i> <i>Vav Vives</i> | 21 <i>Barbara Bates</i> <i>Sue Wheeler</i> | 22 <i>Nancy Bobsein</i> <i>Marilyn Keefer</i> <i>Iris McPherson</i> | 23 <i>Bill Rinehart</i> <i>Christy Kennedy</i> | 24 * * | 25 <i>Terra Groh 12-6</i> <i>Perry Crampton 12-6</i> * |
| 26 <i>Marilyn Clarke</i> <i>William Mosier</i> * | 27 * * | 28 * * | 29 <i>Joanne Colbert</i> <i>John Colbert</i> | 30 * * | | |

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | 1 George McCourt * | 2 Sue Wheeler * | 3 Bob Hawks Jan Hawks | 4 Linda Anderson * | 5 Dan Vinyard * | 6 Don Bruner bill Dinger * |
| 7 Mary Cumming Christy Kennedy * | 8 George McCourt * | 9 Carl Wilhite * | 10 Dave Dolcater Marilyn Keefer | 11 Doris Mayfield Dick Baker Sally Baker | 12 John Beasley * | 13 John Beasley Perry Crampton Terry Groh 12-6 George & Vera Myers |
| 14 Dennis Bires Marian Bires 12-6 Cheryl Kilpatrick | 15 Loretta Vives Van Vives | 16 Barbara Bates Sue Wheeler | 17 Stu Marshall Iris McPherson | 18 Randy Woody Nyla Woody | 19 Nancy Bobsein * | 20 John Fisher Marilyn Clarke Renel Johnson * |
| 21 Laban Miles * * | 22 Mary Johnston Dean Johnston | 23 * * | 24 Dan Vinyard * | 25 Edith Haraughty Bill Rinehart | 26 Robyn Stroup Connie Murray | 27 David Turner Betty Turner 12-6 Terra Groh Perry Crampton |
| 28 William Mosier Linda Erwin * | 29 Dorothy Buck * | 30 * * | | | | |

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