

The Docent News



For Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Docents

March 1999

Gift Shop News

from Sue Wheeler

Our first open date is Sunday, March 14! Inventory is currently being shifted from Sue's home to the shop. Sue and Doris Mayfield will be at work on March 12 and 13 to prepare for opening. Several new items will be offered for sale - more info about those and other items at the 3/13 REORIENTATION.

Speaking of

REORIENTATION -
See agenda! Please return your RSVP card which is enclosed with this letter!

Visitors Center Update!

Harvey reports that the new Visitors Center has been completely framed in, doors and windows are in place, and the metal siding will soon be applied. Progress is fast! You will be informed of upcoming workdays as we prepare to shift our operation to this new location! Help will be needed several days!

Calendar

February

27 Speaker's Training, 1 - 4 p.m. Tulsa office

March

13 Reorientation

14 Gift Shop Opens

20 New Docent Training I

27 New Docent Training II

28 Trail Guide Training

April

17 Spring Workday - Litter pickup

24 Spring Wildflower ID and Wild Hog Creek Hike

June

4,5 Annual Meeting, Beavers Bend State Park

19 Heritage Day, Tallgrass Prairie Preserve

October/November

(ba) Appreciation Dinner and Tenth Anniversary Event!

Visitation

from George Meyers

"In January, 215 visitors signed the register, down about a third from January 1997. Twelve were visitors from other countries, 27 were from eleven other states and 176 were from Oklahoma.

"The visitors from other countries were from Chile, Japan, New Zealand, Scotland and England. There were eight days without sign-ins, presumably because of the weather."

Speakers Training

Learn more about our two slide shows and how to volunteer as a speaker for the Oklahoma Chapter at Speakers Training. Saturday, 2/27 from 1-4 p.m. at the Tulsa office, 23 W. 3rd(downtown).

Tom Clark, Vol. Speakers Bureau Coordinator, and Mary McIntyre will provide training. Call 585-1117 to RSVP for the training.

Notes from the Preserve:

- Work on the new Visitors Center continues. Frame, windows and doors are up and in! New metal siding will be up soon.
- The bison are ranging the preserve in many scattered bands of 25 or more. Calves will start being born in late March and early April!
- The cowboys have completed the fence around the latest addition to the bison unit, which expands that acreage to 11,000+. Corral expansion to start soon.
- Rainfall is now slightly above normal.
- The eagles have left, and many geese are migrating north. The vultures have returned!
- Spring cleanup day is April 17! Plan to attend.

Do you have an email address? If you want your email address listed with your street address on the 1999 roster, please email me before March 1 at MMcint2415@aol.com.

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Calendars Included!

This News contains shift calendars for March, April and May. Barbara Bates returns as our scheduling assistant, with Linda Anderson serving as helper. Please fill in your first and second choice of

shifts each month and return the calendar to Barbara, or you may contact her by phone or email. You will receive a reminder card about a week before your scheduled shift.

1999 Docent Reorientation

Saturday, March 13

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pawhuska Senior Citizens' Center

(yellow building behind Police Station on West Main)

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, coffee and reunions
Research Project Poster Display in place
- 9 a.m. **Welcome, introductions and presentations**
- 9:05 **What's Happening - the Update!**
Harvey Payne, Preserve Director, Tallgrass Prairie Preserve
"Land, Bison, Fire and Visitor Center"
- 9:45 PAPER REVIEW of 1998 - handouts- visitation, sales and surveys - Stretch break
- 10 a.m. Gift Shop Preview
Sue Wheeler
Gift Shop Manager (Volunteer)
- 10:45 a.m. Break (scheduling, liability releases)
- 11 a.m. **"Oil, Gas and Reclamation Research in Osage County"**
Kerry Sublette
University of Tulsa, Professor of Chemical Engineering
- 11:45 a.m. Catered lunch (provided by TNC) - scheduling, liability releases
- 12 p.m. Statewide TNC Slide Show
- 12:30 p.m. Osage Hills State Park - Ranger Mike Vaught
- 1 p.m. Update: Trail Guide program/Training (30 min.)
- 1:30 p.m.- 2:15 p.m.
Tours and talks - select one to attend
Tour 1: Osage County Museum
Tour 2: Catholic Church Tour - Father Higgins
Talk 1: **Dr. Jim Shaw - "Bison Behavior and Research"**
at Sr. Citizens' Center
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Tours and talks - select one of the above tours to attend, or
Talk 2: **Jenk Jones, Jr. - Osage County History**
at Sr. Citizens' Center
- 3:15 p.m. Return to Sr. Citizens' center for final door prize.

MARCH 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Sue Wheeler Doris Mayfield	15 Loretta Vives Van Vives	16 Iris McPhersan *	17 Barbara Bates Stu Marshall Christie Kennedy	18 Randy Woody Nyla Woody	19	20 George Meyers Gary Weyl Renee Weyl
21 Mary Cumming Carol Redford	22 Dan Vinyard *	23 Phyllis Connally *	24 Roberta Wherritt Judy Barto	25 Bill Rhinehart Linda Anderson	26 Dean Johnston Mary Ellen Johnston	27 Dorothy Buck Edith Haraughty
28 * *	29 Roberta Wherritt	30 * *	31 Dave Dolcater Marilyn Keefer			

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APRIL 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Stu Marshall</i> *	2 * *	3 <i>Doris Mayfield</i> <i>Carolyn Mathews</i>
4 <i>John Fisher</i> *	5 * *	6 * *	7 * *	8 * *	9 <i>Liz Medley</i> <i>Al Medley</i>	10 <i>George Meyers</i> <i>David Turner</i> <i>Betty Turner</i>
11 <i>Edith Haraughty</i> <i>Dorothy Buck</i>	12 <i>Dean Johnston</i> <i>Mary Ellen Johnston</i>	13 <i>Barbara Bates</i> *	14 <i>Roberta Wherritt</i> <i>Judy Barto</i>	15 <i>Nyla and Randy</i> <i>Woody</i>	16 * *	17 <i>Phyllis Connally</i>
18 <i>Mary Cumming</i> <i>Carol Redford</i> *	19 <i>Loretta Vives</i> *	20 * *	21 <i>Iris McPherson</i> <i>Marilyn Keefer</i>	22 <i>Bill Rinehart</i> <i>Linda Anderson</i>	23 <i>Van Vives</i> <i>Loretta Vives</i>	24 <i>Gary Weyl</i> <i>Renee Weyl</i>
25 <i>John Fisher</i> <i>William Mosier</i> *	26 * *	27 * *	28 <i>Dave Dolcater*</i> *	29 <i>*Dan Vinyard</i> *	30 * *	31 * *

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