

The Docent News



For Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Docents

April 1999

Gift Shop News

from Sue Wheeler

Due, to the weather, our first open day at the preserve was Tuesday, March 17! Our little shop is stuffed with inventory! Eventually, boxes will be moved into the new visitors center. Work days will be planned!!! At this point, we could be ready to open late April to mid-May.

Calendar

March

- 20 New Docent Training I
- 27 New Docent Training II
- 28 Trail Guide Training

April

- 17 Spring 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

- 16 Appreciation Dinner
- 27 Tenth Anniversary Event!

Visitation

from George Meyers

"In February, 417 visitors signed in at the headquarters, up 22.6% from February 1998. Two were from other countries, England and France. 89 were from 26 other states, with Missouri (19) and California (14) leading and followed by Kansas (8), Idaho (6) and Utah (5). 326 Oklahomans took advantage of the nice February weather and drove up to the Prairie. Only four days had no sign-ins. Year-to-date we've had 632 visitors."

Notes from the Preserve:

- Work on the new Visitors Center continues. The building was to have been sheet rocked this week!
- The bison continue to range the preserve in many scattered bands of 25 or more. Calves will start being born in late March and early April!

Reorientation - Cancelled!!!

Due to the threat of a winter storm, the decision was made about 3 p.m. on March 12 to cancel the March 13 Reorientation. Working from the RSVP list of those who had planned to attend, all persons (65) were placed on a calling list to be notified of the cancellation. If you had not returned your RSVP card or phoned, you were not called!

However, I understand that a few people did show up Saturday morning. If you made the drive to Pawhuska on March 13, I apologize for your inconvenience! Every effort was made to let those who had made reservations know about the change.

Calendars Included!

This News contains shift calendars for April, May and June. Please fill in your first and second choice of shifts and return the calendars to Barbara, or contact her by phone or email. Your reminder card will be sent about a week before.

Ecology Series to Air on PBS

I've been receiving information about a new three-part miniseries to premiere on April 6 on PBS (Channel 11 in Tulsa).

"The delicate relationship between people and the world they inhabit is explored in a new three-part documentary miniseries, "Journey to Planet earth", premiering Tuesday, April 6 at 10 p.m. ET." (That's 9 p.m. CT). The first episode is "Rivers of Destiny".

Kelly McGillis narrates.



Thank You...

from Mary McIntyre

Daryl and I want to thank all of you for the wonderful wedding gift! Certainly unexpected, I was overcome when Sue Wheeler, Doris Mayfield, Dave Dolcater and Iris McPherson stepped into my office and delivered your gift on March 15!

You are all certainly very special volunteers, and each of you has a special place in my heart.

For those who haven't heard the details, I will be married on March 22 to Daryl Coley. Many of you have met Daryl

during the past two-plus years. He is a native Tulsan, a Civil War History buff, an amateur archeologist and a carpenter extra-ordinaire.

We will combine our homes and live in Broken Arrow, where my youngest child, Brian, age 15, is in the 9th grade. Daryl has three grown children, all students at OSU. My daughter is a freshman at OU! (We won't be going out on the town very often.....)

You will start seeing my name as Mary McIntyre Coley for a brief period, and then I will be Mary Coley. I

do not foresee any change in employment in the near future.

We will marry March 22 in Eureka Springs. I'll be back in the office on March 26 and at the Preserve for new docent training on March 27 and Trail Guide Training on March 28.

I'm sure Daryl will be recruited to help with the move into the new visitors center, so many of you may have the chance to meet him then.

Again, thank you for your wonderful gift and your kind thoughts. I truly feel blessed!

Mary

APRIL 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Stu Marshall</i> <i>David Turner</i>	2 <i>Jo Brooks</i> <i>Marilyn Joplin</i>	3 <i>Doris Mayfield</i> <i>Carolyn Mathews</i>
4 <i>John Fisher</i> *	5 * *	6 * *	7 * *	8 <i>Nyla Woody</i> <i>Randy Woody</i>	9 * *	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> <i>David Turner</i>	14 <i>Roberta Wherritt</i> <i>Judy Barto</i>	15 * *	16 * *	17 <i>Phyllis Connally</i>
18 <i>Mary Cumming</i> <i>Carol Redford</i> *	19 * *	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 <i>Liz Medley</i> <i>Al Medley</i>	28 <i>Dave Dolcater</i> *	29 <i>Dan Vinyard</i> *	30 * *	

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MAY 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Jan Hawks</i> <i>Bob Hawks</i> *
2 * *	3 * *	4 * *	5 <i>Stu Marshall</i> *	6 <i>Dick Baker</i> <i>Sally Baker</i>	7 * *	8 <i>George Meyers</i> * *
9 * * *	10 * *	11 <i>Carle Wilhite Jr</i> *	12 <i>Roberta Wherritt</i> <i>Judy Barto</i>	13 <i>Dan Vinyard</i> *	14 * *	15 * * *
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JUNE 1999

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