

# The Docent News



For Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Docents

September 1997

## This 'N That

by Mary McIntyre

End of summer greetings! I enjoyed seeing many of you at the summer ice cream socials this month. We will try to make these annual events held in late July and August.

Our summer intern, Julie Shaw, finished her internship on August 7. With her help, many projects were completed in the Tulsa office, including the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve Guide that you will now find for sale at the Gift Shop. The guide is \$5, just process the sale like any other item in the shop. Our initial printing of 100 of these guides was done through a contribution by our own docent and Trustee, Judy Kishner. Thank you, Judy!

Julie also helped with some items in the Nature Center. If you haven't been checking that room out, please do! Doris Mayfield has done an excellent job setting up the exhibits, and the visitors are really enjoying that room. We are always open to additions and changes, as space allows. So, pass on your thoughts to Doris or to me. Thanks, Doris!

Check this issue for your invitation to the Docent Dinner on Oct. 4 and please return your form to make your reservation! Hope to see everyone there!

## Visitation

by George Meyers

The latest information shows that during July, 1299 visitors signed in! Forty-one were from 15 other countries, two were from Puerto Rico, 488 were from 41 other states and Washington D.C., and 768 were from Oklahoma. The year-to-date visitor total is 7647. Foreign visitors are up 104% and out-of-state visitors are up 9.9%. During July, 76.9% of our visitors were first timers.

## Gift Shop

by Sue Wheeler

Gift Shop sales for July totalled \$4,566.56. Sales to date total \$28,255.17, up about \$4400 over last year at this time!

August sales have been great since the weather has been much milder than usual for this time of year.

### CLASS FLASH

A Conference called "Using Native Plants in Your Landscape" has been set for October 24-26 at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. Preregistration by Oct. 1 is only \$70 for the three days. (Lodging is not included).

Two of our docents, Doris Mayfield and Iris McPherson, are planning on attending. If you are interested, contact Mary for a copy of the flyer, or talk to Iris at 405/547-2949 or Doris at 918/743-6922.

## Notes from The Prairie

Recent abundant rainfall has kept the grass green and abundant across the Preserve! There have been no prairie fires! The cowboys have been at work building the east fence in the new 160 acre trap northeast of the bison corrals, as well as building the new wing which will lead into the corrals.

The bison are grazing everywhere and in a new 1500 acre addition to the bison range which was opened in mid-August. The bison are in two or three large herds, and getting fat in preparation for winter.

At last count, 165 new calves had been born into the herd. A complete count will not be available under the herd is gathered for annual vaccinations in late October, early November.

## Notice Anything New?

The new look of The Docent News is all due to new software which was donated to The Conservancy nationwide by Microsoft Word and installed by regional staff in July. All state chapters are now using the same versions of Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. Our next step is training for staff so that we can all learn the tricks of these particular programs. If you have pointers, let us know!

# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> George McCourt Barbara Strahm	<b>2</b> Phyllis Connally Doris Mayfield	<b>3</b> Dean and Mary Ellen Johnston	<b>4</b> Barbara Bates Stu Marshall	<b>5</b> Linda Anderson Pat Bumpas	<b>6</b> Betty & David Turner
<b>7</b> John Fisher Nune Richards	<b>8</b> Loretta and Van Vives	<b>9</b> Judy Kishner Bill Rinehart	<b>10</b> *1. *2.	<b>11</b> *1. <i>Iris</i> *2.	<b>12</b> George and Vera Meyers	<b>13</b> Wayne Middleton Dorothy Buck
<b>14</b> Diana Childs Mary Jane Hansel	<b>15</b> Al and Liz Medley	<b>16</b> Lila Brierty Joan Fuller	<b>17</b> John and Joanne Colbert	<b>18</b> Randy and Nyla Woody	<b>19</b> Al Beckert	<b>20</b> Robyn Stroup Jo Brooks
<b>21</b> Sherry Beeker Maxine King	<b>22</b> Bob and Mary Reeves	<b>23</b> Barbara and Don Sweeney	<b>24</b> Marilyn Keefer  Iris McPherson	<b>25</b> Pat Hair *2.	<b>26</b> Sue Wheeler Dick Baker	<b>27</b> Cheryl Kilpatrick Donald Bruner
<b>28</b> Linda Irwin Edith Haraughty	<b>29</b> *1. *2.	<b>30</b> Phyllis Connally *2.	<p>Is your name listed on this calendar? If it is, check your calendar, mark the date down, and show up at the Preserve! To change a day or schedule a day, call Shirley Miller at 918/836-5349. For future months, you may also select a first and second choice of open days, mark them on the calendar, and return the calendar to Shirley at 4635 E. 13th Pl., Tulsa, OK 74112. A post card will arrive to confirm your work shift. Thanks!</p>			

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Doris Mayfield Nune Richards	2 *1. *2.	3 *1. *2.	4 Dean and Mary Ellen Johnston  Docent Appreciation Dinner
5 Cheryl Kilpatrick Sandy Frazier	6 *1. *2.	7 *1. *2.	8 Stu Marshall *2.	9 Bill Rinehart Pat Hair	10 Jo Brooks *2.	11 Mark and Marcie Hendricks
12 Don Bruner Dorothy Buck	13 *1. *2.	14 Lila Brierly Joan Fuller	15 Dave Dolcater John and Joanne Colbert	16 Nyla and Randy Woody	17 George and Vera Meyers	18 Sherry Beeker Maxine King
19 Barbara and Don Sweeney	20 *1. *2.	21 *1. *2.	22 Marilyn Keefer Iris McPherson	23 Linda Anderson Pat Bumpas	24 Al Beckert *2.	25 David and Betty Turner
26 Linda Irwin *2.	27 *1. *2.	28 *1. *2.	29 *1. *2.	30 *1. *2.	31 *1. *2.	

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# NOVEMBER

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						<b>1</b> Marilyn Fugate Jo Brooks
<b>2</b> Shirley and Ken Miller	<b>3</b> *1. *2.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> *1. *2.	<b>6</b> Bill Rinehart	<b>7</b> *1. *2.	<b>8</b> Bill Dinger Renel Johnson
<b>9</b> *1. *2.	<b>10</b> *1. *2.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Dave Dolcater  *2.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> *1. *2.	<b>15</b> Sue Wheeler George and Vera Meyers  <i>shop closes for season</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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