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Spring wildflowers. Photo by Connie Scothorn

Upcoming Events/Activities

(check the ONPS website or Facebook for more details)

Mar 4 - NE Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at Tulsa Garden Center, Helmerich Building, Tulsa

Mar 7 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building

Mar 15 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Apr 4 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building

Apr 12-13 - SpringFest booth, NE Chapter (See page 5).

Apr 19 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Apr 20 - Earth Day activities. (see page 5)

Apr 26-28 - Annual Wonders of Wildflowers event at Robbers Cave State Park. (See insert to register).

May 2 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building

May 6 - NE Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at Tulsa Garden Center, Helmerich Building, Tulsa

May 17 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

May 18-19 -NE Chapter booth at Tulsa Audubon Backyard Garden Tour.

Jun 8 - Plant Walk (see page 3).

Jun 21 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Jul 6 - Plant Walk (see page 3).

Central Chapter, 6:30 pm socializing and 7:00 pm meeting at Oklahoma City University in the Dawson-Loeffler Science Center, Room 208.

NE Chapter, 6:30 pm socializing and 7:00 pm meeting at Tulsa Garden Center, Helmerich Building, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa

Fabulous Wildflower Fridays, 3rd Friday monthly, 5:30 pm, casual, at Panera Bread, 5601 E 41st Street, Tulsa

Preview Chapter meeting topics inside. All members are invited to all meetings, including board meetings, and are encouraged to bring guests.

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President's Message

By Shalini Chitturi, ONPS President

As this winter's chilling winds calm down and the icy rains melt, the sight of the rounded juncos, chickadees and the finches chipping away on the dried twigs brings warm hopes of the spring nearby.

The deceptively dormant wheatish brown plants seen from the window, entices me, once again, with the sheer beauty of nature, even in its minimalism. The hidden messages to unwind and rejuvenate and watch the spring prepare, to set roots for the new life forms inspires me.

The ephemerals will soon carpet the ground in minute stars while the translucent green will hastily sprout out in the canopies and the ground alike. The cardinals, robins and starlings are already busy scouting for a partner to start their lives.

We have a few events being planned for the upcoming weeks. Please do check the ONPS website and FB page for more details. Please try to attend them and have fun!

As we continue to meet throughout this year and inspire each other, I would leave you all with this thought...

"Why don't we all make a path of natives and let Mother Nature walk into our backyard?"

Shalini



Fiddleheads of
Christmas fern
beginning to
unfurl
(*Polystichum
acrostichoides*).
Photo by Lynn
Michael

Central Chapter Update

Micah Friedman, Chair

March 7 - Dr. Sheila Strawn, author of Lichen Field Guide for Oklahoma and Surrounding States, will present Lichens in Tree Communities.

April 4 - Lauren Rosenfelt will present her graduate work, Ecosystem multifunctionality; benefits of forb plant diversity to local pollinators and soil properties from water retention to carbon sequestration. Lauren (BFA) is an MS student at the University of Oklahoma School of Biological Sciences. Her research surveys soils, plants, and pollinators across 21 sites in Central Oklahoma.

May 2 - Sean Washington will present how native gardens can directly help species like migrating birds and butterflies explode and create hubs of biodiversity. See thefitnaturalist.com

June 8 - Plant Walk. Meet at 9 am at the front entrance of the Belle Isle Library, 5501 N. Villa Ave, OKC, to traverse to the creek behind the library to look at plants and learn about plant families.

July 6 - Plant Walk. Meet at 9 am in front of Shoe Carnival, 1701 Belle Isle Blvd, OKC to caravan 5 miles to the Deep Fork River.

Indoor events start at 7 pm at Oklahoma City University, 2501 N Blackwelder Ave, OKC, in Room 208 of the Dawson-Loeffler Science Center.

For outdoor events, wear hiking clothes and bring water.

Contributions

General Fund

12/19/2023 Kroll, David E.
In Memory of Irene McKee

12/19/2023 Anonymous

Northeast Chapter Update

Theresa Turner, Chapter Chair

Location change: Still meeting at the Tulsa Garden Center, but in the Helmerich Center instead of the ballroom.

Booths at SpringFest, Earth Fest and Tulsa Audubon Backyard Habitat Tour.

Meetings:

March 4th our speaker will be Georgia Riggs. Georgia will speak about bird-window collisions, one of the leading sources of human-caused avian mortality. She is a Fish and Wildlife Biologist with the Oklahoma Ecological Services Field Office for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Jack Titchener is scheduled as the speaker for May 6th. Jack works for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission helping administer the Yard by Yard community resiliency project. This project promotes sustainability through many practices such as being pesticide free, growing food, conserving water, creating Wildlife habitats, maintaining good soil health, planting natives species in your yard, and more!

Welcome New Members

Added 11/12/23 thru 1/31/24

Jaqueline De Los Santos,
Claude Aughtry & Sydney Hulen,
Kara Richardson, Julie Dobbs,
Jamie & Kevin McNeill,
Julianna Monnot, Joseph Cepeda,
Holly Van Auken, Larry Mays,
Susan & David Salazar,
Jerry Addison, Brenda Lantz,
Veena Khanna, Kristy Lesley,
Bill & Kathy Jantz,
Mary Gard, Susan Prescott,
Patti & Paul Ingram,
Christine Patton (Life)

THE STORY OF THE ONPS LOGO

ONPS NEEDS LOGO!!!!

Article and photo by Sue Amstutz

With this headline found on the first page of the May/June 1989 issue of the Society's newsletter, The Gaillardia, members of ONPS received their "invitation" to submit designs for the logo which would visually represent the nearly three-year-old organization. The contest, envisioned by the society's Executive Board, was titled "Design the Logo". The competition would provide the organization with an appropriate recognizable emblem for use in a multitude of ways.

Requirements for the competition stated: "Any type of logo will be considered as long as the Society's name or initials are incorporated"...one or more designs were to "be submitted as black ink drawings or as glossy photographs not smaller than 3x5 inches nor larger than 8 ½ x 11 inches." Entries would be reviewed by the Executive Board with those chosen to be submitted to the membership for final selection during the upcoming State Annual Meeting. Entries were to be sent to Ron Tyrl at OSU by June 1, 1989 deadline.

At the summer board meeting, held on August 16, 1989 in Stroud, officers and committee chairmen evaluated the entries and selected five finalists to be brought before the membership. State President, Nora Jones, reported. "We were pleased with the interest shown in the logo competition and anticipate having a logo representative of our Society very soon."

The September/October Gaillardia announced that the logo vote would occur at the Quartz Mountain Resort, site of the 1989 Annual Meeting being held November 4-5. In the summary of scheduled events, attendees were told that they would "pick a logo for our Society", and members unable to attend in person were advised to "Vote for our logo even if you can't attend by mailing the ballot from page 9 of the newsletter." Sure enough, page 9 included examples of each of the five finalists; each finalist was given a number in order to simplify the voter's indication of choice. The final selection was Design #3...(all current members of ONPS would immediately recognize that design, for it is widely used by the Society today).

During the Member Meeting in November at Quartz Mountain, not only was the logo voted on and adopted, but another important matter was considered and agreed upon...CHAPTERS in ONPS! Larry McGrath was elected State ONPS president.

Our new logo appeared for the first time in widespread distribution when it appeared in the upper right corner of The Gaillardia's masthead for the November/December 1989 issue. Early copies of the newsletter did not publish in color, so the logo appeared in black ink, with the Society's purpose printed below the logo. When ONPS decided to upgrade The Gaillardia in order to allow for color photography, for the Winter, 2014 issue, the logo was presented in color as part of the masthead.

Before 2014, however, toward the end of the Twentieth Century, the then Executive Board authorized the Society to have produced, then marketed and offered for sale a number of types of merchandise, all of which would display the logo in its color version.

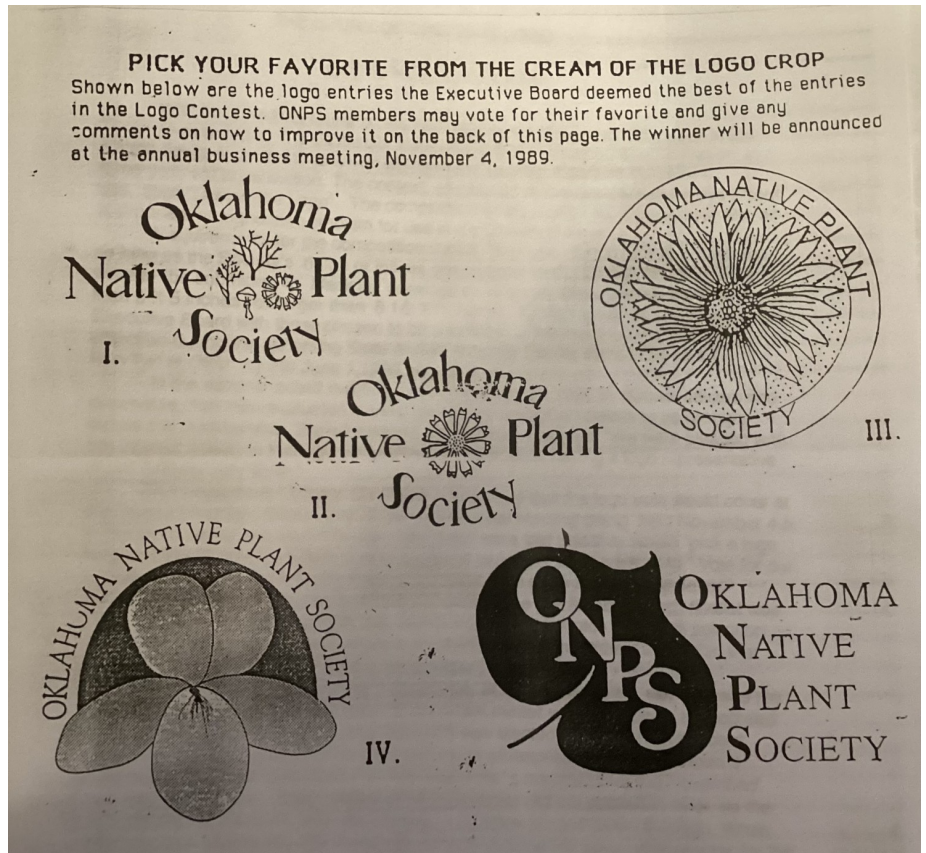
Merchandise items included stationery, notepads, visors and ball caps, tee-shirts and long-sleeved shirts, mugs and car flags. Important ONPS documents such as membership forms, name tags for various statewide events, and assorted announcements sent to the membership or to members of an individual chapter displayed the logo.

(LOGO continued on Page 5)

(LOGO continued from Page 4)

Later, beautiful table coverings for use in displays were added, the logo centered and highlighting the floor-length green background of the table cloth. Both of ONPS's most prestigious awards, the Anne Long and the Betty Kemm Service Award, employ the logo as part of the plaques presented to recipients of these awards. Large yard metal signs used for directing members and visitors to various state meetings, field trips and assorted other Society venues came about in the 2003-2006 triennium; they also feature the logo.

ONPS NEEDS LOGO!!!! stated the 1989 Gaillardia article. The winner of that competition has proven a useful, much valued emblem of our Society.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The Northeast Chapter will have a booth at the SpringFest garden market located at Woodward Park on Friday, Apr 12th and Sat, Apr 13th. "Don't miss this opportunity to gain expert horticultural advice and buy the plants you can't live without, all in one spot!" Also look for an ONPS booth at Herb Festivals in the Tulsa area this Spring.

On Earth Day, April 20, 2024, the Central Chapter will host a booth at the [OKC Beautiful Earth Fest](#). It will be held at downtown Oklahoma City's Scissortail Park from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. According to the OKC Beautiful website, "The event will include live music, classes, vendors, giveaways, a kid's activity area, and more."

ONPS volunteers at the booths will hand out seed packets, register new members, and offer books, stickers and other merchandise for sale.

If you would like to recommend a venue for a booth, or volunteer to man a booth, contact Juliette Hulen at juliettehulen@gmail.com. It is a great way to learn more about ONPS and to build friendships with other members.

COLOR OKLAHOMA

Article and photo by Monica Bartling, Color Oklahoma Chair

Color Oklahoma (CO) worked with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) to successfully plant \$13,100 in wildflower seeds across Oklahoma turnpikes and highways. The wildflower seeds were planted mid-December through late January. With all the wonderful rain received across the state, the seeds should produce a spectacular palette of spring colors from mid-April to late July.

Our newest municipal planting was in the city of Okemah where wildflower seeds were planted by ODOT on the west bound entrance ramp to I-40 and on the access road next to I-40 on the north side of the Interstate. The partner match for this project was provided by an Okemah High School Alum on behalf of the OHS class of 1974.

CO had a busy year becoming compliant in regard to the Open Meetings Laws for our state, writing new bylaws and expanding our Committee to 11 members with the addition of Kristy Leslie, Okemah City Manager and Sandy Graue, ONPS Executive Board member. Both have interests and skillsets to add great value to CO.

Monica Bartling, Chair, and Pearl Garrison, Chair Emeritus, from Color Oklahoma have worked with Senator Chris Kidd (Oklahoma District 31) to create a Bill to designate April as Oklahoma Native Plant month. SB-1935 was introduced in the Session this February 5 and states:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5000 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The month of April is hereby designated as “Oklahoma Native Plant Month” in order to increase public awareness of native plants in this state and the many benefits such plants provide to pollinators, the economy of this state, and the environmental health of this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

CO is eagerly following the bill through the Oklahoma Senate as it works toward becoming law this November. Currently Ohio, Mississippi and California have passed similar legislation. Missouri is also working on a similar law. In the fall of 2022, the Garden Clubs of America launched a successful initiative to get all 50 states to make April 2023 Native Plant Month in every State. ONPS aided the passing of that proclamation in Oklahoma. The passing of this law would mean that Oklahoma would not have to get that proclamation signed each year.

CO has also expanded our focus on outreach with presentations to multiple organizations and municipalities across the state.



Representatives from multiple groups met in Okemah in late December for their first wildflower planting with Color Oklahoma. From left, Jimmy Morphis, ODOT Heavy Equipment Operator; Mike Ishmael, Okemah City Council; Ron Tyrl, Vice-Chair, Color Oklahoma; Sandy Golden, Representative Creek Nation Council. Sandy is holding her granddaughter; Ron Gott, Mayor, City of Okemah; Kristy Leslie, City Manager, City of Okemah; Clayton Cornelius, Asst. Superintendent, ODOT and Joe Bradley, Superintendent, ODOT.

A POLLINATOR ROUNDABOUT

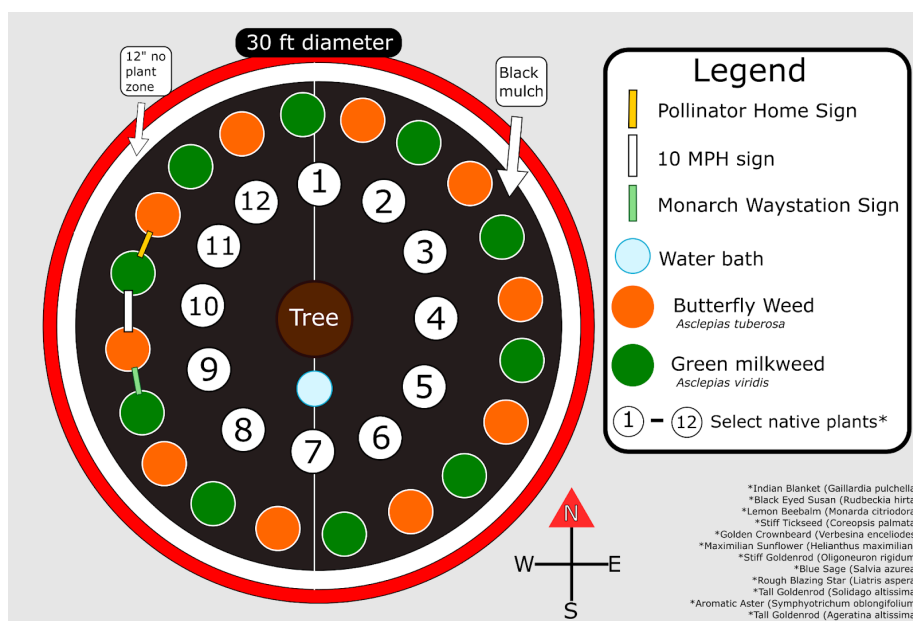
Article and photos by Jerry Addison, Horticulturist, Tulsa Zoo

This was a passion project for me after I moved to work for the Tulsa Zoo in November 2021 from Oceanside, California. Ric Kotarsky (Curator of Scientific Advancement) at the Zoo inspired me when I first sat down and talked to him about his job. He said 3.6 billion milkweed stems are needed across the monarch breeding range to sustain their population. So, I spent months researching the ideal design for a native pollinator garden for my apartment and how to best present the idea to them in an appealing way. I talked to professionals from ONPS (before I was even a member) on plant recommendations, attended the Butterflies, Birds, and Bees OH My! workshop to learn how to create nature-friendly yards, attended the Tulsa Audubon Society native plant sale and bought many natives like coreopsis, asclepias, and solidago. I created a GoFundMe page and itemized everything from shovels to a rented sod cutter from Home Depot. I was donated over \$450 and I single handedly removed all the bermuda grass from the roundabout, gave it away for free, and solarized the soil from May 2023 - August 2023 using a thick piece of 100' plastic gifted to me by Patrick from the Tulsa Audubon Society garden tour. In mid September we planted about 40 plugs containing the plant species below. I stratified and germinated all the butterfly weed plants myself as well as several other rain garden seed packets I collected. The garden was certified as Monarch Waystation number 45725 on September 7, 2023 and the official sign was installed in the roundabout garden. I sowed 5 lbs. of winter rye into my clay-heavy soil in early October as well as 1 lb. of a native butterfly seed mix called [Butterfly Retreat Mix](#) from Native American Seed in Texas. My fiancé Martha and I are excited to see the new seedlings emerge in the spring! We both worked very hard to make this possible and I couldn't be happier with the small, but meaningful impact it has made on my community.

View the pollinator roundabout this spring at Chardonnay apartment homes at 7209 S 92nd E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133. Read more details at: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-EEuvJdlKQEm5NZtqRLVNkMBC8M0USrOEO4RoOwrNac/edit#heading=h.z6ne0og04bp5>

- Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Green Milkweed (*Asclepias viridis*)
- Indian Blanket (*Gaillardia pulchella*)
- Black Eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Lemon Beebalm (*Monarda citriodora*)
- Stiff Tickseed (*Coreopsis palmata*)
- Golden Crownbeard (*Verbesina enceliodes*)
- Maximilian Sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*)
- Stiff Goldenrod (*Oligoneuron rigidum*)
- Blue Sage (*Salvia azurea*)
- Rough Blazing Star (*Liatris aspera*)
- Tall Goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*)
- Aromatic Aster (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*)

"Before" photo of the roundabout on Page 12.
Proposed plantings below.



OKLAHOMA NATIVE PLANT NETWORK

Article and photos by Connie Scothorn

The Oklahoma Native Plant Network (ONPN) has begun planning for events, speakers and plant symposiums for 2024. We are excited that our group is growing and becoming known throughout the state as an advocate for using native plants. We have selected five new native plants to feature for 2024: The Burr Oak, Chickasaw Sand Plum, Blue Grama Grass, Missouri Ironweed and the Purple Passionflower. These are all great plants which will be celebrated with stories and/or growing information throughout the year and at our fall plant symposium, tentatively scheduled for September 14th. (More on that in the next newsletter.)



In honor of the selected Burr Oak (also called Bur Oak) *Quercus macrocarpa*, I would like to introduce you to Oklahoma City's 'famous' Lone Oak tree. This tree is the namesake of neighborhoods, apartments and roads nearby. It is located north of 150th Street and west of Portland and it will be the focal point of the new Lone Oak Park, to be developed by the City of Oklahoma City.

It is hard to imagine what this city looked like when the seed of the Lone Oak Tree germinated over 200 years ago. It was in the mixed grass prairie, in the central portion of the Great Plains. The area was dominated by the grasses: little bluestem, blue grama, porcupine grass, plains muhly grass and others. Wildflowers, such as yarrow, aster, lead plant, goldenrod and much more surrounded it. There was a rich ecological diversity of plants and animals.

Oklahoma was not yet 'Indian territory'. Not an American territory and certainly not yet a state as the Lone Oak grew slowly--only about 12" per year. It survived stampedes of buffalo, fire, tornados, drought and floods, it would become one of the largest of all oaks in Oklahoma. Indeed, this tree is the 3rd largest Burr Oak in the state of Oklahoma.

This Lone Oak Tree has supported generations of wildlife through its years. It is the larval host of many species of butterflies and moths. And its huge acorns (at 1 1/4", the largest of all oak trees) are food for ducks, turkeys, rabbits and squirrels. Native Americans used the Burr Oak as medication for heart problems and other



ailments. This majestic tree, with its large deep green leaves, has grown over 30' tall and 100' wide. It appears to reign over the surrounding grassland like a king.

When you look at an old Burr Oak tree, you are looking at history and when you plant one, you are investing in the future.

Pollinator Garden established at University of Central Oklahoma (UCO)

Article and photos by Gloria Caddell

A little later this spring, please drop by to see the pollinator garden we established last year at UCO! The garden occupies almost 4000 ft² near the main entrance to campus (see directions below), and contains about 60 species of native plants, the vast majority of which are Oklahoma native perennials. Large swaths of native grasses (e.g., big bluestem, little bluestem, switchgrass, blue grama, and Indiangrass) form a backdrop for towering plants such as Maximilian sunflower, cup plant, tall tickseed, soapweed yucca, and azure blue sage. Masses of plants such as Missouri goldenrod, narrowleaf ironweed, Engelmann's

daisy, New England aster, milkweeds, coneflowers, and rose mock vervain provide large splashes of color. Woody plants include American beautyberry, elderberry, buttonbush, and red osier dogwood, and vines include purple passionflower and trumpet honeysuckle. Virginia strawberry and turkey tangle fog fruit provide living mulch. We chose plants that flower from early spring through fall, that provide nectar and pollen for a large variety of pollinators, serve as host plants for butterflies, provide nesting material for bees and birds, and provide cover and seeds for birds. Numerous insects have already been observed in the garden, including bumble bees, sweat bees, and leafcutter bees; paper wasps, potter wasps, and thread-waisted wasps; sulphur, yellow, white, duskywing, sootywing, skipper, buckeye, swallowtail, blue, monarch, fritillary, Painted Lady, and American Lady butterflies; clearwing and sphinx moths; syrphid flies, wasp flies, hoverflies, soldier flies, and robber flies; and lady, scarab, tiger, and tumbling flower beetles.



New England aster (*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)



Monarch butterfly on butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

In addition to providing habitat for declining pollinators and providing opportunities for class activities, research, and outreach, we wanted the garden to demonstrate how native plants can be beautifully incorporated into a landscaped urban setting. The design by our landscape architect, Connie Scothorn, certainly helped us accomplish that! We hope the garden will inspire visitors to use native plants in their home landscapes. The plants are labeled with both common and scientific names to help the public identify them. In September, we dedicated the garden and named it in honor of John F. Barthell, a former UCO dean and provost whose research is on the foraging habits of bees and who also has an orchid bee species, *Eufriesia barthelli*, named in his honor.

If you have a group that would like to visit the garden, we are happy to arrange a tour or activities. Please contact Gloria Caddell at gcaddell@uco.edu.

Directions: The John F. Barthell Pollinator Garden is located between the Donald Betz STEM Research and Learning Center and the Forensic Science Institute. If you turn north on Garland Godfrey Drive from 2nd Street, the garden is on the right. If you come on the weekend, you can park for free on the east side of the STEM Building. During the week, there is a pay lot for visitors to the east of the Nigh University Center.

MEET THE MEMBERS: Barbara Klein

By Fran Stallings, Historian

One interest isn't enough for Barbara Klein! She takes after her mother.

Barbara grew up in southwest Ohio in the middle of four sisters. Her mother somehow fit local arts, music, garden club, and church around leading a girl scout troop which rebuilt trails and replanted natives at Antioch's Glen Helen Nature Preserve. Diving into conservation work, Barbara's mother became an interpretive naturalist to take scouts and seniors on nature hikes, where she told relevant folklore while learning the botanical names. She did slide shows and talks, mostly about native plants. Barbara treasures a snapshot of her mother flat in a field, photographing a tiny plant. Interviewed at 70 years, her mother said her greatest interests were "conservation and children." At age 90 she loved the Internet, answering master gardener questions online from her den and then from her nursing home. Quite an inspiration for Barbara!



Barbara considered forestry school after getting a 1971 business degree at Bowling Green State University. Instead, she was hired into a new office at Ohio's Wright Patterson AFB that was interfacing procurement/contracting with other Command functions. "In those days they were mainframes with punch card input and teletype output. Analysis with computers was just beginning." Thanks to the Air Force's support of graduate studies, she got a 1979 Master of Science degree in logistics, majoring in contracting, from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Barbara and husband James Weaver moved to Oklahoma in late 1984, and she spent the final 25 years of her career at Tinker AFB in contracting. But that wasn't enough! They joined The Nature Conservancy and enjoyed the field trips. Running and a local walking club tied up many Saturday mornings and weekends but, following in her mother's footsteps, she also got involved in Audubon, organic gardening, and training as a Master Gardener in Oklahoma County. She's not sure how or when she first heard of ONPS, "Probably in the mid-90s, recommended by overlapping friends. Once we discovered ONPS, we found that's where we belonged." She became a lifetime member, enjoying the people, speakers, and field trips.



Barbara and James liked traveling around the state for ONPS activities and enjoyed central chapter meetings, Indoor Outings, and Wildflower Workshop weekends. When her parents ventured to Oklahoma for a visit, she proudly took them to a Workshop in Duncan. Our Indoor Outing in Lawton was the last time James drove; he was developing dementia.

Retired from Tinker in 2009, Barbara worked hard for Master Gardeners and volunteered to help with income taxes and Friends of the Library book sales. She continued her interests in fiber arts, choral singing, and baritone ukulele. "I get bored easily." She always advocates for ONPS and native plants if a related topic comes up.

At some point after James' death in 2015, Marilyn Stewart invited Barbara to meet with her and folks like Joe Roberts and Patrick Bell to re-energize the central chapter. She increased her participation, like volunteering at information and registration tables for Doug Tallamy's and Chip Taylor's visits. In 2018 she joined the board as an at-large member and learned about board responsibilities for awards, subcommittees, etc. She feels everybody should be active in our organization! Volunteer to carry boxes! Sit behind a table! Join the board!

In 2019, she decided her administrative skills would support her taking over ONPS Publicity and Merchandise. Juliette Hulen now assists, with much enthusiasm for adding children's books and stickers to the inventory.

Widowed nine years, Barbara says she "feels like a spinster." James was a friend in her life and she's grateful for their "twenty golden years" together, but she's used to being independent. She still belongs to many groups, including two churches (a small one, plus a bigger one for its choir), Ladies Music Club, Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City's Museum of Art, and the Oklahoma Historical Society. She fondly recalls that she did a lot of art in high school and college, and planned to do pen&ink drawings of native wildflowers with watercolor wash -- but got busy working. Now she wonders, "What should I be when I grow up?" Her new place in Yukon (with a garage for ONPS merchandise) offers lawn service, but she could do something creative and Tallamy-inspired...

She will definitely do more than one thing. When Barbara received ONPS' Betty Kemm Award, her sisters agreed: "Our mother would have been proud of you."

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At left: Soapweed yucca (*Yucca glauca*) at UCO Pollinator garden, photo by Gloria Caddell. See page 9 for story.

Above: Roundabout before removal of all Bermuda grass and replanted with native wildflowers. Photo by Jerry Addison. See Page 7 for story.

Oklahoma Native Plant Society Wonders of Wildflowers 2024

April 26-28, 2024

Robbers Cave State Park

- Schedule of Activities -



Friday, April 26

- 5:30 Meet at The Lookout Kitchen in Robbers Cave State Park for registration
6:00 Dinner, group seating, order on your own.
7:00 Program by C.R. (Randy) Ledford on the State Park and its area.
Weekend field trips described and sign up lists.

Saturday, April 27

- Breakfast on your own
8:00 - 9:00 Registration and welcome in the Lodge Room 221, field trip details
9:30 - 11:30 3 different field trips, (a) easy, (b) moderate, (c) moderate plus. Meet at Lodge Room 221 for hikes.
12:00 noonish Boxed sandwich lunch (order below)
1:30 - 3:30 3 different field trips, (a) easy, (b) moderate, (c) moderate plus. Meet at Lodge Room 221 for hikes.

Saturday, April 27

- 6:00 Dinner, group seating, order on your own at The Lookout Kitchen with socializing
8:00 - 10:00 Happy Hour at Lodge Room 221: *BYO Refreshments*

Sunday, April 28

- Breakfast on your own
9:00 Board Meeting, meet at Robbers Cave State Park Lodge Room 221, all are WELCOME
11:00 Field trip and ***Botanize*** to end of Wonders of Wildflowers

Accommodations:

All Field Trips will meet at Lodge Room 221 for departures.

Rooms in the Lodge and Cabins are being held, reservations should be made **WITHOUT DELAY** by March 25th.

Campgrounds are also available.

See accommodations and maps on reverse.



Event Coordinator Contact: Lynn Michael at 918-381-0219 or jennmichael54@gmail.com

Register online at the ONPS website www.oknativeplants.org
or mail registration to:
ONPS, Mary Korthase, P O Box 14274, Tulsa, OK 74159-1274
make checks payable to: *Oklahoma Native Plant Society*

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email: _____

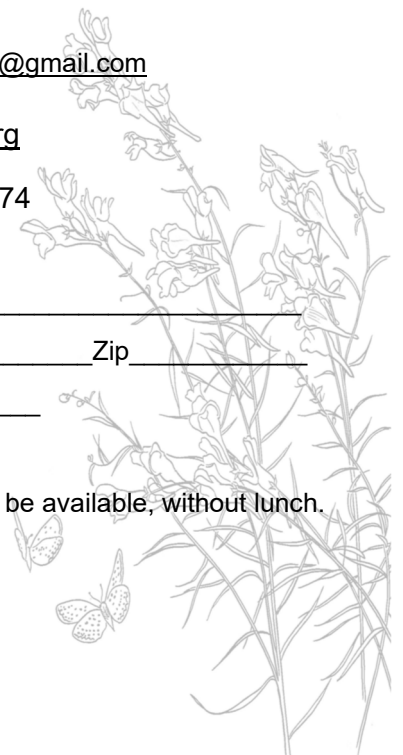
_____ \$10/person Member
_____ \$ 5/person Student Registration
_____ \$10/person Saturday Boxed Lunch: *bring your own beverage*

if required: ☐ veggie

_____ Total amount enclosed.

On-site registration will be available, without lunch.

Please register by April 19, 2024, to ensure your meal.



Directions to Robbers Cave State Park
located 5 miles north of Wilburton on Highway 2.

GPS coordinates to Lodge 34.9795939, -95.3557862
GPS address is: 2084 NW 146th Rd, Wilburton, Oklahoma 74578

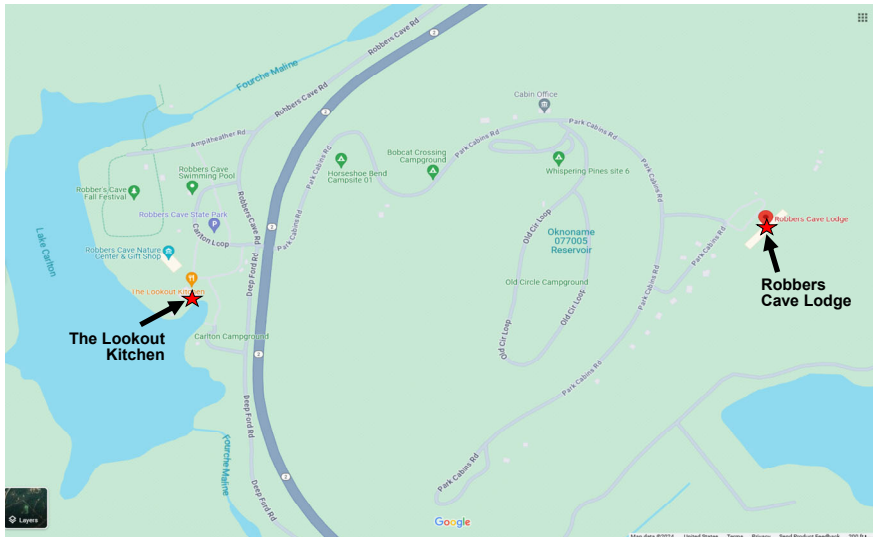
Directions from Tulsa via Muskogee Turnpike (approx. 125 mi.). Muskogee Turnpike to US-69, then south toward Eufaula. In Eufaula change to OK-9 south to OK-71. Travel south on OK-71 to OK-31 head east to OK-2 travel south to the North entrance of Robbers Cave State Park. Head to south to Lake Carlton near the Lodge and Lookout Kitchen.

Directions from Tulsa via Hwy 75 (approx. 130 mi.). Traveling south on Hwy 75 and using the Indian Nation Turnpike toward McAlester. From McAlester, continue east on US 270 to Wilburton. Turn north on OK-2 heading toward Robbers Cave State Park, south entrance.

Directions from Oklahoma City (approx. 175 mi.). Traveling east on I-40 to Near Henryetta take US 75 south toward McAlester. From McAlester, continue east on US 270 to Wilburton. Turn north on OK-2 heading toward Robbers Cave State Park, south entrance.

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**Accommodations at
Robbers Cave State Park - 918-465-2562**

Reserved rooms in the Lodge and cabins, until
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Facilities include 21 lodge rooms, 26 cabins, 86 tent
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Accommodations in or near Wilburton.

Travelers Inn Motel - (918) 465-5601

A-OK Motel - (918) 465-2377

Hampton Inn, McAlester - (918) 302-3882

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Maps at Robbers Cave State Park

Complete Park map, trail map, and camping areas maps are available on their website at:

<https://www.travelok.com/state-parks/robbers-cave-state-park/maps-and-resources#listing-menu-tabs>

Some map and info about the history of Robbers Cave State Park will be available at the Park Office.

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- █ Cave Trail-Hiking
- █ Classroom Trail-Hiking
- █ Connector Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian
- █ Coon Creek Ridge
- █ Access Trail-
- █ Interpretive, Hiking, Mountain Bike
- █ Coon Ridge Trail-Hiking, Mountain Bike
- █ Dogwood Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian
- █ Governors Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian
- █ Mountain Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian
- █ Multi-Use Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian
- █ Old Quarry Trail-Hiking
- █ Rimrock Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian
- █ Rough Canyon Trail-Hiking, Mountain Bike
- █ Equestrian Trail-Hiking,
- █ Mountain Bike, Equestrian

