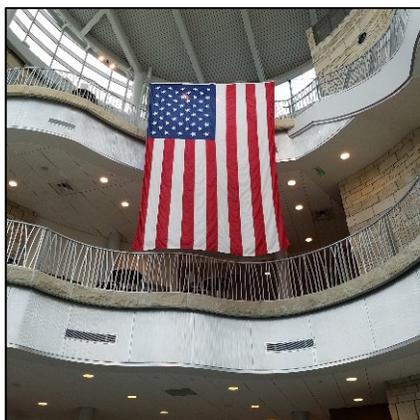


From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director
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Veteran's Day Celebration!

The Flint Hills Discovery Center welcomed Active Duty, Reserved Military, Veterans, and their families including Gold Star families on November 10th and 11th. 262 guests enjoyed free admission supported by the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation.

The free admission was made possible by donors as well as the Manhattan Military Relations Committee. The Foundation also participated in its second Stand-To Match Day, hosted by the Armed Forces Community Foundation. Donations made to the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation's Military Fund will continue to provide free admission days for all military and their families!

6th Annual Year-End Fund Drive Underway

At this year's end, we seek your help with our next permanent exhibit *Stepping Into the Prairie*. This new adventure will immerse visitors in the wind, sounds, smells, and images of the prairie.



We seek your consideration of a year-end gift. With a matching challenge, your gift will be doubled!

- a \$50 gift becomes \$100 to the Foundation.
- a \$100 gift becomes \$200 to the Foundation.
- a \$250 gift becomes \$500 to the Foundation.
- a \$500 gift becomes \$1,000 to the Foundation.

To make a gift this month:

Go online to www.Flinthillsdiscovery.org/468/Giving, or

Mail to **FHDC Foundation** 315 South 3rd Street Manhattan, KS 66502

The Flint Hills Discovery Center introduces America and the world to our State's most remarkable geographical landscape- the Kansas Flint Hills! The *Stepping Into the Prairie* experience provides visitors who cannot spend the day in the Prairie to be immersed in the wind, sounds, smells, and images of the prairie. It is an amazing experience that educates visitors of all ages about our very special place in Kansas!

Give a “Membership Gift” to the Flint Hills Discovery Center

Place an FHDC membership under the tree this year! A membership to the Discovery Center is a great Christmas present! We encourage you to stop by the Center or go online at www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/194/Become-a-Member and secure your 2023 membership!

Membership includes (1) unlimited access to permanent and temporary exhibits, as well as the Immersive Theater for one full year. (2) Invitations to exclusive events, programs, and event discounts. (3) Monthly Discoveries e-Newsletter and regular updates. (4) A 10% discount in the gift shop and (5) a well-reduced or free admission to 340 other ASTC-associated museums and science centers across America!

New this year- Flint Hills Family Fund! Make a difference this holiday season by sponsoring a family membership to the Discovery Center for an underserved family in our community. This is a partnership between the FHDC and the 383 FIT Closet & Clothing Exchange. For more information, please visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/fhff



Great Plains- America’s Linging Wild

December is your last month to see the temporary exhibit, Great Plains - Photography of Michael Forsberg. The exhibit will be open until January 7th, so be sure to stop into the FHDC before it is gone!

Thanks & Gratitude

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors and myself, we want to extend Happy Holidays to each of you! May you and your family have the best Holiday Season!

On a personal note, as I wrap up my third year as Foundation Director, I want to personally thank each of you for your continual support of the Foundation and our mission! We appreciate each of you who make the Foundation a part of your philanthropy. What a wonderful year it has been! We look forward to seeing you in 2024, and what fun new projects it will bring, in which would not be possible without you!



Foundation Board of Directors pictured left to right- Lyle Butler, Ken Wold, Pat Orazem, Charles Rice, Jack Lindquist, Friend of the Flint Hills Recipient and Next Vistas Honorary Chairman Mark Nutsch, Joe Carpenter, Bruce Snead, Roger Lanksbury, and Christine Benne. Not Pictured- Suzan Barnes, Kent Glasscock, Karen McCulloh, Carlin Murphy, and Wrenn Pacheco.

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