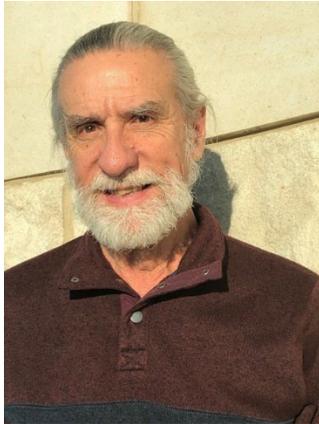

From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director
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Friend of the Flint Hills



Bruce Snead, will be recognized as the 2022 Friend of the Flint Hills by the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation at our annual spring event on Saturday, April 9. Snead has been an integral part of the evolution of the FHDC from its initial development and opening in 2012 through the establishment of the Foundation.

The FHDC Foundation has given the “Friend of the Flint Hills’ award to an individual, couple, non-government organization or public institution each spring since 2012. The award honors significant time, effort and resources devoted to the cause of conserving the Flint Hills of Kansas and northern Oklahoma.

As a Manhattan City Commissioner and Mayor, Snead provided leadership during the initial development of the FHDC concept. Snead has served as President of the FHDC Foundation since its creation in 2012, leading initiative in support of the mission of the FHDC.

“I cannot think of a more deserving individual for this honor than Bruce Snead,” Susan Adams, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director, said. “Bruce has led the Foundation for over a decade. His leadership has propelled our mission forward to preserve the amazing ecological and cultural riches of the Flint Hills region.”

To learn more about the Friend of the Flint Hills event, please contact Foundation Director, Lesley White at fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com or 785-748-1275.

Happy 10-Year Anniversary Flint Hills Discovery Center!

All throughout 2022, celebrate the 10- Year Anniversary of the Flint Hills Discovery Center. The FHDC is the result of a community dream born from the hard work and dedication of hundreds of individuals including volunteers, elected officials, consultants, contractors, and citizens. The facility opened to the public on April 14th, 2012.

Check out the 10-Year Anniversary webpage to learn more and look for special celebrations throughout the year!

Upcoming Discovery Center Events!

- Preschoolers in the Flint Hills- Preschool- age children begin discovering the wonder of the Flint Hills where they live, but look beyond the city limits of exploration. Every session includes a story time, snack and themed craft or activity! Classes are one hour long and run Tuesdays from 10:30- 11:30 a.m. FHDC member : \$8 Non Members: \$10

- New Exhibit- Measure heights, distance, volume and more in *Measurement Rules*, the interactive exhibit that introduces visitors to various units of measurement. Master the basics and then begin to compare, classify, and categorize different ways to measure using the standard and non-standard tools. Hands-on experiences allow visitors to understand measurement in relation to the world around them, collaborate with others and become confident in the language of measurement. You can:



- Greater Prairie-Chicken Booming Tours- Don't miss this rare opportunity to visit a Greater Prairie- Chicken booming ground at the height of the booming season every spring. You will witness the majestic ballet of the Greater Prairie-Chicken as they dance for dominance. FHDC staff will accompany you on your trip and provide all the insight you need.

For more information, dates, pricing or to enroll, please go to flinthillsdiscovery.org, call the Flint Hills Discovery Center at 785 587 2726, or stop in!

Christine Benne, FHDC Board Member

Christine Benne is a distinguished community member and retired military spouse. She is serving as the Manhattan Area Chamber of Commerce Military Relations Committee/ Little Apple Brigade Board Chair. A career military spouse for over 23 years, Christine has spent time in the communities where she has lived to promote the lives of the military family. She and her husband Dr. Paul Benne, who passed away in 2019, have lived in Manhattan and the Flint Hills region since 2008. She not only serves on several military affiliated boards, but several Manhattan community boards as well. Receiving several awards for the work she had done including the Fort Riley Community Helping Hands award and the AUSA Distinguished Service Award. Completing both the Leadership Manhattan Course and the Flint Hills Regional Leadership Program. Christine brings the military aspect to the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation board to promote military attendance.



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