

VISTAS



From the desk of Lesley White, Foundation Director
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Prairie Playscape, Opens Friday May 27th!

Through the generosity of many donors (individuals, foundations and businesses), the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation is proud to announce that the dedication and opening of Prairie Playscape, previously known as KIDSCAPE, will be opening on May 27, 2022 at 10 am.

Renovation of the second floor is creating Prairie Playscape's home. Designed and built for youth, it serves to inspire and help them learn, explore and care for the Kansas Flint Hills. Come join us!

Hours open during the
four-day Memorial Day Weekend:

Friday - May 27th- 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday - May 28th- 10 am to 5 pm
Sunday - May 29th- 12 pm to 5 pm
Monday - May 30th- 10 am to 5 pm



Additional Kansas Community Tax Credits Achieved!

In early March, the Department of Revenue, was generous enough to award the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation with an additional \$57,500 in Kansas Community Tax Credits, with a deadline of April 15, 2022. Without hesitation our donors fulfilled the additional credits! With these funds, the Foundation will be able to make additions, repairs, or upgrades in the Prairie Playscape exhibit area.

Flint Hills Festival

Please join us on Saturday, May 7, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Flint Hills Discovery Center and Blue Earth Plaza for the Flint Hills Festival. Experience the culture and beauty of the Flint Hills at our annual event. This year's activities at the Blue Earth Plaza are FREE! There will be live entertainment, food trucks (not free), wine tasting, children's activities, local craft vendors, and more! To learn more about the event as well as to receive updates about the event, make sure and follow the event on the Flint Hills Discovery Center facebook page!



Friend of the Flint Hills Event and Donor Marquee

On, April 9th, the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation recognized one of its own, President Bruce Snead, as the 2022 “Friend of the Flint Hills”. With more than 100 family and friends in attendance, we celebrated Bruce, the 10- year anniversary of the Discovery Center, and it many volunteers. It was a special evening.

2012- Jane Koger
2013- Brian Obermeyer
2014- Kansas State University
2015- Jim & Cathy Hoy
2016- Nancy Landon Kassebaum
2017- Symphony in the Flint Hills
2018- Carol & Scott Ritchie

2019- Mary Vanier
2020- Annie Wilson &
Emily Hunter Connell
2021- Dr. Tom Eddy
2022- Bruce Snead



A special THANK YOU goes to these generous event donors.

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John & Karen McCulloh
Roberta “Bo” & Robert Swanson
Richard Porter
Bob & Liz Workman



Wren Pacheco, FHDC Board Member

Wren Pacheco joined the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation Board of Directors in January of 2022. Wren wears many hats, she is a rancher, wife, mother, volunteer, and the heart and soul of their storefront, Pacheco Beef, located in Alma, KS. She is the one that tells the story, fills each order, and will help you make your selections when you come into the Beef Shop.

Along with running their Beef Shop, they also teach you how to create wonderful meals with their products on their blog, “Cooking with the Cowboy”.

Wren and her husband, Arturo, ranch and manage a custom grazing operation. The operation runs double stock yearlings, develops heifers for customers, along with managing their own cow herd. They do this all and more here in the Flint Hills of Kansas.

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