



Association of Friends of the Wichitas

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October: Days getting shorter, cool air, elk bugling, and the refuge tries on it's autumn jewels!

September Notes

The Longhorn Sale went very well this year with lots of animals in the sale it took quite a bit longer. Thanks to all the members who participated!

A reminder: it is the time of year to think about recognizing a person who has demonstrated a dedication and willingness to share their knowledge of the Wichita Mountains with others through the Frank and Mae Rush Award. Full details are included on the Friends of the Wichitas website and letters of nomination should be mailed to P.O. Box 7402, Lawton, OK 73506.

In a discussion with the Refuge Manager those present at the meeting felt that our organization should continue in the direction we are going and get even better at giving tours, field trips etc. However, there is a need to either expand its mission or form a second organization that can concentrate on fund raising. If you are interested in these goals please call Jeff Rupert, Refuge Manager

The same slate of officers was re-elected by the members present at the business meeting this month.

- **PLEASE NOTE: All monthly business meetings are open to all members---the more who are present the more we can accomplish!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Foliage Orientation is on November 1st at 10 AM leaving from the Visitor Center. The Fall Foliage tour is a walk into Hollis Canyon. Wear appropriate footwear for a walk of about ¾ of a mile.

Bison Auction is upcoming. We need assistants for our booth and the refuge needs a few people to assist in general. The refuge needs a 3 hour minimum commitment in order to provide lunch and they need to know ahead of time who is volunteering. If you are volunteering please call D'Ana Mallow at the VC to assist with parking, etc. and call Donna Phillips to help at our booth.

The fall chili cookout and potluck will be held at the Cache City Park on 115 in Cache near the fire station. This is just a social event. Bring chili or something to go with on October 18th at 5:30 PM.

The FOW Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held the Friday after the Bison Auction (10/24) at 11:30. We will be having the meal catered. If you wish to attend there is no cost but you must call Donna no later than 10/12 so we can notify the caterers appropriately. Don't forget the September 27th Trash pick up. Meet at Quanah Parker Dam.

Meers Chamber has extended an invitation to the Barbeque meal on Sunday Oct. 5th from 2-5 which is free but donations are accepted for the Meers Fire Dept.

We have applied for a \$1520 Rocky mountain Elk foundation grant. The proposal was to use ½ the money to train our members and ½ the money to create an Elk Education Trunk that can be checked out by teachers through the Environmental Education Dept. on the Refuge.

General Information

*Uniforms for drivers, tour leaders and assistants are light blue "denim" type shirts. You may purchase a FOW patch for the sleeve and after you have completed 50 hours of service the refuge will provide a volunteer patch for the other sleeve. You will need to sign a volunteer agreement with D'Ana Mallow at the Visitor Center.

- If you are helping in any way on the tours you will be provided a nametag. Call Paula Irwin at (580) 355-6029 and she will order one for you.
- You also need to see Lori or D'Ana at the VC and fill out a volunteer form.

OFFICERS

President: Orville Ducheneaux
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