

Association of Friends of the Wichitas Monthly Bulletin

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Smiles are everywhere...springtime abounds.

April Events

At this month's meeting Jeff Rupert thanked the Association for its help in providing lunches for some recent meetings and asked in advance for assistance in October to provide a meal for a meeting of the Community Partnership group. The lunch is for 70-100.

We had to cancel some of the April hikes due to weather but substituted some general refuge tours.

Upcoming events

Betty Cooper will send some speakers to the May business meeting. to speak about the changes upcoming in Medicine Park including the Natural Sciences Museum. It promises to be an interesting topic.

Thanks to all who have helped to make the spring hikes a success this year.

The refuge has asked that FOW provide a supply of Coffee and condiments for visiting groups to be used on special occasions. The organization was glad to accommodate this need.

We were asked to assist with a lunch at a statewide Fish and Wildlife meeting to

May 14-16th will be the Regional Friends Conference in South Padre. Katherine and Donna will be attending.

Jeff Rupert has promised to speak at the June business meeting on the history of the Refuge. He has a power point presentation which he re-

be held on the refuge. We agreed to do so by supplying BBQ sandwiches.

We have decided to purchase Polo Shirts for our Leaders, Assistants and Drivers who lead five or more tours. The polos will be blue in color and have the state outline with the WR brand in the lower corner of the state map and the caption: "Association of Friends of the Wichitas" on the left chest. For those who do not volunteer the shirts will be available for purchase.

cently developed when speaking for the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Grant money may be forthcoming from two items: improvements to Pinchot Loop and the long awaited new bus!



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General information

If you present your FOW membership card at the Visitor Center Book Store you will receive a discount on items you purchase.

If you lead, assist or drive for tours and do not have a nametag please let us know so that one can be ordered for you

FOW is on the WEB at www.friendsofthewichitas.org There are calendars of the tours for the year on the website.

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