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Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Strategic Plan

by Jean Marie Waddell, Friends of Crex Volunteer and Board Member

Over the past year The FOC Board has spent considerable time developing goals for their organization. The process consisted of writing a Mission Statement, a Vision Statement, and a Strategic Plan. The results of this process have been completed and are ready to be shared with the entire FOC membership.

The **FOC MISSION Statement** approved at the July 29, 2013 Board Meeting:

The mission of the Friends of Crex: To support and assist the Wisconsin DNR with wildlife management and wildlife conservation education at the Crex Meadows Complex.

The **FOC VISION Statement** approved at the May 5, 2014 Board Meeting:

Wildlife conservation education and management that generates a land and wildlife ethic into perpetuity.

The **FOC STRATEGIC PLAN** as approved at the May 5, 2014 Board Meeting:

In writing The Strategic Plan, we were mindful that it must be fluid: Goals will be completed, goals may change, and new goals may be added. Generally, strategic plans are reviewed a minimum of once every year. We divided the goals of the Strategic Plan into three groups.

CURRENT and ONGOING PROJECTS

1. Support and fund a wildlife conservation educator into perpetuity.
2. Provide appropriate staff to support the education programs we develop.
3. Maintain the financial security needed to meet our goals.
4. Provide for active and ongoing management of GLG as barrens habitat.
5. Build a new commercial kitchen/multipurpose building to be shared by CEP, DNR and FOC. (Mess Hall)
6. Purchase or permanently protect land in GLG. (Land Acquisition)
7. Utilize talents and resources of FOC members more effectively by matching volunteers to specific projects that are designated by the staff.

PROJECTS FOR NEAR FUTURE

1. Expand to full time (FTE), and fund the present part time position of Volunteer Coordinator and Office Administrator.
2. Plan for the eventual need of a Gift Shop Manager as a funded position.

DREAMS

1. Investigate the creation of a lodging/retreat facility.

If you would like to participate in reviewing the Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan in the future, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Kim Wheeler, at the visitor center, or call 715-463-2739.

President's Corner

by Annette Mosley

Interesting..... The day I decide to start writing this article we receive 15" of snow! The gathering in time of year has arrived in spectacular style! The remaining cinnamon colored leaves on the oaks are hanging onto branches for dear life, but what a thrill to see this first significant covering of the white stuff.

This time of year has a very distinct feel. For me it is a time to get into that waiting stack of books, reflect on the past months and just relax a bit more. The noticeably shorter days have us changing daily routines. We tend to eat differently with more steaming pots of soup and stew containing those lovely veggies of summer and fall. The winter solstice is inching ever closer and I look forward to celebrating the return of the light each year around a roaring bonfire with a group of friends. Lastly we change our routine from summer and fall recreational activities to those of winter. Now that the bears are entering their winter snooze – out come the bird feeders!



Snow on fall mushroom ~ photo by Annette Mosley

As 2014 meanders to its final day, FOC members can think back to meaningful events, but the shining star needs to be given to the marvelous properties acquired for us all to explore and enjoy. It is always important to emphasize our role in having the ability to purchase prime properties on the DNR wish list. I know this for many members is a primary goal for FOC spending funds. I must mention also our new members and volunteers, eager to be a part of the FOC family and bringing with them new energy and ideas.

Soon we will be welcoming 2015 with all the renewing freshness of any new year. Here at Crex we anticipate more progress on the new Multipurpose Building. What an asset this new facility will be to us all.

Remember to shop for unique gifts for friends and family in the Bog Shoe located in the Visitors Center. There is something delightful to be found for everyone on your list. Happy Holidays to each of you.

Annette

Our Mission:

To support and assist the Wisconsin DNR with wildlife management and wildlife conservation education at the Crex Meadows Complex.

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The Friends of Crex, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized for the sole charitable purpose of supporting, assisting, and promoting the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with wildlife education and management activities at the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area and the other wildlife properties comprising Glacial Lake Grantsburg (GLG) Wildlife Management Complex in Burnett County, Wisconsin.

Why We Do That: Barrens Management

by Steve Hoffman, Wildlife Biologist

When I talk to people about wildlife management it is not unusual to be asked questions about the management we do. People want to know why we do what we do. They often question the results of our management actions. And just as often they are willing to provide their opinion of what we are doing wrong and what we need to do to make things right.

Recently a question came up regarding our barrens management program. The basic premise of the question was, "Why do we manage for open barrens habitat?" With the master planning process underway for the Glacial Lake Grantsburg properties this type of question is to be expected. There are many people who are less than pleased with our past history of managing for open barrens habitat. This type of work is often viewed as a waste of resources. Even when the benefits to the many species that require this type of habitat are explained, some people do not care; they just fail to see the benefit.

The answer to this question, as many of you know, is that there is really no place else in the world like Glacial Lake Grantsburg. If you want to see open barrens habitat on a large scale, this is the place you come. This type of habitat is what makes the Glacial Lake Grantsburg properties unique. The vast majority of the landscape in the Northwest Sands of Wisconsin is in mature forest cover, not in early successional, early barrens habitat. To have such a habitat present here, in abundance, is something very special.

The opening sentence of the Glacial Lake Grantsburg Master Plan Vision statement is: The Glacial Lake Grantsburg properties are a vital contributor to the preservation of oak/pine barrens, a rare and globally imperiled natural community, in the Northwest Sands Ecological Landscape. This emphasis on the singular nature of GLG explains why barrens management is carried throughout the master plan.

In the coming months there will be additional opportunities to comment on the Glacial Lake Grantsburg Master Plan. During this process there will no doubt be people who continue to question why we do barrens management work. As a Friends of Crex member you are encouraged to take part in this comment process. If you love the barrens your comments are needed!

More on Barrens Management at Crex Meadows from our website: Research indicates that the original pre-settlement vegetation at Crex Meadows was a pine savannah, or brush prairie, with an average of eight large red or jack pine per acre. The understory was dominated by brush, primarily young jack pine and oak, with lesser amounts of hazel, sand willow, sweet fern, blueberry and large variety of prairie grasses and forbs. This vegetation type was maintained by frequent natural wildfires. Fire control that began in the 1920s was effective in controlling the number and extent of wildfires. In the absence of fire most of the brush prairie grew into oak/jack pine forest. Today, upland pine-oak stands average 318 trees per acres. The present forests are thus in an unnatural condition resulting from wildfire control.

Following the initial prescribed burns by the Wisconsin DNR, which were the first efforts to convert forests back to brush prairie, a tremendous response in prairie plants was observed. As noted elsewhere in Wisconsin, prairie plants were dormant for decades under the forest canopy until released by removal of the forest overstory. Today, the Crex plant list includes over 700 species including more than 200 with prairie affinities. Some of the more common prairie plants are big and little bluestem, Indian grass, needlegrass, leadplant, lupine, puccoon, prairie phlox, blazing star, spiderwort, and various goldenrods and asters.

Brush prairie is a unique vegetation type which has been largely eliminated in Wisconsin and elsewhere due to fire control and intensive pine forest silviculture. The existing remnants of brush prairie now occur principally on state owned lands. Thus, vegetation management of Crex takes on a much broader role than just providing habitat for select wildlife species. The largest remnant of an interesting and original Wisconsin ecosystem is being maintained. The value of Crex Meadows may, in the long term, be greater for its native vegetation types and restored ecosystems than for its abundant and well known wildlife species.

Land Acquisition Fund Successes

by Kim Wheeler, FOC Coordinator

Five years ago the Friends of Crex began raising money for a separate Land Acquisition Fund to be used to help the Wisconsin DNR acquire land within the Glacial Lake Grantsburg property boundaries. This would include all properties managed by the wildlife management team at Crex Meadows, including Fish Lake and Amsterdam Sloughs Wildlife Areas. There were a lot of unknown factors going into the project. How much money we would need to raise? How quickly would we need it? How fast we might be reimbursed by the DNR for a parcel? We were not even sure if we would be successful in acquiring any land or getting the land into state hands. Initially we discussed a goal of \$300,000 in order to be able to move on properties when they came up for sale. That seemed like a good amount to have on hand. We have not reached that goal, at least not with money donated from our members. And yet the Land Acquisition Fund has already helped protect over 480 acres of land from development with just \$150,000 in cash donations. How have we been able to do this?

There are many reasons why the Friends of Crex has been so successful at acquiring land this far. First, we didn't need as much cash on hand as we had initially thought to start buying land. We "borrowed" money from our general fund to make our first purchase, the Janish property, in 2011. Thanks to the hard work of Steve Hoffman and John Menge, we were successful in recovering these funds with grants from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund (State of Wisconsin) and the Federal Section 6 Karner Blue Butterfly Fund. Our second purchase, in 2012, of the Lloyd Larson property, was similarly reimbursed by Stewardship and Section 6 funds. Both of these parcels were donated directly to the state by the Friends of Crex, with minimal funds spent to do so (see the Final Cost column on the spreadsheet on the next page).

We knew that the Land Acquisition Fund was going to be a different sort of fund than our Endowment Fund. In the Endowment Fund we never spend the principal but rely upon interest and dividends from the fund to use for programming. The Land Acquisition Fund, however, was created with the intention of spending the money. Our hope is, and has always been, that this would be a revolving fund. The money spent on purchasing land would be replaced back to the fund either by grant money or when it is sold to the state. We also knew that we would not be investing Land Acquisition fund money in long-term investments. We would want the funds to be available in case something urgent came up. We knew that we would likely not be fully reimbursed for money spent on a particular property, and, in some cases, we might have to spend well over what the property is valued at. Real Estate has, generally speaking, been a good investment in the past, but in the past five years that has not been the case. Our intention and purpose in buying land for Crex Meadows and the other wildlife properties is not to make money. Our goal is to preserve the land and keep it from (further) development for use as public land. For now, this is not too difficult to do, as the pressure for recreational land from individuals and developers is low in our area. But we have seen many cases in other areas of the country where land has been forever lost to development. So we keep in mind that in the future we may be spending a lot more per acre for land.

One of our more recent and definitely our largest acquisition to date is the 320 acre Bruss property on the west side of Amsterdam Sloughs. This purchase is a prime example of why our efforts to help the state acquire land are so important. The owner of the land was very willing to sell, but wanted more than what the state had been able to offer in the past. So, keeping in mind that we will likely not recover all that we will spend, the Friends of Crex worked out a deal with the seller to purchase it for a fair price, and make yearly payments, with interest, for ten years. We are working on arrangements for the state to purchase the land from us. The land is in the process of being appraised, but we do not know what the final results will be at this time. Hopefully, this land will be turned over to the state within the next few months, and we will be able to pay the seller in full right away.

We also now own two more small parcels near the Larson Land, on the southeast side of Crex Meadows, that we plan to also sell to the state. As you can see in the spreadsheet on the next page, there are expenses involved beyond the sale price for any land that the Friends of Crex purchases. It takes time to work out sales to the state and to acquire grant funding for donations. The sale of the three parcels that the Friends of Crex currently owns must be approved by the Natural Resources Board. In the meantime, property taxes will be due in January and we will be responsible for paying them. We paid property taxes on the Janish and Larson properties before they were

turned over to the state. We paid for a title check on a property that we bid on during a foreclosure sale but did not win. There are closing costs associated with each piece of land that we buy. And there is one parcel that we purchased outright and donated to the state without reimbursement. This was a small piece of land on a corner that had been used for years as parking access to land on Amsterdam Sloughs. It was such a small parcel that it did not seem worth going through the steps necessary to sell it to the state, so the Friends Board of Directors chose to donate it instead.

All six of the properties purchased by the Friends of Crex are important to our mission of supporting the Wisconsin DNR with wildlife management at the Glacial Lake Grantsburg Complex. Placing these lands into the hands of the state for management as part of the wildlife areas helps to provide good, continuous habitat for wildlife and land that we can all enjoy for many years to come.

If you would like to make a donation to the Land Acquisition Fund, please use the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

**Land Acquisition Fund Income/Expenses
Through November 30, 2014**

Income	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 YTD	Totals
donations	\$39,764.37	\$26,914.00	\$32,384.39	\$24,176.83	\$19,503.50	\$142,743.09
benefit dinner proceeds	\$2,200.61	\$1,541.40	\$1,460.51	\$903.16	\$1,099.71	\$7,405.68
interest	\$7.45	\$2,455.71	\$57.07	\$32.05	\$107.34	\$2,659.62
grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$134,602.00		\$85,044.50	\$219,646.50
total income	\$41,972.43	\$30,911.11	\$188,503.97	\$25,112.04	\$105,955.34	\$372,454.89
Expenses	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 YTD	Totals
Janisch Land		\$143,119.00	\$50.00	\$1,964.57		\$145,133.57
Larson Land			\$83,253.39	\$2,108.12	\$2,017.03	\$87,378.54
Bjorkland Land				\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Taylor Property Title Check				\$375.00		\$375.00
Moan Land					\$15,418.04	\$15,418.04
Bruss Land					\$48,991.78	\$48,991.78
Lee Land					\$34,703.18	\$34,703.18
total expenses	\$0.00	\$143,119.00	\$83,303.39	\$7,447.69	\$101,130.03	\$335,000.11
account balance	\$41,972.43	-\$70,235.46	\$14,965.12	\$32,629.47	\$37,454.78	\$37,454.78

Summary	Expense	Reimbursed by Grants	Total Cost To Date	Amount Owed	Final Cost*	Ownership
Janisch Land (74.6 acres)	\$145,133.57	\$134,602.00	\$10,531.57		\$10,531.57	WI-DNR
Larson Land (80 acres)	\$87,378.54	\$85,044.50	\$2,334.04		\$2,334.04	WI-DNR
Bjorkland Land (<1 acre)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00	WI-DNR
Moan Land (7 acres)	\$15,418.04	\$0.00	\$15,418.04		\$15,418.04	FOC
Bruss Land (320 acres)	\$48,991.78	\$0.00	\$48,991.78	\$351,008.22	\$400,000.00	FOC
Lee Land (10 acres)	\$34,703.18	\$0.00	\$34,703.18		\$34,703.18	FOC
Total (~483 acres)	\$334,625.11	\$219,646.50	\$114,978.61	\$351,008.22	\$465,986.83	

**Final Cost does not include property taxes to be paid in 2015 and beyond for lands currently owned by the Friends of Crex (FOC)*

Bog Shoe Gift Shop Update

by Shirley Evrard, Volunteer Gift Shop Manager



The reduced-price table in the gift shop has helped sell and reduce inventory during the last couple months. This sale will continue through the winter months with more items added. As in previous years, the shop and visitor center will not be open on weekends during the winter so please visit on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A beautifully-designed personalized 16 oz. travel mug should be available soon. There are now microfiber pullovers with mesh lining and kangaroo pockets. Either a goose, great-blue heron or a sandhill crane design is embroidered on each. Caps with the same wildlife designs embroidered on them are also available.

Birdwatchers and others will enjoy reading about Clay Christensen's many birdwatching endeavors in *Birdman of Lauderdale*. Lauderdale is a suburb of the Twin Cities. Jim Williams, Birding Columnist and Blogger for the Minneapolis StarTribune states:

"... charming, informative, and well-written ... especially valuable for people with bird feeders or folks just getting interested in birds."

Recently published by the Wisconsin Historical Society Press (WHSP) is Travis Dewitz's *Blaze Orange: Whitetail Deer Hunting in Wisconsin*. According to the WHSP, the book has 129 images and "...is more than just a color--it's a tradition, a lifestyle and a livelihood for more than 600,000 who hunt deer each year. A stunning and keen-eyed chronicle of the Wisconsin deer hunt".

Thanks again to those who donate great-condition wildlife items to the shop. When they are sold, the total sale price goes to the Friends of Crex organization to help fund education and management of Crex Meadows and the surrounding wildlife areas. Thank you!

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

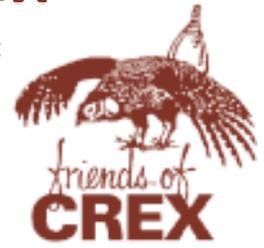
One of the Friends of Crex greatest strengths is our crew of dedicated volunteers. Without the dedication of a great many people this organization would not be what it is today. One of the benefits of being a FOC member is the chance to be involved and to make a meaningful difference in this unique wildlife area. In the near future we hope to expand the options for people who want to volunteer. We will continue to have people help at the front desk and assist with programming, but we will be looking for new ways to involve members in operations on the wildlife properties.

Some examples for using willing and able volunteers are: targeted brush clearing in certain areas, posting boundaries, seed collection, establishing native plant communities. Listing these options is only done to give some ideas. Some of the best volunteer projects come from people who see a need and have a passion to take care of the need. Is there a project you'd like to lead? Do you have an idea for a different project? If so, please feel free to contact any FOC board member or DNR staff member. We look forward to working with you!

CONSIDER GIVING THE GIFT OF CREX

As a member of Friends of Crex, you understand the value of all the benefits of membership:

- 10% discount in the Bog Shoe Gift Shop
- Free access to wildlife viewing and photography blind
- The Friends of Crex newsletter 3 times each year
- Invitations to special events
- Free binocular and snowshoe rental
- The knowledge that you are supporting wildlife management and education programs at Crex**



Now you can share these benefits with your friends and relatives! Simply fill out the form below to purchase a gift membership and we will customize a letter to the recipient stating that you purchased a membership for them and provide more information about Crex Meadows. This would make an excellent gift for birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, and more! AND you can choose whether we send you the annual renewal or send it to the new member. If the recipient is already a current member of the Friends of Crex, we will extend their membership for the length of time you choose, and will still send a letter to them on your behalf. You can also use this form to make donations to our various funds in a loved one's name.

Friends of Crex Donation and Membership Renewal Form

MEMBER INFORMATION New Member _____ Renewal _____ Gift Membership _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

(We email rare bird alerts, updates on upcoming events, etc. to those who provide their email addresses. We do not share mail lists with other organizations)

PLEASE SEND ME THE NEWSLETTER AND OTHER NOTICES BY EMAIL

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL		<u>1 Year</u>	<u>2 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>
(please circle	Individual:	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$60.00
\$ amount)	Family:	\$22.00	\$35.00	\$80.00
	*Patron:	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$225.00
	*Life:	One time charge of \$350 or \$120/year for 3 years		

*FOR PATRON & NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Please send me the following Thank You gift:

- Roadside Wildflowers of Glacial Lakes Grantsburg
- The Crex Meadows video series on DVD

DONATION TO ENDOWMENT FUND: \$ _____

DONATION TO LAND ACQUISITION FUND: \$ _____

DONATION TO MESS HALL FUND: \$ _____

TOTAL DUE (Membership Dues + Donations): \$ _____

IF THIS IS A GIFT MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE INCLUDE THE PURCHASER'S INFORMATION BELOW:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

send me the renewal send the new member the renewal

Double or triple your donation at no extra cost!
 Memberships and donations are 100% tax-deductible and may qualify for your employer's matching gifts program. Check with your HR department at work for more information about their matching gifts program.

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Thank you! Donations and Memberships August 28th—December 9, 2014

Endowment Fund

\$10- \$99
Kerr, Betsy and Steele, Roberta
Tenner, Cliff
Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse
Society

\$100-\$499
Bergquist, Jon R
Springer, Grant

\$500-\$999
Christopherson, Diane in Memory of
Donna Christopherson

Land Fund

\$10- \$99
Barnwell, Frank & Adrienne
Brown, Paul
Fleck, Martha
Gigngras, Brad in honor of Marcia
Pratt
Gilfillan, Jean
Hancock, Larry
Haug, Richard
Johannson, Thom & Verla
Johnson, Mike & Carolyn
Johnston, Sherwood & Urbrock,
Laurita
Knabe, Jerome & Carol
Millard, George
Nehring, Linda
Odendahl, David
Redlich, Larry & Karry
Vinar, Joe
Walden, Nancy
Wenzel, Dorothy
Wheeler, William & Lana in memory
of Richard A. Hunt
Winch, Ron & Meglitsch, Toni

\$100-\$499
Adams, Alberta
Bechinger, Barbara
Bergquist, Jon R
Dudchya, Linda & Art
Hedlund, Pearl in honor of Paul
Hedlund and Scott and Sue
Augustson
Java, Bruce & Kathy
Malmquist, Max
Manzara, Tony & Sally
Olsen, Lorain
Olsen, Scott & Judy
Saint Paul Audubon
Springer, Grant
Swedberg, Ellen & Lon
Travelers Community Connection
(Matching Gift to Judy Olson
donation)
Utech, Alberta
Widen, Carol

\$500-\$999
Evans, David & Joyce

\$1000-\$4999
Anderson, Chet & Eloise
Anonymous
Kleiss, Rod & Georgianne
Menge, John and Jan
Robinson, Kathryn
Wynia, Ann

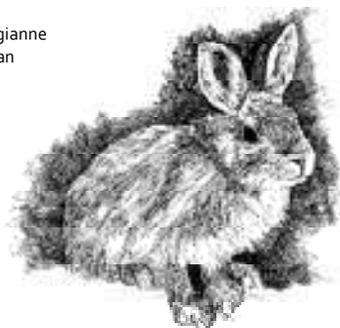
Mess Hall

\$10- \$99
Aldorfer, Sally & Ron in memory of
Harold and Carol Krogstad
Bliven, Ted & Janet
Saint Croix Horse and Carriage Society
Tegel, Pam

\$100-\$499
Arnold, Mary Ann
Crex Invitational Waterfowl Hunt
Erickson, Alice
Kathy and Joseph Kingman Fund at the
Saint Paul Foundation
Mosley, Annette & Earl
Thieret, Mildred

\$500-\$999
Parker Hannifin Corporation
Prokosch, Mike and Karen
Saint Croix casino
US Bank Foundation
Vitale, Dr. Blaise and Suzanne

\$1000-\$4999
Anderson, Donald & Lucille
Robinson, Kathryn



General Fund/Other Donations

\$10- \$99
Bowlin, Mimi in Honor of Dr. Barb
Staub
Burnett Medical Center in support of
Halloween at Crex
Caudwallader Staub, Julie, in Honor of
Barb Staub Mitchell
Caudwallader Staub, Julie, in Honor of
Doris Staub Petrie
Dee, Cheri
Forrest, M in honor of Buddy and Jess
Fisher
Staub Petrie, Doris in Honor of Barb
Staub
Swedberg, Ellen & Lon in memory of
Kelly Carlson's Father
Valley Tours

\$100-\$499
Kanes, Brian & Betsey in memory of Erv
and Marjie Swenson
Natural Resources Foundation for
Purple Martin project at Memory
Lake
Osceola Elementary
School District of St. Croix Falls for
Trapper Ed

Other Items

Evrard, Shirley for gift shop items
Leggett, Joan for pumpkins
Lentz, Brian for photo prints
Oxendale, Dave and Larsen, Debra for
pumpkins
Peterson, John for pumpkins and
banquet supplies
Springett, Jimmy for oil painting

New Members

Benson, Ann Drea & McFarlane,
Reid
Campbell, Ryan
Erickson, Alice
Hammond, Nancy
Lehman, Audrey
Nehring, Linda
Nicholson, Mark & Cristine
Olmon, Carol
Perkins, Skip
Starr, Marti
Taylor, Rich

New and Renewing Patron Members

Drude, Ron & Carolyn
Fournier, Rick & Katie
Widen, Carol

New/Upgraded Life Members

Adams, Alberta
Allen, James & Elaine
Basler, Pat & Lucy
Childs, Kay D
Cooper, Lorna & Scott, Michael
Epstein, Kenneth
Kooiker, Paul & Marilyn
Olson, Manley
Werle, Jerry and Mienk, Donna
Evrard, Shirley for gift shop items
Leggett, Joan for pumpkins
Oxendale, Dave and Larsen,
Debra for pumpkins
Peterson, John for pumpkins and
banquet supplies
Springett, Jimmy for oil painting

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Show Your Support

For Wildlife

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You can support Crex Meadows in many ways!

For nearly thirty years the Friends of Crex has been supporting the wildlife management program at Crex Meadows by helping to educate the public about the value of barrens and wetland management for numerous species of wildlife. Our financial support has built the Wildlife Education and Visitor Center, purchased equipment, acquired and protected valuable land from development, paid the salary of our full-time Conservation Educator, and assisted the wildlife staff with management of the properties. As we continue to support these efforts and plan for the future, we continue to need the support of all of our members. Here's how you can help...

Memberships

You can continue to help by retaining your membership. Membership Dues support the operations of the Friends of Crex and the Wildlife Education Program. Perhaps you will consider upgrading to a patron or life membership or sharing your love for Crex with a family member or friend with a gift membership. *Money from life memberships is placed in the Endowment Fund, and membership dues are generally tax deductible.*

Endowment Fund

As you contemplate your end-of-year holiday giving, consider a contribution to the Friends of Crex Endowment Fund. The membership renewal form in the newsletter has space for additional donations to this and other designated funds, or you can use the Endowment Fund donation form on this page. **Gifts of \$100 or \$500 can be made to purchase a brick that will line the walkway into the visitor center.** See the back side of this page for more information.

Estate Planning

A number of our members have cared enough to include us as beneficiaries in their wills. Perhaps you can't make a gift now but would like to do so in the future. Please consider us in your estate planning. You may designate your bequest to a specific program, or add it to the Friends of Crex Endowment Fund.

Friends of Crex Endowment Fund

“building a future for Crex Meadows”

The Friends of Crex Endowment Fund is designed to provide a perpetual source of funding for the wildlife education and wildlife management programs conducted at Crex Meadows. Contributions to the fund will never be spent but the interest generated from the fund will be used to fund various projects at Crex Meadows. Your gift to the Endowment Fund helps to insure that wildlife education and wildlife management programs at Crex Meadows can continue in perpetuity.

I like what the Friends of Crex is doing for wildlife, and I want to do my part.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ to the Endowment Fund.

Please send more information about the Endowment Fund.

Please call me about Estate Planning.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone. No. _____

Email _____

Method of payment: (contributions are tax deductible)

Check (Friends of Crex)

Credit Card (MasterCard Visa Discover AmEx)

Credit Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Other (stocks, bonds, etc.) CVV# _____

Signature for credit card _____

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