

## 2024 Friend of the Flint Hills

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Join us in celebrating the 2024 Friend of the Flint Hills, filmmaker Dave Kendall, at the annual Award Celebration on Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flint Hills Discovery Center.

“It’s an honor to recognize our 2024 Friend of the Flint Hills. Dave Kendall has provided the microphone and lens for years so people can enjoy an audio-visual record of the natural beauty, and attraction of the Flint Hills, its people and industries,” says Foundation President Jack Lindquist.

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

In 1987, Kendall became staff at the public television station KTWU, licensed to Washburn University in Topeka. For 27 years, he served as the host of “Sunflower Journeys,” a popular weekly series exploring diverse facets of the Sunflower State. He also served as director of KTWU’s production department, playing key roles in various public and community affairs programs.

In spring of 2015, he left KTWU to launch Prairie Hollow Productions with his wife, Laura Mead. They have since produced four full-length documentaries related to the Flint Hills, with the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation serving as a sponsoring organization. They include:

- *The Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve* (2016)
- *Prairie Women: Engaging Women of the Flint Hills* (2018)
- *The Road to Santa Fe* (2021)
- *Hot Times in the Heartland* (2024)

“His gift of storytelling has and will continue to assist the Flint Hills Discovery Center and Foundation to cultivate a greater passion to value, preserve and protect our native tall grass prairie for the benefit of all.” says Jack Lindquist, “That is why it is a fitting honor to call him our 2024 Friend of the Flint Hills.”

Please join us in honoring Dave Kendall at our 2024 Friend of the Flint Hills Award Celebration on Friday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets or for more information, you may also go online to the event page <http://auctria.events/2024FOTFH> or contact Foundation Director, Lesley White, at [fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com](mailto:fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com) or 785-748-1275.



## GROW Green Match Day – Monday, April 22

Support youth education at the Discovery Center! If \$15,000 in gifts are donated to the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation on GROW Green Match Day in the name of the FHDC Youth Education Endowment, the FHDC Foundation receives a \$7,500 match!

This is a 50% match meaning every dollar you donate is matched by 50 cents. Please join us this year and let's reach our \$15,000 goal to help the kids. If we do, a total of \$22,500 is raised for our youth programming!

Grow Green begins at 12:00 a.m. on April 22 and runs until 11:59 p.m.

Donations can be made in any of the following ways: Mailed donations must be postmarked before or on April 22 and mailed to GMCF PO Box 1127 Manhattan, KS 66505 with a memo for the Flint Hills Discovery Center Youth Education Endowment. You can also donate in person on April 22 at the Colony Square Atrium, 555 Poyntz Avenue, until 6:00 p.m. or online at [www.growgreenmanhattan.com](http://www.growgreenmanhattan.com)



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### Welcome Kay Lauer!

Kay Lauer joined the Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation Board of Directors in January. Kay's passion of the Flint Hills region, its people and the importance of preserving the land make her a valuable member. Kay has worn many hats over the course of her career, rancher, owner of Strong City's grocery store, and a community volunteer.

Kay is a mother and grandmother and enjoys spending time with her family, attending their activities, supporting

community events and enjoying the beautiful outdoors.

### Thomas Edison's Secret Lab – see it through May 5

Step into the lab and be inspired by the animated series featuring the brilliant work of Thomas Edison! *Thomas Edison's Secret Lab* engages kids in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning through unique, hands-on experience to inspire the next generation of inventors.



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