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From the desk of V. Marie Martin
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GROW GREEN with us on **Friday, April 20**, by participating in the **Greater Manhattan Community Foundation (GMCF)** Grow Green match day. The **Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation** established the **Flint Hills Discovery Center Youth Education Endowment Fund** at GMCF two years ago. **GROW Green Match Day** is an **opportunity for you to**

expand your donation on this one day and help FHDC Youth Education Programming continue to deliver the quality activities, events and programs which are designed to inspire youth to **INTERPRET, EXPLORE, & PRESERVE** the Flint Hills.

All qualifying gifts up to \$1,000 made to the **FHDC Youth Education Endowment Fund** on **Friday, April 20** will be matched by the **Greater Manhattan Community Foundation** by **50%**. This means a donation of **\$300 can grow to \$450!** You may donate on Friday, April 20 in person at Colony Square Atrium, 555 Poyntz Ave. from 7 a.m. - 7p.m., or donate online from 12 a.m. - 11:59p.m. on Friday April 20.

To learn more about the FHDC Foundation and the Flint Hills Discovery Center Youth Education Endowment Fund, visit: flinthillsdiscovery.org/Foundation, email fhdcfoundation1@gmail.com, or phone 785-587-2729, ext. 211. **For full details, and to make your donation on April 20, visit: growgreenmanhattan.com.**

The **FHDC Foundation** has the privilege to recognize **Scott and Carol Ritchie** of Wichita as the **2018 Friends of the Flint Hills** recipient on Saturday, April 14, at the Discovery Center. We are pleased that we have this opportunity to recognize people who love and appreciate the Flint Hills, and are concerned about their current and future protection. If you have not returned your RSVP to attend this event yet, please contact the Foundation office at the phone number or email address below.

If you don't already have a **FHDC membership** you need to get one now during the **2018 Annual FHDC Membership Drive**. **For the price of three regular admissions**, you and your family can experience **UNLIMITED access to the FHDC for a year!** The FHDC is the place where **Science and History Collide** all under one roof, with the complete permanent exhibit area on the first floor, several traveling exhibits a year, the immersive theatre, prairie playscape, and discounts to various festivals and events throughout the year! **Sign up NOW!** For more information please visit: <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/194/Become-a-Member>.

The **Discovery Center celebrates its 6th Anniversary in April** and its popularity continues to grow. The FHDC was voted the **#1 Top Attraction in Manhattan by TripAdvisor**.

We would like to thank all the guests who spent part of their 2018 **Spring Break at the FHDC this year**. FHDC broke a Spring Break record with over 3,180 guests during the week! If you didn't have an opportunity to come in and see the **Meet the Makers exhibitors**, they were really great! Be sure to have this on your calendar for next year.

The last day of the traveling exhibit **"Rainforest Adventure" will be April 29**. Come by and work your way through the educational Q & A Maze and find out just how much you know about the endangered tropical rainforest ecosystem. In conjunction with **Rainforest's departure**, there will be a **Butterfly Release Party on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m.** to set all the remaining butterflies free after their contribution to the Rainforest Adventure exhibit. A special thank you to **FHDC's exhibit partners** for all their support: **Blueville Nursery of Manhattan; Manhattan Sunset Zoo; Sunflower Natural Pets; Milford Nature Center; Fort Hays State University Sternberg Museum of Natural History; Goodcents Deli, Manhattan; Monarch Watch Program and Capitol Federal!**

The Dinosaurs are coming! The summer exhibit **"Be the Dinosaur"** opens Saturday, May 12. Bring the family because they will have the opportunity to use virtual technology to eat, sleep, and live like a dinosaur. For more information and programming activities regarding this exhibit, go to <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/483/Coming-Soon-Be-the-Dinosaur>.

Flint Hills Festival time is just around the corner so save the date for this fun family-friendly event on **Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.** at the FHDC and on the Blue Earth Plaza. There will be live entertainment, food trucks, local craft vendors, children's activities and much more! For further details go to <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/381/Flint-Hills-Festival>.

If you have an interest in becoming a future **exhibit or special event sponsor** contact Katharine Hensler, FHDC Assistant Director at 785-587-2729, ext. 207 or Katharine.Hensler@cityofmhk.com.



Annie Wilson, Joyce Thierer and Pauline Sharp at the Prairie Women Reception at the FHDC following the Dave Kendall "Pioneer Women: Engaging Women of the Flint Hills" screening at the Wareham in Manhattan.

Read **VISTAS Memo**, now online at the FHDC website, <http://www.flinthillsdiscovery.org/414/Vistas-Memo>. The Foundation's pages are located within the FHDC website, so be sure and take time to browse other sections of the FHDC website to keep up with all the activities happening at the Foundation and the Discovery Center.

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