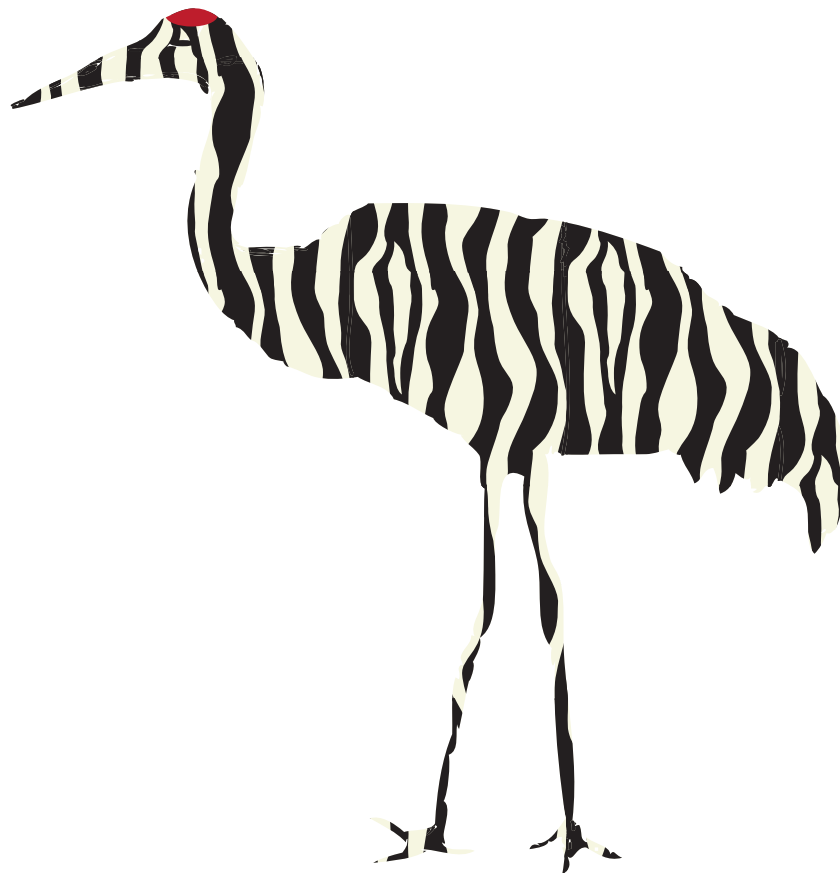


**OGALLALA COMMONS PRESENTS:
23RD ANNUAL SOUTHERN PLAINS CONFERENCE**

BEYOND THE WINDSHIELD: DWELLING IN THE NATURAL WORLD



**FEBRUARY 8TH & 9TH, 2012
MULESHOE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE & BAILEY COUNTY COLISEUM
MULESHOE, TEXAS**

Conference Overview

Beyond the windshields of our vehicles...outside the windows of our homes, schools, and workplaces where we spend much of our time...what is happening to the landscapes, plants, animals, and soils of the Southern Plains? Such a question may seem irrelevant in a society where we live so disconnected from wildlife-- and ignorant of the natural world. But that way of living has come to an end. Long-term flourishing (or survival) in the 21st century demands that humans take account of and exercise care for the natural world--through actions that are more embodied, practical, knowledgeable... and more complex. Our future depends on a "living with" and not just a "living from" the lands we inhabit.

To foster knowledge and action, this year's Southern Plains Conference will be held over two days. On Feb. 8th, we will participate in workshops at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge that take us beyond the windshield: walking on the escarpment, among the playas and grasslands, out in farm country to see, hear, and make observations. On the second day, we will deepen our experiences through presentations and discussions, to acquaint ourselves with what is required for dwelling in a shared Earth.

Conference Schedule

February 8, 2012

- 11:30am **Welcome & Overviews -- Bailey County Coliseum**
La Pista de Agua Vida: The Migratory Life
Andy Wilkinson, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- Living as a Naturalist**
Susan Tomlinson, Ph.D., Texas Tech University, Lubbock
Julie Hodges, MS, Ogallala Commons Ed. Coordinator, Lubbock
- 12:20 Lunch
- 1:30pm **Tours & Workshops at Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge**
(10 outdoor tours and indoor workshops--adjourn at 5:30pm)
- 6:00pm **Evening Soireé at St. Philip Neri Church Hall in Pep, TX**
Buffet featuring locally-produced foods and beverages
Featured Presentations:
"An Agricultural Revolution: Causes, Effects, and Aftermaths"
Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Director, Chapman Center for Rural Studies
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- "Wind Turbines & Transmission Lines"*
Performance by Laura Zak with music by Andy Wilkinson
- 8:30pm Adjourn

February 9, 2012

- 7:45am **Registration, Exhibits and light refreshments**
(Silent Auction Opens)
- 8:20 **Welcome and Overview**
Darryl Birkenfeld, Director, Ogallala Commons, Nazareth, TX
- 8:40 **Evolution of Landscape & Underground Water**
Kevin Mulligan, Dept. of GeoSciences, Texas Tech University

- 9:10 ***El Llano Estancado: Playas as Keystone Ecosystems***
David Haukos, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Manhattan, KS
- 9:40 **The Great Transformation: The Logic of Plow-Up & Pump-Down**
Bonnie Lynn-Sherow, Director, Chapman Center for Rural Studies, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- 10:15am **Break, Exhibits & Silent Auction Viewing**
- 11:00 **Oral Transmission of Plant/Animal Lore, and its Uses**
Nita Pahdopony, Harry Mithlo, Caryn Borchardt
- 11:30 **Walking Activity: Seeing, Touching, & Experiencing**
Julie Hodges, Ogallala Commons
- 12:10pm **Lunch (locally-produced and prepared)**
- 1:00pm **The World We Lost & the World We Inhabit: Biological Evidence**
Dr. John Zak, Texas Tech University
- 1:30pm **Overcoming the Fracture: Re-Visioning Stewardship**
Kim Barker, Walnut Creek Farm, Waynoka, OK
- 2:00pm **Break** (Silent Auction Closes)
- 2:15pm **Dwelling in a Shared Earth: Panel Presentation**
Tish McDaniel, Southern Shortgrass Prairie Project Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy
Jude Smith, Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge
(Other Panelists To Be Announced)
- 3:15pm **Evaluation of the Conference & Introduction of Next Year's Theme**
- 3:30pm **Adjournment**

Registration

This years conference will consist of three events:

- February 8th - Lunch and 10 Tours at the Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge
- February 8th - Evening Soiree at St. Phillip Neri Church Hall in Pep, TX
- February 9th - Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe, TX

The cost of each event is \$40 per person or \$120 to cover all three events. We are offering an Early Bird Discount of \$100 per person! To get the discount, register online or by mail for all three events by Jan. 20, 2012. Ogallala Commons must receive payment by Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 for the early bird discount to apply. Students wishing to attend all or part of the conference are eligible for special prices, to inquire about student pricing, contact: Darryl Birkenfeld (806) 945-2255.

Participants can register online after Jan. 3rd at www.ogallalacommons.org under the Events --> Southern Plains Conference
Anyone registering online must also pay online with credit card.

If you wish to mail in your registration, fill out the form below and send it along with your payment to:

Ogallala Commons, PO Box 346, Nazareth, TX 79063.

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ALL 3 EVENTS - Early Bird
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ALL 3 EVENTS
\$120 - after Jan. 20th

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FEB. 8TH LUNCH & TOURS
\$40

FEB. 8TH EVENING SOIREE
\$40

FEB. 9TH CONFERENCE
\$40

Directions:

Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe, Texas (2206 West American Boulevard, Muleshoe, TX):

The Bailey County Coliseum is located on U.S. Hwy 84/70 in Muleshoe, Texas.

From Lubbock, take the Clovis Highway US-84W to Muleshoe, continue on US-84W into town, the Coliseum will be on your right, just past the Sonic Drive-In.

From Amarillo, take US-87 S to Canyon. Exit onto US-60 W toward Hereford. In Friona, turn left onto Grand Ave, continue onto TX-214 S. Turn right onto N 1st Street in Muleshoe, turn right onto W. American Blvd (Clovis Highway/US-84 and drive 1.5 miles, the Bailey County Coliseum will be on your right.

Muleshoe National Wildlife Refuge:

From Muleshoe, take Highway 214 south 20 miles. Go west on Caliche Road for 2.25 miles to refuge headquarters. From Morton, take Highway 214 north 18 miles. Go west on Caliche Road 2.25 miles

Accomodations:

The Irish Inn and Suites, 104 E 6th Street, Muleshoe, Texas (806) 272-4500

Heritage House Inn, 2301 W. American Blvd., Muleshoe, Texas (806) 272-7575

Questions? Call Darryl Birkenfeld at 806-945-2255

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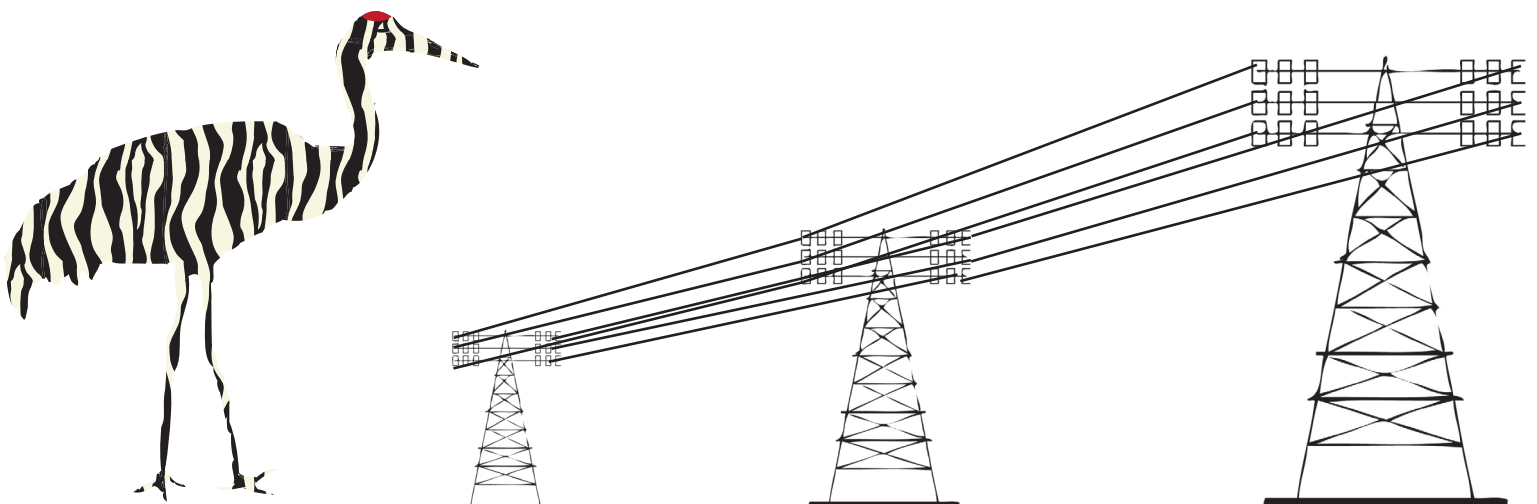
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