



Oxley Nature Center

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Mary K. Oxley Nature Center Association 2015 Honor Roll

The Mary K. Oxley Nature Center Association is honored to recognize the following individuals for their contributions during 2015. Sixty-two donors contributed \$45,930. Each gift is deeply appreciated and is critical to the maintenance and enhancement of the Oxley Nature Center.

Oxley Nature Center:

- There will be a \$2 fee per car entering Mohawk Park on weekends April through October **unless** you are a member of Oxley Nature Center or the Zoo.

-The Interpretive Building will be open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 12 noon - 4:30 p.m.

-Gate and parking lot are open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

-Hiking trails are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Redbud Valley Nature Preserve is closed:
all Mondays and Tuesdays.

-Open Wednesday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Hiking at Redbud Valley after these hours is not allowed.

-Interpretive building is open Wednesday through Sunday. 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

-Closed most City holidays.

** Holiday Closings:

Oxley Nature Center and Redbud Valley Nature Preserve:

-Monday, May 30: Memorial Day

Program information:

- 918-669-6644
- Oxley@cityoftulsa.org
- Website at <http://www.oxleynaturecenter.org>.

*Register for classes 48 hours in advance.

-Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult unless otherwise stated.

-Most programs are stroller/wheelchair accessible.

-Our new mailing address is:
Box 150209, Tulsa, OK 74115

Mink

Friends of Tulsa
Oxley Foundation

Turtle

Roger & Susan Bey

Red-headed Woodpecker

Phyllis Stroud
Walter Whaling

Pecan

Kent Powers
Roots of Wonder
Thomas Schroeder
Jim & Margaret Thayer

Purple Coneflower

Anonymous (2)
Dr. & Mrs James
Randolph Birch

Monarch Butterfly

Anonymous
Meg Bilyeu
Lucy Dolman
Melinda Droge
Tom Clark &
Jennifer Gibbons
Richard Erickson
Greg Duncan
Drs. Janet & Alan Hasegawa
and Richard Hasegawa
Dennis Hebert
Tippy Hawkins
Helen & Mac Hickey
Odes G. Hutchinson

Lucas Controls
Mary & Tom Kenkel
Tim Kuehnert
Helen Madden
Susan McCollum
Thomas E. Pendergraft
Hannah Ralston
Rebecca Renfro
Bernard & Marcy
Robinowicz
Philip Ruth
Tulsa Audubon Society
Dot Schultze
John & Kim Shannon
Dick Sherry
Helen Marie Sisler
Susan Stowe
David & JoAnn White
Allen & Ruth Ann White
Marcia Wilson
David Zucconi

Honey Bee

Friend of O.N.C.A.
Michael Ayling
Jan Eckardt Butler
Tom Dalton
Russell L. Doden
Connie Gillis
Karen Harris
Kit Kat Garden Club
John Kennington
Simon & Jane Knoten, II
Rick Kotarsky
Kristi Bridges
Irene McKee
Rebecca Roe

Lucille O'Meara
Janet Romine
Rick Stearns
Jacquie Young

Gifts in Memory of

Carol Eames

Anonymous

Len Eames

Anonymous
Tom Clark
Jacquie Young

Randy Hodge

Helen Marie Sisler

Connie Hutchinson

Odes G. Hutchinson

Bob Jennings

Tom Clark
Irene McKee

Al Schultze

Anonymous

Margaret Smith

Mack & Helen Hickey

Gifts in Honor of

Dick Sherry

Tom Clark &
Jennifer Gibbons

Nature Center Happenings

Photography, a Passion for all Seasons

Whether you are new to the field or you've been at it for years, our photography sessions will boost your skills. Professional photographer, Dave Muller, will teach you the skills to become a better photographer and to take professional quality photos. 2-parts remain of this 4-part series. Session will consist of classroom instruction, Q & A, and field demonstrations at the Oxley Nature Center.

The Saturday sessions are scheduled for June 4 and June 25 and will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Topics to be covered will be as follows:

Session 3 – June 4: Night Photography, Post-Processing Workflow, and Photographing Summer at Oxley

Session 4 – June 25: Secrets to Taking and Preparing Compelling and Potentially Award-Winning Nature Photographs.

For Friends of Oxley members, the fee is \$20/person. For non-members, the fee is \$40 for the first session you attend (of which \$20 will pay for your individual membership fee) and \$20/session thereafter.

4th of July North American Butterfly Count

Join us at Oxley on Wednesday, July 6th to spot, count, tally, and identify butterflies. Information gathered is used to supplement the North American Butterfly Association (NABA) 4th of July Butterfly Count held annually in June and July.

Citizen scientists participate in local counts, increase their own knowledge, raise public awareness, and contribute valuable data about butterfly populations.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. and count until dusk, weather permitting. You are welcome to participate in all or part of the count. Please bring a lunch, water, hat and binoculars if you have them.

Meet at Oxley Nature Center. No experience is necessary. You'll work in teams with experienced naturalists counting in different areas.

Volunteer Naturalists Graduate

Our volunteer training was great fun this season! We had 15 weekday and 2 weekend volunteer naturalists graduate. An amazing group of people! Please give a big welcome to:

JOE BUFFALO, CONNIE DOOLEY, AMANDA GRUENEBERG, TODD GUNTER, A.T. GIBSON, DON HERTZLER, DAYNA LANE, JUDI LOTTER, DAVID MURRAY, JIM PARRETT, STEVE PITTMAN, DYLAN PROKSA, SHARON PUMPHREY, JAMES ROSS, JENNY SALDIVAR, and TINA SMITH.

We would also like to welcome **HANNAH RALSTON**, our new MKONCA BOARD MEMBER, and our new volunteer staff: **MICHELLE ALLEN, JARED BOYD, DEBRA CHANDLER, KARI CULP, RICK STEARNS, JON STEINER, EMMA STOCK, IONA WIGGINS, and VERNA WILSON.**

Our volunteer staff are our greatest resource. They enable us to maintain trails, fight invasive species, greet our guests, lead interpretive tours, provide outreach and so much more. We thank them for their dedication and enthusiasm!

Full Moon Walks at Oxley Nature Center

\$3 requested donation per person, all ages welcome ** Please register in advance **

Full Flower Moon

Saturday, May 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

April showers and sunshine have brought a flush of wildflowers to the land. Join us for an evening walk along the trails.



Full Strawberry Moon

Monday, June 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

We will engage all our senses as we explore the trails this evening. Will we find wild strawberries?

Programs and Special Events

May

4 “Basket Guild” **Ages: 13 to Adult**
Wednesday **6:00-7:00 p.m.**
Free **registration is required**

Join us for a basket-making class that meets once a month at Oxley. This is for all skill levels.

7 “Saturday Morning Birding” **Ages: All**
Saturday **8:00-9:45 a.m.**
Free **registration not required**

Join us for birding at Oxley.
Bring binoculars if you have them.

9 “Natural Babies: Butterflies and Moths”
Ages: 1-5 years with caregiver
Monday **10:30-11:30 a.m.**
Free **registration is required**

What makes a butterfly different from a moth? We will discover the secrets of their life cycles, and search for some of these flying beauties on the trail.

14 “It’s All About Trees” **Ages: All**
Saturday **10:30 –12:00 p.m.**
Free **registration required**

Special guest, Tulsa’s UP WITH TREES, will be at Oxley to share how important trees are to us. This class will make you want to hug a tree as you leave Oxley! Participants will receive their very own tree cookie.

21 “Butterfly Walk” **Ages: All**
Saturday **9:30-11:00 a.m.**
Free **registration not required**

Join us at Oxley for our butterfly walk. Please note, the time has changed for the warmer seasons: May-August, 9:30-11:00 a.m. All ages and skill levels welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

23 “Natural Babies: Butterflies and Moths”
Ages: 1-5 years with caregiver
Monday **10:30-11:30 a.m.**
Free **registration is required**

Repeat of May 9th class.

28 “Botany Walk” **Ages: All**
Saturday **9:30-11:00 a.m.**
Free **registration not required**

Meet at Oxley for a spring botany walk. Please note, the time has changed for the warmer seasons:

June

1 “Basket Guild” **Ages: 13 to Adult**
Wednesday **6:00-7:00 p.m.**
Free **registration is required**

Join a basket-making class at Oxley. We are experimenting with different techniques and materials. This is for all skill levels.

4 “Saturday Morning Birding” **Ages: All**
Saturday **8:00-9:45 a.m.**
Free **registration not required**

Join us for birding at Oxley.
Bring binoculars if you have them.



11 “Leave it to Beavers —Natures Engineers”
Ages: Older elementary and up
Saturday **10:30-12:00 p.m.**
Free **registration is required**

Explore the world of the beaver, take a walk to the marsh to find signs of Oxley beaver activity, then make your own beaver lodge to take home.

18 “Butterfly Walk” **Ages: All**
Free **registration not required**
Saturday **9:30-11:00 a.m.**

Join us at Oxley for our butterfly walk. Please note, the time has changed for the warmer seasons: May-August, 9:30-11:00 a.m. All ages and skill levels welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

25 “Botany Walk” **Ages: All**
Saturday **9:30-11:00 a.m.**
Free **registration not required**

Join us at Oxley for a botany walk. Please note, the time has changed for the warmer seasons: May-August, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Making Your Yard Wildlife Friendly

You can attract wildlife to your home if you provide some basic necessities. Food, water, and shelter are things all living things require to survive.

One of the most simple and rewarding ways to attract wildlife is to provide a source of water. It can be as simple as a tray of water, or as elaborate as a pond with recycled running water. Sit back and watch birds, insects, reptiles, mammals, and amphibians come take advantage of this as they quench their thirst and splash and bathe.

Plant trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers that will support our native wildlife. Whenever possible, this means choosing native species. Your plantings may provide shelter, nectar, food as a host plant for caterpillars, fruit for birds, mammals, and reptiles, and natural beauty. Visit our pollinator gardens at Oxley for ideas!

Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour & Plant Sale

In May, Oxley Nature Center will have a booth at the 23rd Annual Wildlife Habitat Garden Tour and Plant Sale sponsored by the Tulsa Audubon Society. Stop by and visit with Oxley Nature Center staff at one of the featured gardens.

Bring any questions you may have about enticing butterflies, birds, bees, and other creatures to your garden. Learn about the best plants to use.

Native plant vendors will be featured at the gardens with a variety of their wonderful plants. The tour dates are:

Saturday, May 21, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 22, Noon-5:00 p.m.

Admission donation \$6

For Garden tour map and information: www.tulsaaudubon.org



“If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life...” Rachael Carson