

DINNER ON THE PRAIRIE

Saturday, September 13, 6-9 p.m.

Dinner on the Prairie will be held on Saturday, September 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. The site for this first-time event will be the enchanting 180 acre prairie at the Overland Park Arboretum & Botanical Garden.

The evening, billed as "rustic, yet elegant" will begin with a cocktail hour around a Conestoga wagon, music provided by a native American flute player, stories by a prairie storyteller, and prairie games. At 7 p.m., guests will make the short trip up the hill to a seated dinner under a tent, where they can enjoy the beautiful prairie sunset and jazz provided by a trio led by Rod Fleeman.

A live auction will follow the dinner; then, guests will wind their way down the hill to dessert and coffee around the fire pits.

Tickets for Dinner on the Prairie are \$150 each and will be limited to the first 100 who register. A group or a company may purchase a table for 10 for \$2000. The event will be held rain or shine; no refunds will be issued. Dress for the evening: prairie attire.

Guests will park inside the gates off Antioch Road south of 179th Street.

The event will be catered by YaYa's Euro Bistro. **The menu** includes:

- Hors d'oeuvres: smoked Troutdale farms trout roulade; beef crudo on pumpernickel with horseradish crème
- Mixed green salad with maple roasted butternut squash, apples, goat cheese, Louisburg cider vinaigrette
- Campo Lindo chicken with golden raisin almond jus, roasted root vegetables, sautéed green beans with caramelized onions
- Beer, wine, iced tea, coffee
- Dessert: s'mores

Auction Items:

- Round of golf for four at Jack Nicklaus Golf Course at Lionsgate (Mark and Sharon Simpson)
- Complete veterinary care for new puppy from first visit through spay/heuter (State Line Animal Hospital)
- One week stay (Jan. 18-25) at Island Gulf Resort in Madeira Beach, Florida (Georgia Erickson)
- Fresh floral arrangement once a month for six months (Gregory's Floral Art)
- Dinner for 10 prepared in your home by YaYa's chef (YaYa's Euro Bistro)
- Original artwork of the prairie (Shannon Davis)
- Prairie planter created and planted by designers at Sidelines (Sidelines Custom Floral Designs, Inc.)

The Arboretum's Master Plan began with a vision: the advancement of environmental education, recreation, and the appreciation of nature. With the help of the USDA-WHIP program and the City of Overland Park, the Arboretum has begun to reclaim, enhance, restore, and preserve a small part of what was once the Tallgrass Prairie. Ongoing support in this 10-year plan will be used for native grass seeding of Big Bluestem, Indiangrass,

Switchgrass, Little Bluestem, Sideoats, Western Wheatgrass, and 10 native forbs and legumes.

The Honorary Chairman of Dinner on the Prairie is Wayne Byrd, former Overland Park City Councilman. Wayne served on the Council when the Arboretum was purchased and was one of the first Chairs of the Friends of the Arboretum (FOTA). He and his wife, Anne, donated one of the beautiful gardens overlooking Margaret's Pond.

Dinner on the Prairie is sponsored by FOTA. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Arboretum's prairie restoration project.

For **questions**, call 913-685-3604 and ask for Katharine, or email katharine.garrison@opkansas.org.



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