Greener Postures: Notes from the Chair

ELAINE GIESSEL, CHAIR, SIERRA CLUB KANSAS CHAPTER

An online search for “Greener Postures” produces a variety of matches: yoga classes, rock music albums and, to no surprise, several blogs on sustainability. Over a decade ago, political satirist Jon Stewart used the phrase while poking fun at climate solutions. Watch Greener Postures - The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

So, I’m not original. But members of Sierra Club can claim to be part of a unique and enduring grassroots organization that began in 1892 as a group of California outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists. We’ve come a long way in 130 years – from an elite “outings” club to the oldest and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the United States.
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Who's Talking Green? Who's Listening?

BY MIMI MOFFAT, CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Marvin Gaye was singing green 40 years ago with a #1 R&B hit in 1971 which reached #4 on the Billboard Pop Chart. Listen to “Mercy Mercy Mercy Me (the Ecology).” The Sierra Club has been talking about environmental justice for even longer. Our message now is that equity and social justice are part of environmental justice. How do we get people to listen? We’re thinking about changes that will help our chapter build back better. Keep tuned in for more songs while we tell you what we’re thinking.

Full Story

BY ELAINE GIESSEL, Aquatic Ecologist, Chair of Sierra Club
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On January 24, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to consider limiting the scope of the Clean Water Act (1972) in their next term. The justices (not hydrologists!) will try to define what legally constitutes “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) in this landmark environmental law. Their decision will determine which waterbodies are subject to federal protection by the EPA.

Feb. 8, 2022 - Kanza Event

CleanAirNow: Climate Justice and Environmental Racism

The Kanza Group presents Beto Lugo Martinez and Atenas Mena of the CleanAirNow Coalition. CAN is dedicated to improving air quality in Kansas communities suffering the greatest health burden and to preventing and mitigating disease caused by air pollution.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required by 5 PM the day of the meeting, when the Zoom link will be emailed to registrants.

Register Here
February and March, 2022

2022 Legislative Update Series with Lobbyist Zack Pistora

Zoom events hosted by Southwind, Wakarusa, and Kanza Groups. Advance registration required.

Feb. 11, 2022, 7 p.m.  Feb. 11 RSVP
Feb. 23, 2022, 7 p.m.  Feb. 23 RSVP
March 8, 2022, 7 p.m.  March 8 RSVP

Johnson County Solar Siting Guidelines

Due to recently adopted COVID restrictions, the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners has delayed considering the...
large-scale solar siting guidelines recommended by the Planning Commission. Stay tuned for updates via email. If you received an email alert that included signing a petition on this issue, please add a personal message and submit now.

For more information, contact Chapter Chair, Elaine.Giessel@Kansas.SierraClub.org.

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**Featured Waypoint: Oceans in Kansas, Niobara Chalk Forma on**

**Smoky Valley Ranch, Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park, Monument Rocks National Natural Landmark**

**BY HAROLD DRAPER, KANZA CHAIR**

Smoky Valley Ranch is located in Logan County, Kansas, south of Oakley and west of U.S. Route 83. The 17,300-acre Nature Conservancy property is a working cattle ranch managed to provide habitat for the lesser prairie chicken. It also includes the largest exposure of the Niobara Chalk in Kansas. The Little Jerusalem Badlands State Park is 332 acres of rocks and outcrops at the southeastern edge of the ranch property, provided through agreement with the Nature Conservancy as a Kansas State Park. To the east of U.S. 83 in Gove County is the Monument Rocks National Natural Landmark, private property open to the public to view the rock formations.

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**what is a WAYPOINT?**

**Waypoint:** *noun.* A stopping place on a journey; an endpoint of the leg of a course, especially one whose coordinates have been generated by a computer.