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## **Urban Agriculture and Rural Agrarianism: Toward a Perennial Future**

### **2017 Prairie Festival Agenda** (specific time slots still subject to change)

#### **Friday, Sept. 22**

- 5:00pm Registration opens on site.
- 7:00pm Registration closes.
- 8:00pm Traditional barn dance in the Big Barn.
- Dusk Weather permitting, bonfire at the Hedge Fire Circle.

#### **Saturday, Sep. 23**

- 7:00am The Walk That Connects – interactive walk including participatory observation and absorption, silence and contemplation, with 2017 Prairie Fest Artist Karen McCoy and special guests Wes Jackson, Bill Vitek and Aubrey Streit Krug. Meet at top of the hill overlooking Wauhob Prairie.
- 7:30am Registration and Bookstore open.
- 7:30am Horse-drawn carriage rides around the facilities begin (free, but tips appreciated).
- 8:00am Children’s area open.
- 7:30 – 8:30am Kernza® pancake feed. (optional event, free-will donations accepted).
- 8:30am Official Festival welcome in the Big Barn.  
  
Karen McCoy on her artwork.



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- 8:50am Fred Iutzi, brief introductory remarks on this year's theme.
- 9:00am *Letters to a Young Farmer* panel moderated by Jill Isenbarger, CEO of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture with Amigo Bob Cantisano and Amy Halloran.
- 10:00am Cathrine Sneed of The Garden Project.
- 10:45 – 11:00am Break
- 11:00am Introduction of Pete Ferrell as the new board chair and a recognition of Angus Wright's service in that role.
- 11:15am Wes Jackson: *Framework for the Future*
- 12:00-1:30pm Lunch
- 12:00-1:00pm Children's area closed for lunch.
- 1:00pm Children's area opens again.
- 1:30pm Scientist research updates - includes all TLI science staff and likely some partners.
- 3:00pm Ecosphere Studies update by Aubrey Streit Krug or Bill Vitek, in complement to scientist updates.
- 3:30pm Following the research update presentations guests can join staff-led tours of the research plots. Buses will transport participants to and from the plots located just east of the intersection of Water Well Road and Ohio Street.
- 4:30pm Horse-drawn carriage rides around the facilities end.
- 5:00pm Dinner. Bring your own, visit one of the food trucks, or head into town.
- 5:00pm Children's area closes.
- 5:00-6:00pm Prairie Festival speakers will be on hand to autograph books.



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- 6:00pm Registration closes.
- 6:30pm Bookstore closes.
- 7:30pm Kaleigh Glanton performs live music in the Big Barn.

### **Sunday, Sep. 24**

- 7:30am Choose from sunrise activities:
- A prairie walk led by Land Institute staff.
  - Instructor-led yoga near the white flag behind the office.
- 8:00am Ann Zimmerman begins warming up the Big Barn with music.
- 8:00am Registration opens.
- 8:30am Bookstore opens.
- 8:30-9:00am Brian Donahue, Brandeis University professor, author, former Land Institute staff, and current board member
- 9:00-9:45am Wylie Harris & Özlem Altiok of Seis Flechas Farm and University of North Texas: *Cracked Up to Be: Living On and Off the Land*.
- 9:45-10:00am Break
- 10:00-10:45am Kernza® perennial grain commercialization panel - experiences from the marketplace and the farm plot, and looking ahead.
- 11:30am Registration closes.
- 10:45-11:45am Severine von Tscharner Fleming of Greenhorns and The Agrarian Trust delivers the annual Strachan Donnelley Lecture on Conservation and Restoration: *New customary rights - Greenhorns, Buckaroos, Family Farms and the Future Tense*.
- 11:45am-12:15pm Fred Iutzi closing remarks – Urban Agriculture and Rural Agrarianism: Toward a Perennial Future.
- 1:00pm The Bookstore closes.