PRAIRIE FESTIVAL 2022
New Roots: Growing a movement from the ground down
September 23 – 25, 2022
Friday

4:00-6:00 PM **Registration Open**
Prairie Festival 2022 Begins. Camping areas are open for setup.

6:30-8:00 PM **Welcome Reception**
New this year, the weekend kicks off with a reception at the Hedge Fire Circle, open to all guests. President’s Toast at 7:15 PM with a bonfire at dusk, weather permitting.

8:00 PM **Barn Dance**
Kick up your heels in the Big Barn with The Land Institute’s beloved Land Band at a traditional Barn Dance.

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**The Bookstore**
Saturday 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Books by Prairie Fest authors, products with perennial grain crops developed by The Land Institute, plus a variety of apparel, water bottles, mugs, and more. Co-hosted by The Raven Bookstore, Lawrence, KS.

**Red Barn Gallery**
evolve | become: works on paper from the Konza Prairie
Erin Wiersma, Prairie Festival Featured Artist
The Flattening Future: Beauty, Utility and Discomfort
Priti Gulati Cox and Wes Jackson

**Youth Program** | Located on the South Lawn
Saturday & Sunday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Activities, Art Projects, Stories, and more. Ages 5-15 welcome, sign up required at registration tent.

**Leland’s Shack**
Saturday & Sunday
Take a walk away from the extractive economy. Visit the shack of Leland Lorenzen to experience a down-powered life lived within limits.

**Food Trucks** | Located on the North Lawn
Friday 5:30-7:00 PM
Saturday 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

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**Concessions** | Located in the Red Barn
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Purchase beverages, breakfast items, and snacks. Hosted by Prairieland Market.

**Kernza® Perennial Grain Pancake Feed** | Located at the Threshing Building
Saturday 7:15 - 8:30 AM
Start the day with a delicious breakfast! Enjoy Kernza pancakes, bison sausage, and coffee. Get em’ while they’re hot and supplies last!

**Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides**
Saturday 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM
See the grounds from a down-powered conveyance.

**Sunrise Activities**
Sunday 7:30 AM
**Sunrise Prairie Walk** | Meet at the Wauhob Prairie. Led by Aubrey Streit Krug, Director of Ecosphere Studies at The Land Institute, and Kelly Kindscher, Senior Scientist at the Kansas Biological Survey. Please arrive early, and don’t forget layers, hat, sunblock, and bug spray.

**Sunrise Yoga** | Meet on the South Lawn. Please bring your own mat and water bottle.

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Saturday

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM Registration Open

8:00 AM Welcome Bell
Head to the Big Barn for a full day of exploration, conversation, and connection.

8:30 AM Rachel Stroer, President of The Land Institute | Opening Remarks

8:45 AM Linda Black Elk, Food Sovereignty Coordinator at United Tribes Technical College | Radical Appreciation: Standing in Right Relationship with Prairie Ecosystems

9:30 AM Eric Schlosser, Journalist, Author, Filmmaker | Back to the Land: How to Live in the World without Destroying It

10:15 AM Break

10:35 AM Erin Wiersma, Prairie Festival Featured Artist | evolve / become: works on paper from the Konza Prairie

10:50 AM Kansas Black Farmer’s Association Panel Discussion | We Have Always Been at the Roots: The Black Farm Experience | A conversation with Donna McClish, Web Davis, and Ryan Tenney. Hosted by Dr. John Ella Holmes, KBFA Executive Director and President

11:45 AM Dr. Omar Tesdell, Associate Professor of Geography, Birzeit University, Palestine | Remnant Agro-ecology: Notes from the Fertile Crescent

12:30 PM Lunch Break

2:00 PM Updates on Progress Toward a Perennial Future | The Land Institute’s Dr. Tim Crews, Chief Scientist, and Dr. Aubrey Streit Krug, Director of Ecosphere Studies

3:00–5:00 PM Research Field Tours, Demos, and Activities | The Land Institute team and partners. Look for the signs to guide you to activities. Field tour sign up required at the registration tent.

5:00-6:00 PM Book Signings | Join authors Wes Jackson, Erin Wiersma, Eric Schlosser, Beth Dooley and Stan Cox under the trees next to the bookstore.

5:30 PM Dinner Break

7:30 PM A Concert In Celebration of the Earth | An evening with Paul Winter and Henrique Eisenmann, with special guest Wes Jackson

Sunday

7:00 AM – 12:30 PM Registration Open

8:00 AM Launch the Day With Music | Performance by Ann Zimmerman and friends

9:05 AM Rachel Stroer, President, The Land Institute | Opening Remarks

9:15 AM In Real Time: Chronicles of a Fate Unknown | A conversation with Alexia Leclercq, grassroots organizer and Co-Founder of Start:Empowerment, and Stan Cox, Research Fellow, Ecosphere Studies, The Land Institute

10:00 AM The Old Future is Gone | A conversation with Eric Schlosser and Wes Jackson

10:45 AM Break

11:05 AM Perennial Strachan & Vivian Donnelley Keynote Address with Huascar Medina, Poet Laureate of Kansas | Un Mango Grows in Kansas

12:00 PM Rachel Stroer, President, The Land Institute | New Roots for an Unthinkable Future

12:30 PM Book Signing with Huascar Medina under the trees next to the bookstore.

1:00 PM Closing Bell

Farewell to Prairie Festival 2022. See you next year!