

TRANSPORTATION IN THE FLINT HILLS

This year's Symphony in the Flint Hills Signature Event is set amidst the beautiful vistas of Wade Pasture in Wabaunsee County, also the site of the 2007 Signature Event. The pasture, located in the northern Flint Hills, was first purchased by Lawrence businessman Achilles B. Wade in 1880. All owners since have referred to this land as *The Wade*.

While this site offers a picturesque backdrop for our annual event, it's also a great fit for this year's theme, *Transportation in the Flint Hills*. The pasture was once home to three converging trails used by dragoons, armies, immigrants, and those headed to the California gold fields.

As we explore the theme of transportation, we'll go beyond simply focusing on the physical component of transportation. This year we continue to recognize and appreciate the subtle ways our natural environment can also transport us within our minds, hearts, and souls.

We hope you'll join us for the 2023 Signature Event on Saturday, June 10, at Wade Pasture in Wabaunsee County. Tickets go on sale Saturday, March 4, at 10 a.m.



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BNSF is especially proud to partner and collaborate with Symphony in the Flint Hills in 2023. Transportation in the Flint Hills is a theme that we hold near and dear to our hearts. BNSF's trains traveling through the hills are as common as the great blue sky and the tallgrass prairie that we adore. We share our history - with your history - while connecting the global marketplace.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

My wife, Pam, and I chose to raise our children in the Flint Hills, and we now have the privilege of watching them raise our grandchildren here as well. As a lifelong rancher I know firsthand the hard work and dedication required to travel the highs and lows the Flint Hills has to offer, from the enjoyment of a gentle spring rain to changing a tire flattened by flint rock stirred up from that same rain shower. The prosperity is measured in much more than the bottom line but also in the gain of working on the land, side by side with family, often multiple generations, on a daily basis.



Mike & Pam Collinge & Family

I've been honored to be on the Symphony in the Flint Hills board of directors since 2019, with 2023 marking my first year as the organization's board chair. At the Signature Event and in this year's Field Journal we will be exploring our theme *Transportation in the Flint Hills*. For most of us, transportation includes four wheels, however, for me, an average workday often includes the four-legged kind while riding my horse through pastures checking on the cattle.

Special thanks to BNSF Railway for returning as our Major Presenting Sponsor. With our theme of transportation and trains being a vital part of that topic, it only seems fitting that our partnership continues.

I look forward to this year's event at Wade Pasture in Wabaunsee County. Thank you to the Loutzenheiser and Schwarting families, the 2023 landowners, for enthusiastically sharing their pasture.

On behalf of everyone at Symphony in the Flint Hills, I invite you to join us on June 10, 2023, at our 18th Annual Signature Event. As we prepare for the events of the day, we eagerly anticipate spending this annual gathering with all of you and recognize the value of your dedication to the Kansas Flint Hills.

Mike Collinge, Board Chair
Symphony in the Flint Hills

PRAIRIE ART EXHIBIT AND AUCTION

Opening Reception • Saturday, April 29, 1 – 3 p.m.

Don't miss your chance to bid on amazing Flint Hills inspired art during this year's Prairie Art Exhibit and Auction. Bidding will take place at kcauctioncompany.com from Saturday, April 29 through Tuesday, June 13. The auction benefits the artists and is a fundraiser for Symphony in the Flint Hills.

During the auction, the art will be on display daily from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Symphony in the Flint Hills Gallery, 331 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. Please join us for the opening reception when we announce the 2023 winning entry and enjoy conversations with many of the artists. This year's art juror, Dr. Charity-Mika Woodard, serves on the board of the Kansas Art Education Association and was the Kansas 2021 Outstanding Higher Education Art Educator.



Suzanne Southard, *Deep Prairie Roots*
Winner of the 2022 Prairie Art Exhibit and Auction

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Musicians, artists, and nature lovers share all that WoodFest has to offer – a perfect day in the Flint Hills.

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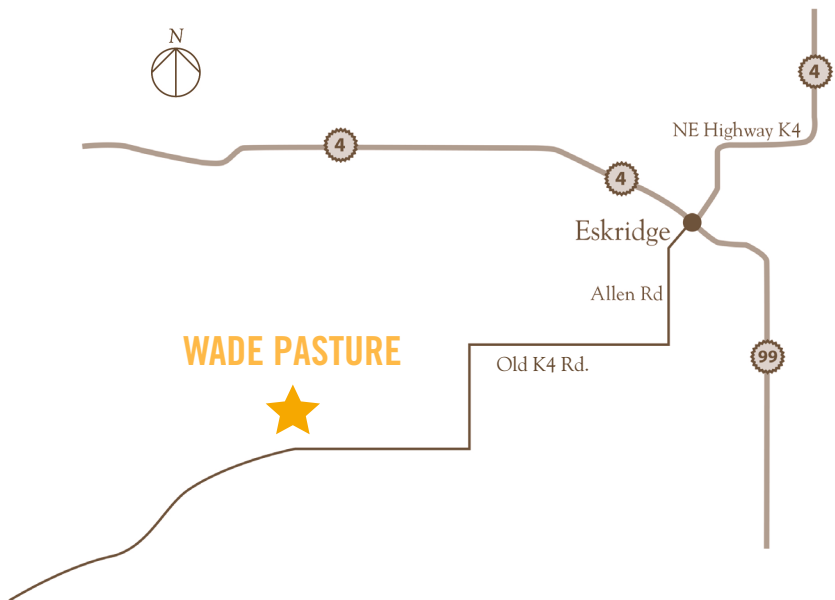
2023 Event Information

Wabaunsee County
Wade Pasture near Eskridge, KS
Saturday, June 10, 2023
Gates open at 1:00 p.m.
Rain Date: Sunday, June 11, 2023

This remote location requires driving on gravel. Making your way from parking to the main site includes walking on the natural terrain of the pasture. Please plan accordingly.

Ticket Information

Buy tickets online or by phone starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 4.
Adults: \$95 plus taxes and fees
Children (12 and under): \$50 plus taxes and fees
No Refunds. No Exchanges.
If the Signature Event is cancelled due to weather, GA tickets will be eligible for a refund.
Online: SymphonyintheFlintHills.org
Phone: 620-273-8955



Directions

- From Eskridge go south on S. Main St. for 1 mile, turns into Allen Rd.
- Turn west on Old K4 Rd.
- Stay on Old K4 Rd. for 5 miles to entrance of site