



*Welcome to*  
**The High Plains  
of Mari Sandoz**

March 27-29, 2008

Chadron State College

Chadron, Nebraska

A Mari Sandoz Heritage Society Conference in  
conjunction with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

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*Reprint of painting by Robin Smith. Panhandle Storm, 2007. Oil on canvas, 60" x 30"*

# 2008 Conference Schedule

## Thursday, March 27

- 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. **REGISTRATION, COFFEE & ROLLS** sponsored by Woods Country Greenhouse, Rushville, NE Student Center
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Horticulture – Option 1** Student Center  
Five presentations and lunch.  
**Woody Plants for the Western Great Plains** Justin Evertson, Assistant Director for Community Programs, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.  
**Turfgrass—The Carpet in a Managed Landscape** Roch E. Gaussoin, Professor, University of Nebraska Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, Extension Turfgrass Specialist, panelist on *Backyard Farmer*.  
**Prairie Wildflowers—Jewels for the Garden** Bob Henrickson, Assistant Director for Horticulture Programs for the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.  
**Good Bugs - Bad Bugs** Fred Baxendale, professor University of Nebraska Department of Entomology, Research & Extension Entomologist, panelist on *Backyard Farmer*.  
**Follow the Line** Kim Todd, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, Extension Horticulture Specialist, licensed landscape architect, program host for *Backyard Farmer*.
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Horticulture – Option 2** Student Center  
First three sessions from above and lunch. Afternoon session is two-hour Springtime Pruning and Planting of High Plains Trees with Doak Nickerson, Forester, Nebraska Forest Service.
- 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **Archives 101 Workshop: Original Documents of Mari Sandoz** Sandoz Center  
Ann Grenia, Archivist, Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center. Participants will view Mari Sandoz's original documents including manuscripts, short works, correspondence and research notes. Also featured in the collections are photographs and collections.
- 12 p.m.- 12:45 p.m. **LUNCH** (Meet the horticulture presenters and fellow gardeners.) Student Center
- 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Archives 101 Workshop: Original Documents of Mari Sandoz** (Repeat) Sandoz Center
- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. **Mari Sandoz Society Annual Board Meeting.** Open to all. Sandoz Center
- 3 p.m. **BREAK** sponsored by Pine Ridge Garden Center, Chadron, NE Sandoz Center
- 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. **Horticultural Q & A** - Roger Swain, *Backyard Farmer* panel and staff of Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Open to all. Sandoz Center
- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. **Registration in Student Center** Student Center
- 7 p.m. **KEYNOTE SPEECH** - Roger Swain, who is recognized by millions as the past host of "The Victory Garden," television's longest-running gardening show, will discuss **Planting Villages: How Gardens Make Good Neighbors.** Student Center

## Friday, March 28

- 8 a.m. **REGISTRATION, COFFEE & ROLLS** Student Center
- 8:30 a.m. **Cultural Geography in Sandoz's "Cheyenne Autumn"** Student Center  
Speaker Richard Voorhees, Instructor of Sociology and Anthropology, Inver Hills Community College, Inver Grove Heights, Minn. reflects on how landscape is transformed in Native American and Euro American traditions using illustrations from Sandoz's "Cheyenne Autumn."
- 9:45 a.m. **BREAK** Student Center

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Updated Conference Schedule

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10:15 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<b>Turfgrass – The Carpet in a Managed Landscape</b> Roch E. Gaussoin, Professor, University of Nebraska - Agronomy and Horticulture, Extension Turfgrass Specialist, panelist on <i>Backyard Farmer</i>
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12 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Good Bugs – Bad Bugs</b> Jim Kalisch, Research and Extension Entomologist, University of Nebraska - Entomology, panelist on <i>Backyard Farmer</i>
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Follow the Line</b> Kim Todd, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska - Agronomy and Horticulture, Extension Horticulture Specialist, licensed landscape architect, program host for <i>Backyard Farmer</i>
3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Coffee Break (Sandoz Center)</b> sponsored by Pine Ridge Garden Center, Chadron, NE
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Horticultural Q &amp; A (Sandoz Center)</b> – Roger Swain, <i>Backyard Farmer</i> panel and staff of Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

**Option 2**

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1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Mari Sandoz Heritage Society Annual Board Meeting. Open to all. (Sandoz Center)

6 p.m - 7 p.m.

Registration in Student Center

7 p.m.

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- 10:00 a.m.**      **Stop, Look and Listen: Our Home is on the Plains**      Student Center  
Dr. Gus van der Hoeven, Extension Specialist in Landscape and Environmental Horticultural at Kansas State University. For more than 23 years, his work and passion has been to "create a sense of place" by reflecting on the beauty of the Great Plains.
- 11:00 a.m.**      **Mari's Prairie: Sand Hills at the Sandoz Center**      Student Center  
Presented by the woman who created it, Lucinda Mays, garden educator and public horticulturist at Chadron State College discusses the Sand Hills study garden outside the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center.
- 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**      **LUNCH**      Student Center
- 1:30 p.m.**      **Sandoz's Environment: "Old Jules" and "The Vine"**      Student Center  
Discussion of the paper "Sandoz and the High Plains Environment" by Jason Heppler, University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student. Round table discussion of Mari Sandoz and Ecology by Matt Evertson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of English, Chadron State College and John Wunder, Ph.D., Professor of Journalism and History, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- 2:30 p.m.**      **BREAK**      Student Center
- 2:45 p.m.**      **From Jewels of the Plains to GreatPlants® for the Great Plains: The Legacy of Claude Barr (1887-1982)** South Dakota cattle rancher Claude A. Barr attained international acclaim as an eminent plantsman of the plains. Speakers Jim Locklear, Director, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and Ron Weedon, Ph.D., Professor of Botany, Chadron State College.      Student Center
- 5 p.m.**      **Artist's Reception and Nebraska Wine Tasting**      Sandoz Center  
The Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center features the work of Nebraska artists Keith Jacobshagen and Robin Smith. The artists will be available to discuss their work in the Kiewit Gallery.
- 7 p.m.**      **Sandoz Celebration Banquet**      Student Center  
**"In the Spirit of Mari Sandoz" Award Presentation**  
Following the Award Presentation Paul Read, Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln Professor of Horticulture and Viticulture, will discuss **Grapes and Wine in Nebraska.**

## Saturday, March 28

- 8:00 a.m.**      **COFFEE & ROLLS**      Sandoz Center
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**      **The Mari Sandoz Archives for Researchers**      Sandoz Center  
Richard Voorhees presents a practical examination of the methodologies of research Mari Sandoz used and her extensive index-card catalog.
- 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**      **A Tour of the Chadron State College High Plains Herbarium and Claude Barr Archives** - The physical plant record of the flora of Western Nebraska and surrounding areas including the historic Sand Hills region. In the last 25 years, the Herbarium has grown to more than 42,200 specimens with three major archives. (Mari Sandoz's sister, Flora Sandoz, a trained botanist, added specimens to the collection.) The tour will be lead by Ron Weedon, Ph.D., professor of Botany at Chadron State College.      Meet at Sandoz Center
- 8:30 a.m.**      **A Tour of Mari Sandoz's Gravesite**      Meet at Sandoz Center  
A car processional will visit Mari's gravesite south of Gordon, weather permitting.

# Welcome to the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society Conference

presented jointly by the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society  
and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

with support from the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center and Chadron State College

## The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society



The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society works to build an appreciation of Mari Sandoz's body of work and to celebrate and preserve the literary works and legacy of this preeminent historian. The Society maintains, collects and exhibits the history of Mari Sandoz and of the High Plains for the education and inspiration of future generations. Extensive archival materials belonging to the Society include manuscripts of Mari's works, research, written histories, essays, short stories, and correspondence. Also included in the collection are personal items, photos, and items pertaining to the Sandoz's life and history in the region all donated by the Sandoz family.

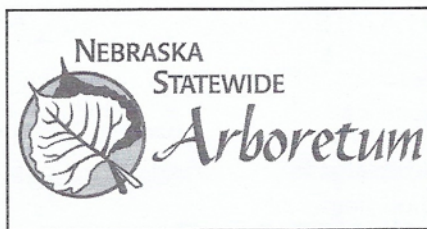
The Society also supports the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center's academic programs and collections by raising funds for the current needs. The Sandoz Center, dedicated in 2002, features historic and scientific exhibits, archives, and space for meetings and campus activities. A learning laboratory at the Center is used to teach archival and museum studies, language, literature, and natural history, and other aspects of the High Plains region.

The Sandoz Heritage Society honors the life and work of this exceptional woman by hosting an annual two-day conference celebrating and studying her works; distributing four newsletters per year, publishing the work of scholars and students who participate in Society programs; promoting student writing contests and writing institutes; and sponsoring scholarships.

You can celebrate the life and work of this exceptional woman through a membership in the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society. Membership forms are available at the conference registration table. For more information, contact [marisandoz\\_society@windstream.net](mailto:marisandoz_society@windstream.net) or [www.marisandoz.org](http://www.marisandoz.org).

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High Plains Heritage Center

## The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum



The mission of the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum is to "enrich lives through the beauty and wonder of plants." In nearly three decades of service to Nebraska, the NSA has inspired and enabled more than 200 communities to create beautiful public landscapes, making each a more attractive, healthy, vital place to live, work and visit.

An arboretum is a living museum where a collection of trees and other plants is assembled and maintained for education, research and enjoyment. The concept is unique in the nation. Rather than bound to a single place, the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum is a remarkable network of arboretum sites, parks, historic properties and other public landscapes located in dozens of communities across the state that are linked together and supported by the Arboretum office. This exceptional statewide network makes the Arboretum accessible and relevant to citizens across Nebraska.

Founded in 1978, the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum has over 80 affiliate sites (arboretums, historic landscapes and other public gardens) in nearly 50 communities in the state. Through the affiliate sites, along with a host of programs and membership benefits, the Arboretum aims to create successful gardeners and landscapers in Nebraska.

Join at the registration table today or contact the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, (402) 472-2971, [jlocklear1@unl.edu](mailto:jlocklear1@unl.edu), <http://arboretum.unl.edu>.