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President's Message



At KACEE's Spring Meeting, held at the Haskell Indian Nations University, I officially moved into the role of President. At Haskell we listened to a host of unique and talented individuals, including Dan Wildcat, talk about the diversity of environmental education taking place in so many different settings throughout Kansas. The Spring Meeting gave me a feeling of excitement about our future and I felt recharged and focused on our mission of promoting and providing quality, non-biased, science-based environmental education. Also at the Spring Meeting we were officially joined by our new board members, John Shidler from Kansas City, Steve Swaffar from Topeka and Gary Keehn from Holton, along with our returning Board Members and all our amazing members.

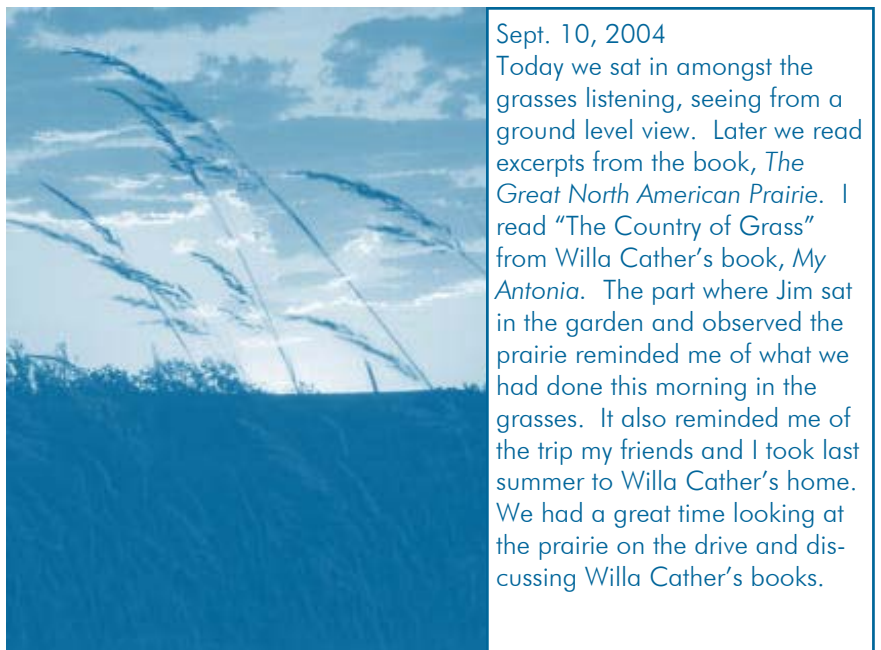
As you will see in this Annual Report, we've made some great strides in 2004 on many fronts.

- The Topeka Water Festival continues to grow each year, not only in numbers of students, teachers and volunteers, but also in the support provided by our various sponsors.
- Statewide Water Celebrations training, coupled with the Topeka Water Festival, has allowed KACEE to bring on a Coordinator who is helping with overall program development.
- We continue to diversify our Workshops and teacher trainings to meet the needs of our membership. We held an Advanced Workshop at the Konza Prairie where attendees were able to participate in actual research occurring there.
- We began training individuals in our Waterspout Garden curricula and continue to recruit teachers to field-test it.
- Our Annual Environmental Education Conference, held this past year in Dodge City, continues to attract quality presentations and keynote speakers.
- We have added WET in the City to many of our Project WET trainings to encourage educators to investigate how water is used in urban settings.

We have also expanded partnerships and are working with many different individuals, organizations and agencies to capture quality resources and make them available to our membership. Of note are the exploration of online opportunities for environmental education and the award of a grant that will allow us to enlist communities in training for environmental decision-making. I want to thank our invaluable staff for their continued professionalism and our dedicated volunteers. Without you both KACEE would not be the organization it is today nor what it will be in the future.

Sincerely,

Kate Grover



Sept. 10, 2004

Today we sat amongst the grasses listening, seeing from a ground level view. Later we read excerpts from the book, *The Great North American Prairie*. I read "The Country of Grass" from Willa Cather's book, *My Antonia*. The part where Jim sat in the garden and observed the prairie reminded me of what we had done this morning in the grasses. It also reminded me of the trip my friends and I took last summer to Willa Cather's home. We had a great time looking at the prairie on the drive and discussing Willa Cather's books.

Journal Entry and Photo from the Konza Prairie Workshop by Kathy Crawford.

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Introduction

From KACEE Bylaws approved April 4, 1996:

We, as concerned citizens of Kansas, recognizing human dependency on natural resources and seeking to preserve, improve, and utilize the nature environment of our State for the benefit and enjoyment of all, do hereby agree to encourage citizen awareness and stewardship of natural resources and to direct our education efforts to achieve these goals.

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) is a private, non-profit, 501(c)3 association, the sole purpose of which is the promotion of effective conservation and environmental education throughout Kansas. The Association does not become involved in specific environmental issues, but rather promotes a full understanding of environmental issues through the education process.

Environmental education is a process directed at creating awareness and understanding of environmental issues, leading to responsible individual and group actions. The focus of environmental education should be on processes that enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and effective decision making. Through these processes, individuals can better understand the complexities and inter relatedness of environmental issues and weigh the various sides to make informed, balanced, responsible decisions.

KACEE's MISSION

The Kansas Association for Conservation and Environmental Education (KACEE) promotes and provides effective, non-biased, science-based conservation and environmental education to all Kansans.

KACEE's VISION

KACEE's vision is an environmentally literate Kansas citizenry, with KACEE as the recognized leader of the state's conservation and environmental education network.



KACEE 2004 Activities

Sixth Annual Kansas Environmental Education Conference Held

KACEE hosted the sixth annual Kansas Environmental Education Conference in November at the Dodge House in Dodge City. This year's conference, "Energizing EE: Merging Cultures and Resources" included Diane DeBacker and Janet Loebel, from the KS Department of Education speaking on the No Child Left Behind Act and implications for EE, as well Dr. Phil Nel who spoke on the works of Dr. Seuss. Conference goers also heard again from Dr. Bonnie Sachatello-Sawyer who provided an update on the Native Waters project and received an update on the Kansas survey or reptiles. As in previous years, the conference schedule was packed with great hands-on concurrent sessions, field trips including a visit to the Montezuma Wind Farm and the Big Basin, as well as educational entertainment including a visit from the Energy Hog, the Recyclatron and Richard Renner, the Dodge City Folkloric Dancers, a Doc Holiday historic interpreter and more. It was a great opportunity for learning and networking.



Folkloric Dance Club from the Dodge City School District performed for this year's conference participants.

Several participants took advantage of the opportunity to attend our pre-conference workshop on the Playas. Funded through a grant from the Playa Lakes Joint Venture, workshop participants spent a day exploring the playas and their importance to the western Kansas environment. A follow-up training opportunity will take place in the summer of 2005.

Our thanks to the 2004 sponsors for making this event possible and helping to insure this conference is affordable to all. Make plans now to join us for the:

2005 Kansas Environmental Education Conference in Hutchinson, KS
on November 4-5, 2005.



Gary Keehn demonstrates hands-on data collection during the Playas Pre-Conference workshop.

Funding for KACEE Programs

In 2004, funding for KACEE programs and activities continued to rely upon the general support through the KS State Department/Board of Education as a foundation for generating additional funding for KACEE programs and activities. The continued sponsorships of projects from state agencies was also critical in funding KACEE for 2004. The Kansas Forest Service and the KS Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Waste Management once again co-sponsored Project Learning Tree. The KS Water Office continued its co-sponsorship of Project WET in 2004. Additional support for projects came through the KS Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water through EPA 319 Funding, the US Environmental Protection Agency and other grants, keeping our environmental education workshop program strong. This income was supplemented by private contributions such as those from New Belgium Brewing Company, Westar Energy and Flint Hills Resources, a division of Koch Industries, who continued their long time support of KACEE in 2004. Additional funding was secured through a variety of governmental grants and individual donations. KACEE matched funds secured through government allocations and grants with membership dues, fees for workshops, miscellaneous services, and in-kind contributions. Total cash income from all sources in 2004 was \$407,088.00.

Perhaps most impressive are the in-kind contributions from KACEE Board of Director members, member organizations, volunteer facilitators for KACEE sponsored workshops and other individuals, which amounted to more than **\$159,352.00** in value for time, travel and services. In particular, the Kansas Center for Agriculture Resources and the Environment (KCARE), has generously donated office space for KACEE this year as an in-kind service. We are grateful for KCARE's continued support.

KACEE's Board of Directors and staff continue to work toward enhanced financial stability in 2005. KACEE will continue to pursue grants through a grant writing committee for projects that were identified in our Three Year Strategic Plan. Priorities for grant funding include early childhood environmental education, environmental education that serves special needs audiences, environmental education/service learning opportunities and increasing the diversity of membership within the organization. We continue to work toward diversification of funding as a primary funding goal. On behalf of the Board of KACEE and its members, we wish to thank all those who supported KACEE in 2004 both with their invaluable time and energy and through monetary support in the form of contributions and grants.

The Topeka Water Festival

On September 24, 2004, in every state across the nation, children were engaged in water festivals. KACEE was proud to host the water festival event in Kansas. Accomplishments of the Topeka Water Festival include:



Students entering the "Soil Tunnel" constructed by the Shawnee Co Conservation District.

- 1000+ Topeka area fourth graders in attendance, accompanied by approximately 120 teachers and adults
- More than 150 volunteers, presenters and exhibitors
- Community support and donations
- 22 hands-on activities and 20 exhibitors promoting an awareness and appreciation for water and water quality



River-scaping with Streamlink

Our thanks to Judy Boltman, Shawnee County Conservation District and Beth Carreno for leading the organization of the event. We also wish to acknowledge the more than 100 volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible.

The 2005 Topeka Water Festival will be held at Garfield Park in Topeka on Friday, September 23, 2005



Community Environmental Decision-Making Institute

In 2004, KACEE received a grant from the US EPA to design and implement an adult environmental education program targeted at local-level decision-makers. In cooperation with grant co-coordinators from K-State Research and Extension Office of Local Government and KS PRIDE Program, work was underway to tailor tools, processes and resources for environmental decision-making to be user friendly to communities as they work through a myriad of decisions at the local level. A Planning Committee has been established and we are currently recruiting community-based teams to participate in a 2+ day training to be held at Rock Springs 4-H Center on May 5-7, 2005. If you are interested in learning more about this project or in putting together a community team, please contact Laura Downey for more information.

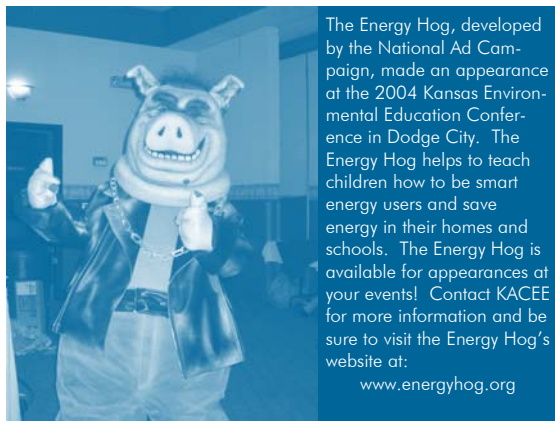
2004 Environmental Education Workshop Totals

KACEE offered workshops around the state in Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, Project WET and Project WILD Aquatic. The following table breaks out the number of workshops and participants for 2004. In addition, an advanced Facilitator Workshop on Prairies and a Pre-Conference Workshop on the Playas were held in 2004.

Number Workshop Type	Number of Workshops	Participants
Project Learning Tree (PreK-8)	12	298
Project Learning Tree Secondary	5	174
Project WET	14	276
Project WILD	14	282
Project WILD Aquatic	9	164
Advanced Workshop	1	23
TOTALS	55	1217

Participants exploring the Big Basin at this year's conference. (Photo by Mary Shaffer, NRCS)

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The Energy Hog, developed by the National Ad Campaign, made an appearance at the 2004 Kansas Environmental Education Conference in Dodge City. The Energy Hog helps to teach children how to be smart energy users and save energy in their homes and schools. The Energy Hog is available for appearances at your events! Contact KACEE for more information and be sure to visit the Energy Hog's website at:

www.energyhog.org

Project Learning Tree Energy & Society

Through a grant from the Kansas Corporation Commission, State Energy Plan funding, KACEE is making progress toward implementation of three pilot projects designed to increase opportunities for educators to incorporate energy education into their classrooms. Focused on a combination of training and outreach events, KACEE will be evaluating the effectiveness of these pilot projects to develop a strategic plan for energy education opportunities in Kansas. Included in this pilot project is a Summer Energy Institute. For more information, please contact Laura Downey.

Statewide Water Celebrations

Under a grant from KDHE, Bureau of Water (through EPA 319 funds), KACEE completed the second year of a three-year project with the goal of establishing a water celebration event that serves people in all 105 counties in the state of Kansas. Building on the success of the Topeka Water Festival, this grant allows us the opportunity to provide training, technical assistance and support and small grants to local communities interested in hosting a water celebration event. Specific accomplishments this year include:

- Ongoing work of **SWC Planning and Advisory Committee**, consisting of leaders from communities around the state who have organized water celebrations. This committee has completed a comprehensive SWC Planning Handbook, which includes detailed information on planning timelines, planning strategies, recruitment, fund development, program development, correlations of activities to state core curricular standards, evaluation and more. The committee also provides oversight, grant review and contributions to the **Idea Pool**, a newsletter for water celebration coordinators distributed quarterly.
- The second **SWC Training Event** was held in Topeka, KS on September 23-24, 2004 with more than 60 participants from around the state. The training focused on both school-based water celebrations and community water celebrations.

For more information on the SWC Program and grant funding available, contact Melissa Arthur.

Online EE Community Slated for Launch

In late 2003, KACEE received a grant from the US EPA, Region 7 EE Grants program to establish the "Online EE Community" for Kansas. KACEE has worked with EE Link who provided technical assistance in getting the project ready for membership. Once launched, organizational members of KACEE will be given the opportunity to provide information on programs, projects, events and resources related to environmental education. This information will be formatted into an easy to use and searchable program allowing teachers, non-formal educators, parents and others interested in EE a one stop place to go to find out about EE in Kansas. When completed, the public will be able to search for programs, projects, events and resources and resource people by topic, region, date, etc.

The Online EE Community will be launched in early 2005—watch your email and mail for the dates! For more info, please contact Special Projects Coordinator, Shari Wilson.

Other KACEE Activities in 2004

KACEE was involved in a variety of activities in 2004. The following represent just some of the highlights for the year

Four State Board-to-Board Summit-KACEE worked in conjunction with state EE leaders from Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri to develop and host an opportunity for board members from the region to share expertise and ideas for strengthening regional capacity to deliver EE through breakout sessions that explored topics including fund development, managing a non-profit and membership development and development of action plans tied to capacity-building initiatives. The Kansas team worked on plans for developing an EE Plan for Kansas and a fund development plan. This project, funded by the US EPA, includes a small grant to each state for implementation of these action plans. KACEE will begin work toward the implementation of our fund development plan and coordination with other EE providers to develop the EE Plan for Kansas. We will be contacting partnering EE organizations and providers to participate in the design and development of this plan in 2005.

Advanced Workshop at the Konza Prairie-KACEE hosted a workshop in early September of 2004 designed to provide an increased awareness and understanding of the prairie ecosystem here in Kansas. Workshop participants spent two nights at the Konza Prairie Biological Station just outside of Manhattan and with the assistance of biologists and docents from Konza, did hands-on explorations of the Prairie. Included in the workshop was an incredible sunset tour of the Konza, guided by Konza staff and docents.

Ongoing Outreach and Development of Support for EE in Kansas-KACEE staff and members participated in numerous workshops, conferences and presentations throughout the state with the goal of strengthening partnership for EE. Presentations at SRS meetings, KS Water and the Environment Assn Annual Conference, KS Association of Conservation Districts Conference, KS Alliance for Wetlands and Streams meetings, KC Environmental Education Network meetings, North American Association for Environmental Education Affiliate activities and others represent just some of the ongoing efforts to strengthen partnerships and support for EE in the state.

National Representation-KACEE continued to serve as a liaison to the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) and the NAAEE Affiliates Network, National PLT, WET and WILD and a variety of national EE organizations, promoting ongoing networking and collaboration.

KACEE MEMBERSHIP 2004

The broad-based membership of KACEE represents an extensive network and groups of partners to work within promoting effective environmental education throughout Kansas. KACEE membership numbered 206 organizations and 304 individuals in 2004. To join, please use the membership form on the back of this report.

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 USD #233 Olathe District Schools
 USD #259 Wichita Public Schools
 USD #307 Saline Public Schools
 USD #335 North Jackson
 USD #340 Jefferson West
 USD #348
 USD #355
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 Wichita West High School

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Know someone who ought to be a member? Pass on the membership form found on the page and help us grow in 2005!

KACEE'S FUTURE

As KACEE begins its 36th year of existence, we know that 2005 will see many new and exciting initiatives coming our way. By March, our new Online Environmental Education Community will be live and running at www.kacee.org. The Online EE Community will be a tremendous resource to both our members and others, making information on organizational members such as programs, activities, EE resources and more easily accessible and searchable in a variety of ways. The Online EE Community will provide a one-stop-shop for EE and a combined calendar that we believe will help with increased coordination and collaboration among EE providers. In addition, KACEE will be offering our first ever Community Environmental Decision-Making Institute on May 5-7, 2005. This Institute will provide tools, resources and processes for local level decision-making to community-based teams. This is a pilot project and we hope it will result in an ongoing educational opportunity for Kansas communities. KACEE will also begin work in coordinating EE providers from across the state in creating an EE Plan for Kansas. This plan will help to build the capacity for delivery of EE and will serve as a tool for us all as we work toward a more cohesive delivery of EE. KACEE will also be working with local schools with energy education initiatives, funded through the KS Corporation Commission and Waterspout Gardens, funded through the US EPA. Finally, you'll see that we're working on updating our "look" at the KACEE website. Thanks to the generous funding provided by Flint Hills Resources, a division of Koch Industries, Inc., KACEE's website will now have a look consistent with our new logo and brochure launched in 2004.

This coming year is certain to be filled with many challenges and opportunities. Funding, as with all non-profit organizations will continue to be challenging in the upcoming year, but we made strides during our 2004 Board-to-Board Summit in developing a funding plan that will provide long term stability for the organization. Critical to this plan will be strengthening our private sector support for environmental education in 2005 and diversifying our funding sources. As a part of this plan, it will be critical to maintain strong relationships with our state sponsors for Project Learning Tree, Project WET and Projects WILD and WILD Aquatic and have already begun to seek additional opportunities to fund and enhance these programs. KACEE will continue to implement the Statewide Water Celebrations Project, funded through KDHE/EPA 319 Funds and will host our third training in September of 2005, in addition to providing several who attended previous trainings with small grants to begin implementation of water celebrations in their local communities. KACEE is also exploring opportunities for expanding the EE offerings currently available. The Board of Directors will be looking specifically at two programs, one targeted at middle and high school students and focused primarily on using language arts as a tool to connect to the environment and another that provides opportunities to engage students with special needs in quality and non-biased EE.

Of course we'll continue to offer the same fine programs that we've traditionally offered including the Kansas Environmental Education Conference, EE workshops, the Topeka Water Festival and ongoing workshop facilitator development. Building on this strong foundation, KACEE hopes to make further strides in promoting and providing quality, non-biased and science-based environmental education for all Kansans. As a member of KACEE, we'll rely on your continued support and involvement as we work toward this mission.

It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all of us indirectly.

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967

I always welcome the opportunity to talk with you more about all the exciting events to come in 2005, so please feel free to contact me!

Laura Downey
Executive Director



2004 KACEE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Membership Dues & Miscellaneous Donations	\$19,612.00
Meeting Registration	\$7,722.00
Interest	\$101.00
State Department of Education/Board of Education Partnership	\$35,000.00
Koch Industries Donation for General Support	\$5,000.00
New Belgium Brewery Donation for General Support	\$2,536.00
Administrative and Indirect Income	\$29,298.00
Project WET (Kansas Water Office Contract/State Water Plan Fund)	\$26,000.00
Project Learning Tree (Kansas Forest Service Contract)	\$8,041.00
Project Learning Tree (Kansas Department of Health and Environment Contract)	\$30,000.00
Leopold Education Project Funding	\$4,000.00
Workshop Income	\$14,062.00
KDHE/EPA 319 Statewide Water Celebrations Grant	\$95,594.00
PLT/EETAP Correlations Grant	\$2,500.00
Kansas Environmental Education Conference	\$20,724.00
Topeka Water Festival	\$6,935.00
EPA National Grant-Four State Board-to-Board Summit	\$67,206.00
EPA Region 7-Online EE Community	\$21,769.00
EPA Region 7 Waterspout Gardens Project	\$2,211.00
EPA National Environmental Decision-Making Project	\$3,777.00
KCARE/Green Topeka Subcontract	\$5,000.00
TOTAL 2004 INCOME	\$407,088.00

EXPENSES

Spring Meeting	\$508.00
Kansas Environmental Education Conference	\$34,012.00
KACEE Advanced Workshop Expenses	\$1,398.00
General Travel Expenses (Staff, Executive Committee and Volunteers)	\$2,391.00
Project Travel Expenses (Staff, Executive Committee, Volunteers, Speakers)	\$30,032.00
Miscellaneous General Operating Expenses (Phone, Office Supplies, Services)	\$25,418.00
PLT Operating Expenses (Supplies, Services, Activity Guides)	\$8,216.00
WET Operating Expenses (Supplies, Services, Activity Guides)	\$8,536.00
WILD Operating Expenses (Supplies, Services, Activity Guides)	\$1,407.00
Special Projects Expenses (Supplies, Services, etc.)**	\$104,020.00
Staff Salaries, Medicare, Social Security and Benefits	\$46,760.00
	(General)
	(PLT)
	(WET)
	(Special Projects)
	\$28,227.00
	\$41,355.00
	\$54,925.00
TOTAL 2004 EXPENSES	\$387,205.00

*This statement includes only the actual cash income and expenses reflected in the KACEE accounts. It does not reflect the in-kind contributions by individual members, member organizations or volunteer workshop facilitators in time and services. **A conservative value of these in-kind contributions exceeded \$159,352.00 in 2004.**

