



Jerry Jost Honored at KLT Protecting Place Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the KLT Protecting Place Fundraiser at the Cider Gallery in September. Gathering to celebrate and support land conservation in Kansas is a great way to spend an evening!

One highlight of the event was the presentation of the inaugural **Kansas Land Trust Friend of Conservation Award** to KLT Conservation Director Jerry Jost. This award, which will be presented annually, allows KLT to recognize people in our community who have made exemplary contributions to land conservation in Kansas.

Jerry Jost began his work with KLT in 2008, and served as KLT Executive Director from 2015 to 2022. In collaboration with the KLT board, staff, volunteers, and donors, Jerry has helped to conserve more than 34,000 acres over 47 special places in Kansas during the past 16 years. Jerry has continued to work as KLT Conservation Director in 2023, helping to ensure a smooth transition in leadership for KLT. Jerry will retire from KLT in December 2023.

"In launching this award, we wanted it to have a foundation of achievement and dedication to conservation," said KLT Board Member Kelly Kindscher. "Jerry Jost is an excellent model of these things and the perfect person to be the first winner of the award."



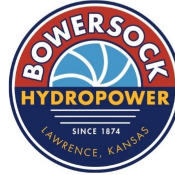
Pictured above: KLT Board Member Kelly Kindscher (left) presents the KLT Friend of Conservation Award to Jerry Jost. Award artwork was created from box elder wood by Matt Roman of Resurrected Woodworks.

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The success of the 2023 KLT Protecting Place Fundraiser was made possible by support from a fantastic group of organizations and individuals. When you run across these KLT supporters in the community, be sure to thank them for investing in land conservation in Kansas for future generations!

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Special thanks go out to:

Rex Buchanan for his thought-provoking remarks.

[Davenport Winery](#) for providing the evening's wines, and to Cider Gallery and Merchant's Pub & Plate for providing the venue and food.

Welcome KLT Interns!

The Kansas Land Trust is thrilled to have two interns joining our staff. Learn more about them below.



Apolonia Arteaga

Apolonia is a budding ecologist who believes that if everyone focuses on their community, the daunting task of climate change mitigation becomes much more hopeful.

Ap was born in Wisconsin's North Woods, and has fallen in love with the prairie during her time in Lawrence, where she graduated from KU with degrees in Environmental Studies and Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology.

Whether burning prairie, sawing down trees, collecting seeds, or removing invasive species, Ap finds ecological restoration invigorating! She is likely



Jamie Parrott

Jamie was born in south Kansas in a small town called Belle Plaine.

She attended KU for Linguistics and Mandarin Chinese but found her true life's passion when she stumbled into an internship at The Nature Conservancy in Shanghai, China.

Jamie is now working towards a degree in Park Management and Conservation at K-State, where she hopes to use the skills she learns to help preserve and restore prairies across the Great Plains.

to be found birding, drawing, or cuddling with Mouse aka Kitty.

KLT's mission aligns with Jamie's goals and she is thrilled to be part of the team!



The Kansas Land Trust is hiring a **Conservation Coordinator**. This is a full-time, permanent position that will work closely with the Executive Director, KLT Staff, and the Board of Directors to achieve our mission and the responsibilities related to managing conservation easements for KLT.

The deadline to apply for this position in October 16th.

[Conservation Coordinator Job Description Here](#)

October Event Reminders

- **Oct. 14th**
[Bird Walk at Oldfather Easement Led by Roger Boyd](#)
- **Oct. 15th**
[Seed Team Training at Common Ground Incubator Farm](#)
- **Oct. 17th**
[Pizza Night to Benefit KLT at Juniper Hill Farm & Table](#)



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