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ANNUAL MARKHAM PRAIRIE SLIDE SHOW

COMMUNITY INVITED • THURS., APRIL 8, 7:00 P.M.

Ron Panzer will present a slide show at the monthly meeting of The Friends on Thursday evening, April 8, 1993.

The slides of prairie life and the workers' activities give an overview of the Indian Boundary Prairies of Markham. We extend a special invitation to all those who attended the Recruitment Workshop.

We also invite all community members or others who want to know more about the prairies of Markham and the role The Friends play in preserving them.

The April 8th meeting will be held at the Markham Public Library at 7:00 p.m. The slide show will follow a short business meeting.

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- MEET THE STEWARDS
- SPRING BIRD COUNT
- EARTH DAY '93
- VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP
- MARKHAM PRAIRIES REPRESENTED AT FIELD MUSEUM



Prairie Steward, Janice Graden, leads a fall tour on Paintbrush Prairie for Mrs. Barbara Johnson and her Scout troop.

NOTHING BLOOMING? LOOK AGAIN!

What is the best time of the year to introduce new visitors to our prairies? The answer is anytime. Just ask the Scouts, parents, and friends of Troop #3760. Overcast skies and cool October winds didn't stop these inquisitive visitors from discovering the natural beauty of Paintbrush Prairie. Perhaps seeing the prairie for the first time after the blooming season has ended encourages one to pay closer attention to the subtle aspects of the prairie ecosystem. The waving sedges and grasses, decked in shades of yellow and gold, each have their own intricate, yet functional, design. Overhead a hundred sandhill cranes wing their way southward and, on the horizon, a Red-tailed hawk screeches its annoyance at a gang of pestering crows. All of these sights and sounds beckon the visitor to return again — in the spring.

- Mike Kirk