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# New Trustees Join AOK Leadership

The AOK Board of Trustees approved the nomination of and elected three new Trustees this year. The existing and additional combination of talents highlights the statement that Tim Peterson made in an e-mail regarding the organization and its leadership: *"Voices such as (those of Audubon of Kansas leaders and partners) are important, and unfortunately, too rare."*

## LISA STICKLER

obtained her Bachelor and Master Degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and started her engineering career at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory in 1991. In 1996 she entered the energy services industry and has worked for the past 10 years for Chevron Energy Solutions implementing energy-conservation projects for public sector customers. She is a licensed professional engineer, currently a member of several professional engineering societies and held offices in local chapters of two engineering organizations while living in Idaho.

In addition to her involvement with and support for Audubon of Kansas for a number of years, Lisa is also a member or supporter of a number of state and national wildlife conservation organizations, humane societies, animal shelters, public radio and public television. 2012 marked her third year as a volunteer with the Symphony in the Flint Hills. Lisa is a life member of the Kansas Native Plant Society, Kansas Ornithological Society, and National Rifle Association.

Lisa represented Audubon of Kansas at the June meeting of the KDWP&T Commission meeting, speaking on the desirability of not changing the shooting hours for Sandhill Cranes because the



Lisa Stickler on Teton Pass with a view of Wyoming scenery.

changes proposed by the department will place Whooping Cranes in increased peril.

Lisa lives in northern Miami County, sharing a home with two mules and a pride of cats. She enjoys reading, gardening, and creating--including housing for Eastern Bluebirds and native bees. She manages four apartment complexes with 36 units for Purple Martins!

## TIM AND REBEKAH PETERSON

Tim and his wife Rebekah became a part of the extended "AOK family" and leadership network last year in response to the challenge to find a place to hold a special educational event. The Petersons operate a family farm in western Kansas near Winona. They share an interest and a legacy of leadership in conservation and youth education. Tim has served as chairman of the Kansas state committee for the USDA Farm Service Agency, an

agency that among other responsibilities administers the critically important Conservation Reserve Program.

A year ago the Logan County Commission blocked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff in Kansas from sponsoring an educational event. The event was for Oakley schools, youth and the public in recognition of the 30th Anniversary of the rediscovery of the Black-footed Ferret in Wyoming in September 1981. Up to then was feared the species was extinct. Tim Peterson called the AOK office and offered to host a similar event at their home and family farmstead.

Representatives from the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo were there to display a Black-footed Ferret (BFF), two captive prairie dogs, a domesticated skunk and a

Corn Snake. Dean Biggins, a wildlife biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (regarded by many of us as the “dean” of BFF studies), detailed the rescue and efforts to recover this unique species. We lead field trips to the Haverfield/Barnardt ranch complex and observed Golden Eagles and other wildlife, even though there were gale-force winds. The hospitality arranged by the Petersons for the 87 participants of this “Ferret Fest” included music by Anne Zimmerman of Salina and pizza provided by an appreciative friend from Wichita.

**KELLEY HURST** is a nature enthusiast, with particular interest in bird behavior and birds during migration. She incorporates birding into her travels all over the United States and Europe. She

has been involved in the surveys of the reintroduced Black-footed Ferrets in Kansas, has volunteered for the Symphony in the Flint Hills as well as Kansas City-based arts, cultural and neighborhood organizations.

Kelley Hurst has her own qualitative market research business. She has clients of all sizes, from Fortune 100 to family-owned businesses, in the US and in Italy. She uncovers deeply felt values, behaviors and attitudes that impact



Kelley Hurst

how consumers act and react to products, services and brands.

Born in Kansas, and now residing in Lawrence, Kelley has also lived in New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire as well as in Kenya, East Africa. Her published works include:

- Author, *Luxury Houses Toscana*, published by teNeues, March, 2007.
- Editor, *Sassicaia: The Original Supertuscan* (English Edition), published by Centro Di Publishing, Florence, Italy, October, 2000.
- Author, *Italian Country Hideaways: Vacationing in Tuscany's and Umbria's Private Villas, Castles and Estates*, published by Universe Publishing, August, 1999.



Tim and Rebekah Peterson in the barn where some of the presentations were made.

## AOK Needs Leaders to Reach Out and Make a Difference!

As an organization that relies on volunteer leadership, Audubon of Kansas needs Trustees and others in leadership capacities who are willing to contribute a combination of the qualities needed within a board as a whole, and within our program partnerships. Charles H. Callison, former Executive Vice President of the National Audubon Society, once outlined the collective needs for a board as a whole as the three “w’s”: “wisdom” in the form of expertise and experience, “work” in the form of skills and a willingness to be involved, and “wealth” including a willingness to provide outreach to help build membership and financial support to sustain organizational effectiveness. Please let us know if you want to be involved or supportive in any capacity. One does not have to be on the board to make a world of difference.