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From Jockey Sleeves to Bustles: 50 Years of Women's Clothing



Come to Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Visitor Center on Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. and learn about the evolution of women's dresses from 1840 – 1890.

Using both original and historically reproduced clothing, Chief of Interpretation Heather Brown will present, *Women of Many Layers: 50 Years of Fashion*. The program will discuss unique fashion features that characterize different decades of women's clothing styles ranging from the typical jockey sleeves and fan front bodices of the 1840s to the typical leg of mutton sleeves of the 1890s. To illustrate this more

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clearly, a tailor's sewing form will be dressed and the functionality of each clothing article will be discussed.

During the program, topics of discussion will include common myths and how the fashion industry caused the extinction of some bird species through popular use of feathers and taxidermy birds on women's hats. By the end of the program visitors will have a better understanding of how subtle details in women's fashion can aid in identifying the date of a photo. The historic clothing exhibit will be on display at the preserve's visitor center from March 19 - 26, 2016.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve's 20 year anniversary, the preserve invites you to discover the meaning of national parks, how your park inspires you – both in personal connections and memorable experiences. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a unique public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. For additional information on Tallgrass Prairie National preserve, please visit www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, call the preserve at (620) 273-8494, or visit the preserve's facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie>. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at www.nature.org/Kansas or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas>.

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