

**(Neb.)-Prehistoric Prairie Meeting At Fort Robinson**

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(Crawford)-The Prehistoric Prairie Discovery Committee (PPDC) will hold their annual meeting on Saturday at Fort Robinson State Park. Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. with an Open House and hors d'oeuvres at the Trailside Museum, moving at 6:00 p.m. to the Buffalo Soldier Barracks for a silent auction, wine tasting, and dinner at 7:00 p.m. PPDC is pleased to feature Daniel Born, M.S. as the keynote speaker for the evening. A short business meeting will complete the evening.

Born is the District Archaeologist for the Northern Hills Ranger District on the Black Hills National Forest. Born has a B.A. in Anthropology from Minnesota State University and a Master's in Geography from Saint Cloud State University. Born's evening presentation, "Phytolith Indicators of Paleoecology at the Hudson-Meng Bison Bonebed," is based on his research into ancient grassland systems at Hudson-Meng. The presentation will last about an hour.

Dennis Kuhnel, the Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center Director said this will be an exciting meeting for PPDC, discussing recent successes and planning next year's activities to support area heritage sites. From a Hudson-Meng perspective, Kuhnel said they really appreciate all the good work PPDC accomplishes year in and year out.

PPDC is a non-profit coalition representing the Hudson-Meng Education and Research Center, Trailside Museum and Toadstool Geologic Park near Crawford, Nebraska. PPDC's mission is to promote discovery and understanding of the natural and cultural resources of western Nebraska through continuing support of scientific exploration, documentation, preservation, display, and educational programs focused on the fossils and Paleoindian artifacts of the region. PPDC also helps promote generally, the Fossil Freeway coalition. For more information contact Mark Harris at mharris2@unl.edu or visit [www.fossilfreeway.com](http://www.fossilfreeway.com).

Please RSVP by Thursday, June 13th at 5:00 P.M. with Rosemary Peterson at 432-3235 and Diane Norman 665-2600. The meal will feature buffalo burgers and various side dishes for \$10.

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