

SUNFLOWER

The Sunflower became the official state flower of Kansas in 1903 and has given the state the world-wide name of "The Sunflower State."



"TO THE STARS"

The stars on the Keeper's headdress represent *Ad Astra Per Aspera*, or "to the stars through difficulties," the state motto of Kansas.



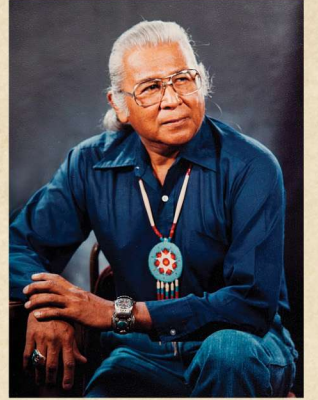
WESTERN MEADOWLARK

The Western Meadowlark was designated the official state bird of Kansas in 1937.



BLACKBEAR BOSIN

Creator of the original Keeper of the Plains statue, Blackbear Bosin, was a renowned sculptor, painter, and commercial artist.



COLEMAN LANTERN

The lantern was first introduced by the Coleman Company in 1914. On our Keeper of Heritage, the lantern represents Wichita's spirit of entrepreneurship shining on the world.



KANSAS AGRICULTURE

Kansas is known as the "Wheat State" due to the major production of wheat throughout the state.



WINDWAGON

The legendary Conestoga wagon, fitted with a sail, was used by Admiral Windwagon Smith to travel across the Kansas prairie. The tradition began in 1974 during the third Riverfest, then known as the Wichitennial River Festival. Today the Admiral serves as the official ambassador for Riverfest.



The official logo of the city of Wichita.



BEECHCRAFT BONANZA

Distinctive in form and construction, the futuristic V-Tail Bonanza offered unmatched-in-class speed and daring-good looks.

KANSAS OIL & GAS

Kansas is a leading oil and gas producing state with the petroleum industry serving as a major contributor to its economy.



KANSAS BEEF

Kansas has a long history as a top-producing state for cattle production and beef processing. In the 1870s, Wichita became a railhead for cattle drives from Texas and other south-western points, from which it derived its nickname "Cowtown."



WICHITA SKYLINE

Wichita's skyline includes distinctive buildings, such as the Garvey Center, the Epic Center, Exploration Place, the original Wichita City Hall building, which houses the Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum today, and Century II Performing Arts and Convention Center, which was built to commemorate the centennial anniversary of Wichita's incorporation in 1870.

AD ASTRA - THE KANSAS CAPITOL DOME SCULPTURE

The Kansa Indians were the original people of this area. The Indian "Ad Astra" draws his bow, symbolic of the energy of Kansans, and points the arrow, symbolic of the determination and resolve of the people to achieve their goals, "to the stars," as our state motto declares.



AIR CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Wichita has been home to some of aviation's greatest pioneers and has a long history of aircraft production. It is also home to McConnell Air Force Base.



WICHITA FLAG

Wichita's official city flag was designed by Cecil McAlister and adopted in 1937.



AMERICAN BISON

The American Bison became the official state animal of Kansas in 1955. For years, they roamed in vast numbers across the Great Plains and were central to Native Americans' physical and spiritual well-being.

CESSNA CITATION

A family of business jets introduced by Cessna in 1972, Citation represents a fleet of private jets designed with uncompromising style, comfort, and reliability.



CONFLUENCE OF THE BIG AND LITTLE ARKANSAS RIVERS

The junction of these two rivers is located immediately northwest of downtown Wichita. The Keeper of the Plains statue marks the confluence of these two rivers.

KEEPER OF HERITAGE

Design by Tracy Holdeman - INSIGHTdesign