

Symbols 2019 Capitol

<p><b>Capitol Exhibit – Official State Symbols</b></p> <p><i>Design ideas in italics</i></p>	
<p><b>PANEL TITLE .....</b></p> <p>Label .....</p> <p><i>Framed panel that coordinates with other framed panels in the Capitol Visitor Center exhibit area. Use a medium that can be easily replaced/replicated over time. This panel will need to be updated whenever a new official state symbol is named.</i></p>	<p><b>Kansas State Symbols</b></p> <p>Symbols help provide Kansans with a sense of place and identity. Not all symbols of Kansas, however, are official state symbols.</p> <p>Official state symbols have the seal of approval from the state legislature and the governor. They are written into Kansas law.</p> <p>1861 –Seal  1903 –Flower: Wild Native Sunflower  1925 –Banner  1927 –Flag  1935 –March: “The Kansas March”  1937 –Bird: Western Meadowlark  1937 –Tree: Cottonwood  1947 –Song: “Home on the Range”  1955 –Animal: American Buffalo  1976 –Insect: Honeybee  1986 –Reptile: Ornate Box Turtle  1990 –Soil: Harney Silt Loam  1992 –March: “Here’s Kansas”  1994 –Amphibian – Barred Tiger Salamander  2010 –Grass: Little Bluestem  2014 –Flying Fossil: Pteranodon  2014 –Marine Fossil: Tylosaurus  2018 –Rock: Greenhorn Limestone  2018 –Mineral: Galena  2018 –Gemstone: Jelinite  2018 –Fish: Channel Catfish  2019 – Red Wine Grape: Chambourcin  2019 – White Wine Grape: Vignoles</p>

<p><b>TITLE</b> .....</p> <p>Current label .....</p> <p>Object: Banner Reproduction (already on display)</p>  <p><i>Add a small picture of the flag to the label.</i></p>	<p><b><u>State Banner (1925)</u></b></p> <p>The Kansas banner was used until the adoption of the Kansas flag in 1927.</p>
<p><i>Floor case</i></p> <p><b>CASE TITLE</b> .....</p> <p>Label .....</p> <p><i>Tylosaurus</i> fossil (2019.9.1); <i>H cm x W cm x D</i></p> 	<p><b><i>Tylosaurus</i>: State Marine Fossil (2014)</b></p> <p>The <i>Tylosaurus</i> is the largest in the mosasaur family with a body length more than 40 feet. They lived during the Cretaceous Period when Kansas was part of a great inland sea. This is a juvenile, only 17-feet long, and is 88 million years old.</p>
<p><i>Floor case</i></p> <p><b>CASE TITLE</b> .....</p> <p>Label .....</p> <p>Cottonwood chair (1989.15.0); H 83 cm x W 63 cm x D 67 cm</p> 	<p><b>Cottonwood: State Tree (1937)</b></p> <p>A chainsaw artist carved this chair from the famous cottonwood tree that stood on the Statehouse grounds for more than a century. Legend claims the tree grew from one of the stakes workers had driven into the ground when constructing the Capitol. Although weakened over time by fire, tornado, and disease, it survived until 1984. A cutting from the original tree now grows in its place.</p>
<p><i>Floor case</i></p> <p><b>CASE TITLE</b> .....</p> <p>Label .....</p> <p>Label .....</p> <p>Governor Fred Hall's cowboy boots (1972.134.1) H 34.5 cm x W 30.5 cm x D 10.5 cm</p>	<p><b>Celebrating the Symbols That Unite Us</b></p> <p>State symbols serve to unite us, giving Kansans a shared identity.</p> <p>Kansas was celebrating its territorial centennial (1954) when Fred Hall was governor. His boots feature a collection of official and unofficial state symbols.</p>



Label .....  
100 pc Puzzle (2008.13.1); H 40.5 cm x W 50.6 cm x D.5 cm



In 1988 two Hutchinson teachers created this puzzle to teach about the symbols and counties of Kansas.

Label .....  
Plate, Commemorative (1983.3770.17); H 20.9 cm x W 2.4 cm



The state's 1961 centennial celebration inspired many commemorative items including plates.

Label .....  
Bison Statue (2018.13.25); H 22.2 cm x W 32 cm x D 9.5 cm



Hays sculptor Pete Felten used Greenhorn limestone, the state rock, for his carving of a buffalo, the state animal.

Label .....  
Sheet Music Cover – “Home on the Range” (1990.53.1) H 30.5 cm x W 23.6 cm  
*use reproduction*



Brewster Higley homesteaded in Smith County where he wrote the poem “My Western Home” in 1873. His friend Dan Kelly put the words to music. In 1947 Kansas adopted “Home on the Range” as our state song.