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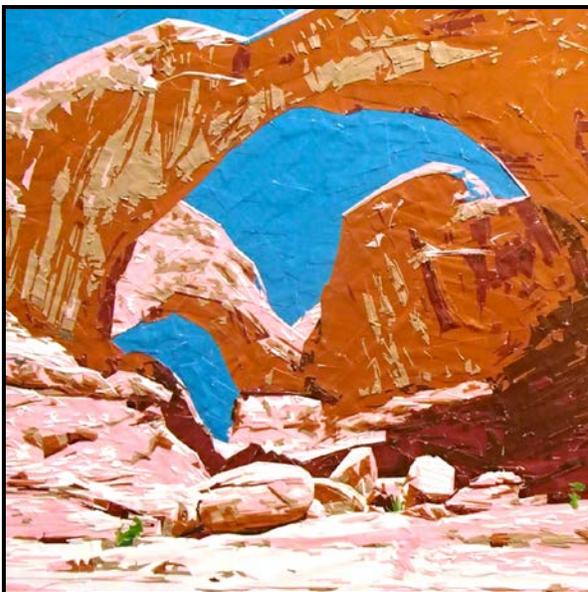
## Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve News Release

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### National Park Service “Duct Tape Exhibit” on Display at the Preserve



It's hard to believe such beautiful “paintings” could be made of duct tape. The art pieces look like oil on canvas, but when the viewer realizes the art medium is duct tape, people take a second look and marvel at the artistry.

Artist Chad Farnes has created art pieces featuring landscapes for the exhibit “A Tribute to our National Parks” using the 59 National Parks as inspiration to create his duct tape masterpieces. This traveling exhibit of twenty art pieces will be on display at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve visitor center from now through July 13, 2016. The exhibit features Carlsbad Caverns NP, Theodore Roosevelt NP, Rocky Mountain NP, Hot Springs NP, and others.

The artists' work is a collection of landscapes created with various forms of tape and is not the typical gray glossy duct tape that comes to mind. The works are vibrant with fanciful colors, where the trees and

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mountains are illuminated, taking the viewer on a dreamlike journey, drawing us into the scenes. The tape itself is torn and cut into intricate mosaics, layered many times over and ultimately coated in a thick clear varnish. The end result is a masterpiece.

Artist Chad Farnes was raised in California before moving to Utah for college. He originally stumbled across tape art when a roommate used painter's tape to decorate a wall. Chad began creating his own wall creations and eventually expanded into using other types of tape, such as masking tape and duct tape on different surfaces, such as canvas. Chad has exhibited at several locations around the country, such as Utah Country Art Gallery and in Brooklyn, NY at the Crest Hardware Art Show. For more information about Chad's work, visit his website at <http://ezetary.com/portfolio/>

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial, Tallgrass Prairie National 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 more information, visit the preserve's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie> , website at [www.nps.gov/tapr](http://www.nps.gov/tapr), email [tapr\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:tapr_interpretation@nps.gov), or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at [www.nature.org/Kansas](http://www.nature.org/Kansas) or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas> .

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