Wanted: Butterfly Garden Volunteers

Dedicated volunteers annually donate their time spreading mulch, identifying plants, planning for additional species, removing unwanted aggressive plants, organizing volunteers, and assisting with the promotion of the prairie.

Volunteers meet at the Butterfly Garden during the season (May to October) every Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00. You are invited to bring your tools and join them.

If your Tuesdays are full, consider joining their Adopt-A-Plant Program. You come at your own time and are responsible for the care of a 6’ x 8’ plant plot during the entire season.

For more information on volunteering, contact the Decorah Park-Rec. Office.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY PRAIRIE AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN
From 5th Avenue (which can be accessed from Pulpit Rock Road or College Drive), go south on Ohio Street until you reach the gravel drive that goes up and over the dike to the parking lot by the butterfly garden.

FOR MAPPING PURPOSES
Enter the address to Aase Haugen Homes (104 Ohio Street), which is the closest neighbor.

DECORAH PARKS & RECREATION
PRAIRIE PALOOZA SEMINARS
2020 SCHEDULE

In 2020, Decorah Parks and Recreation is hosting a series of presentations about prairies in general and specifically about the Decorah Community Prairie. Seminars will be led by experts in their fields.

Unless otherwise specified, seminars will be at the Decorah Public Library Community Room on the lower level, the second Thursday of each month, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, from April through October.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THESE SEMINARS AND THE DECORAH COMMUNITY PRAIRIE & BUTTERFLY GARDEN
https://parks.decorahia.org

OTHER CONTACT INFO:
Decorah Parks and Recreation Office
400 Claiborne Drive—PO Box 513
Decorah, IA 52101
(563) 382-4158
parkrec@decorahia.org
**PLEASE NOTE:** With the exception of the Prairie Open House/Tours on July 9, all seminars will be held in the Decorah Public Library Community Room on the lower level, from 7:00-8:00 pm.

**April 9: HISTORY OF THE DECORAH COMMUNITY PRAIRIE**

*Andy Nimrod, Decorah Parks & Recreation Director and Terry Haindfield, Retired Iowa DNR Wildlife Biologist*

Learn how, when and why the Decorah Community Prairie was developed, its present condition and vision for its future.

**May 14: PRAIRIE RECONSTRUCTION vs RESTORATION**

*Laura Walter, Plant Material Program Manager with the UNI Tall Grass Prairie Center*

Learn about seed sources for prairie restoration and the role of the TPC in developing and supporting a diverse native seed supply. Stories about observations in the production plots included.

**June 11: PRAIRIE INSECT LORE**

*Robin Oanes, prairie enthusiast and photographer,*

will show shots taken on her own two acre prairie to acquaint folks with what they may see at the Butterfly Garden and Prairie Open House in July, and more.

**July 9: PRAIRIE OPEN HOUSE/TOURS**

*4-5 PM at the Decorah Community Prairie*

*Guides: Jon Kraus, Natural Resources Technician with Winneshiek County Conservation; Jerri Osenga, the heart and volunteer leader of the Community Butterfly Garden from 2012 to 2018*

Groups will form to tour the Butterfly Garden and larger prairie.

**August 13: PRAIRIE WATERSHEDS**

*Ross Evelsizer, RC&D Watershed Planner and GIS Specialist, explains how watershed managers and conservationists are turning back time by utilizing prairie plantings to help protect surface waters, decrease flooding and erosion, and why farmers are seeking to emulate prairie systems.*

**September 10, Narrated Slide Show: POLLINATORS AND BUTTERFLIES OF IOWA**

*Larry Reis, Retired Winneshiek County Conservation Board Naturalist,*

will feature photos of common pollinating bees, wasps, flies, and butterflies, with special emphasis on monarchs.

**October 8: PRAIRIE ROADSIDES PROGRAM**

*Corey Meyer, Winneshiek County Engineering Roadside Manager presents our county roadsides as gateways to our communities and pictorial marketing devices that promote our natural resources heritage. You will learn about corridor management and benefits.*