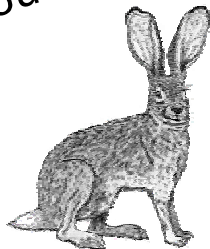


Have You Heard The News?



**CINDY HILDEBRAND
RECEIVES FIRST**

IPN GOLDEN DRIP TORCH AWARD

Last year the IPN Board made what is most likely the easiest “decision by committee” in history: we decided to give Cindy Hildebrand our newly created “Golden Drip Torch Award”.

We don’t plan to bestow this award annually, but instead only occasionally presenting it to individuals that show a unique, long-term dedication to prairie.

Cindy certainly qualifies! She was instrumental in establishing the IPN back in the late 1980’s, and has been on the board since the organization became an official entity in 1990. Her dedication to remnant preservation, and to local ecotype “awareness” is probably not surpassed by anyone in the state.

She truly deserves to be the first recipient of this award. As the plaque’s inscription reads, she “keeps the prairie fires burning, on the land, and in our hearts”. Congratulations Cindy!

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

CENTRAL REGION WINTER MEETING

January 29, Ankeny

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PRESCRIBED FIRE CONFERENCE

February 8-10, Ames

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IOWA PRAIRIE CONFERENCE

July 22-23, Cedar Rapids

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