



IPN Annual Winter Meeting

“Iowa Prairies: Educate, Advocate, Celebrate!”

Saturday, March 19, 2022

9:30 am – 5:15 pm

Drake University Parents Hall

2875 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311

Our Mission: To learn about, teach about, enjoy, and protect Iowa's prairie heritage.

A network for education, advocacy, and support for Iowa's prairie heritage.

Agenda

The Meeting is **free** and open to the public.

The doors and registration open at 9:30am.

Vendor booths will be open all day in central Parents Hall.

Masks are required to be worn during the meeting. Thank you for your understanding.

10am - 11:20 am: 3 concurrent morning sessions

Only option C will be available for viewers joining on Zoom.

A - Herbicide Application for Land Managers 101 - Room 312/313

with Lael Neal, Natural Resource Technician, Polk County Conservation

B - Sunflower Identification and Ecology - Room 310/311

with Dr. Tom Rosburg, Professor, Drake University and Deb Lewis, Ada Hayden Herbarium Curator

C - Practical Ideas for Successful Prairie Reconstruction - North Parents Hall

with Carl Kurtz, land manager, author, photographer

11:20 to 12:15: Lunch break

12:15pm - 5:00pm: Afternoon sessions

All afternoon sessions will be held in North Parents Hall.

All afternoon presentations will be available virtually on Zoom.

12:15 - 12:25 **Welcome Address**, Tabitha Panas, IPN President

12:25 - 12:35 **Silent Auction Fundraising Recipient: Bur Oak Land Trust**, Jason Taylor, Executive Director

12:35 - 1:25 **Engelinger Marsh History and Protection**, Loren Lown, Polk County Conservation, retired

1:25 - 1:55 **Break** - visit silent auction + vendors

1:55 - 2:10 **Loess Hills Preservation Society Vincent Bluff State Preserve Update**, Michelle Biodrowski

2:10 - 3:00 **Saving Prairies from the Brink**

1. **The Armstrong Prairie Salvage Project**, Dr. Daryl Smith, Professor Emeritus, University of Northern Iowa
2. **The Science Behind the Van Oel Prairie Transplant**, Dr. Tom Rosburg, Professor, Drake University

3:00 - 3:30 **Break** - visit silent auction + vendors

3:30 - 3:40 **Tribute to Jimmie Thompson**

3:40 - 4:20 **Legislative Update and Natural Resource Advocacy**, Joe McGovern, President, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

4:20 - 4:45 **Break** - last chance to visit silent auction + vendors

4:45 - 5:05 **Prairie Photography Presentation**, Larry Stone, nature photographer + writer

5:05 - 5:15 **Closing remarks**, Tabitha Panas, IPN President

Driving Directions:

From the East and North

At the northeast edge of Des Moines, I-80 and I-35 join and go west around the city while I-235 goes through Des Moines. Take I-235 west for about seven miles and exit on Exit 6 for 31st Street toward Historic Site/Terrace Hill. Turn right (north) onto 31st Street. Follow the road for one-half mile, then turn right (east) onto University Avenue. Travel a couple blocks on University Avenue until you reach Drake's campus.

From the West and South

At the southwest edge of Des Moines, I-80 and I-35 join and go east around the city while I-235 goes through Des Moines. Take I-235 east for about seven miles and exit on Exit 6 for 31st Street toward Historic Site/Terrace Hill. Turn right (north) onto 31st Street. Follow the road for one-half mile, then turn right (east) onto University Avenue. Travel a couple blocks on University Avenue until you reach Drake's campus.

Parking

Parking is in the Olmsted Visitors Lot, 2875 University Ave, Des Moines, IA 50311

Look for the "IPN Event" signs

Preregister to get a free parking permit emailed to you. The parking permit must be displayed in the front window of your vehicle. Extra parking permits will be available at the door.