



IPN Annual Winter Seminar

Saturday, February 24, 2024

Registration opens 9:00am

“Prairies: Growing and Changing”

Event 9:45am – 5:15pm

Ames High School

Lunch sponsored by Outdoor Alliance of Story County



Agenda

9:45am to 11:15am: 3 concurrent morning sessions

A - Urban Conservation: Creating Habitat with Native Plants - Auditorium

with Kaytlan Moeller, Outreach Coordinator, Dubuque County Conservation Board and Sarah Nizzi, Sarah Nizzi, Pollinator Conservation Specialist, NRCS Partner Biologist

B - Storytelling to Communicate Prairies - Room TBD

with Tony Vorwald, Naturalist, Jackson County Conservation and Dr. Dale Easley, Geologist,
University of Dubuque

C - Plant Identification - Native and Non-Native Thistles - Room TBD

with Dr. Tom Rosburg, Professor, Dept of Biology, Drake University and Deb Lewis, Ada Hayden
Herbarium Curator, Iowa State University

11:15 to 12:00 Lunch break

A sandwich lunch will be available on site, \$10 suggested donation. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch. The cafeteria will be open for attendees to sit, eat and visit.

12:00 to 5:15 Afternoon sessions

All afternoon sessions will be held in the Main Auditorium.

12:00 - 12:10 **Welcome Address**, Tabitha Panas, IPN President

12:10 - 12:15 **Silent Auction Fundraising Recipient: Drake Prairie Rescue**, Dr. Tom Rosburg

12:15 - 1:00 **Climate Change and Iowa's Prairies** Dr. Bill Gutowski, Professor, Department of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences, Iowa State University

1:00 - 1:25 **Break 1** - visit silent auction + vendors

1:25 - 1:35 **North American Prairie Conference student scholarship update**, Jon Judson, Diversity Farms

1:35 - 2:25 **History of Southeastern Grasslands**, Jeremy French, Director of Stewardship and Grassland Restoration, Southeastern Grassland Institute

2:25 - 2:50 **Break 2** - visit silent auction + vendors

2:50 - 3:00 **Update from Mike Todd and Biology students**

3:00 - 3:40 **Old Growth Prairies**, Carl Kurtz, Landowner, Author, Prairie Advocate

3:40 - 4:10 **Break 3** - last chance to visit silent auction + vendors

Silent Auction closes at the end of break!!

4:10 - 4:45 **Invasive Species and their Allies**, Derek Miner, Land Steward Associate, Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation

4:45 - 5:05 **Images of Intention**, Jacob Pitzenberger Photography

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

5:15pm **Pick up auction items and check out**