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Celebrate Illinois' Stretch of the Ozarks

Festival of the Bluffs

Saturday May 16th 9 AM – 4PM

Cedar Bluff Park, Village of Fults, Monroe County, Illinois

Nature Festival Co-Hosted by IDNR & Clifftop

- Interpretive Hikes at Fults Hill Prairie National Natural Landmark & Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area:

Stunning views, awesome bluffs, dazzling wildflowers ~~~~ stretch your legs!

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Hill Prairie Conference

You are cordially invited to attend the 2nd Illinois Hill Prairie Conference  
hosted by Augustana College, Rock Island  
May 1-2, 2009

Theme: "**Slash, Burn and Graze, Is That Any Way to Treat a Hill Prairie?**"

Keynote Speaker for Friday Evening: Dennis Schlicht, coauthor of The Butterflies of Iowa - "Why are Hill Prairies so Special?"

Featured Speaker for Saturday Lunch: George Olson, local artist and author of The Elemental Prairie - "The Creative Process in the Artistic Portrayal of Prairie Plants"

Registration for this conference will be open to the public, with a registration fee of \$55 (includes wine & cheese social, rolls/coffee/juice breakfast, snacks, and lunch). Agency staff, conservation organizations, commercial vendors and natural area volunteers with expertise in hill prairie management issues, research and related fields are strongly encouraged to attend and to participate in this event. An invitation is extended to students and other researchers who would like to display posters on hill prairie research and/or new innovative management techniques as well as to commercial vendors and organizations that would like to promote services, upcoming events, projects related to hill prairies. Commercial vendors will be charged a fee of \$50. Display space for non-profit organizations, information tables and posters will be free of charge.

The principal goal of this conference is to facilitate open discussion about a variety of different issues concerning hill prairie management. There are several talks scheduled which will cover issues relating to the theme "slash, graze and burn" followed by panel discussion late Saturday morning on the theme topics. The panels will include 3-5 participants with a wide range of expertise, backgrounds and affiliations which will be available to address questions posed from the audience. A moderator will guide the questioning and everyone in attendance will be encouraged to participate. Panel discussion topics will include:

- 1) SLASH - How to achieve desired vegetative response through brush clearing and/or impact of brush clearing on microclimatic and soil conditions.
- 2) BURN (insects) - How to reintroduce and maintain insect diversity while maintaining desired native vegetation.
- 3) BURN (plants) - How to use fire more effectively to sustain openings without losing flora or fauna through timing, intensity/ignition methods, patch burning, etc.
- 4) GRAZE - Utilization of goats or other livestock to control brush and the positive/negative impacts of grazing on flora and fauna diversity.

Following lunch and a presentation by artist George Olson there will be opportunity to meet with the authors of posters and visit vendors and information tables. George Olson and Dennis Schlicht will be available to sign copies of their books. The event will conclude with a Saturday afternoon field trip to 2 high quality hill prairie natural areas, Indian Bluff Hill Prairie owned by the Rock Island Forest Preserve District and the Josua Lindahl Hill Prairie Nature Preserve owned/ managed by Augustana College.

## Tentative Hill Prairie Conference Agenda

### FRIDAY, May 1

5:00-6:30pm Wine & Cheese Social  
6:30-7:10pm Keynote by Dennis Schlicht "Why are Hill Prairies so Special"  
7:10-7:30pm "Overview of Hill Prairie SWG Project"  
7:30-7:50pm "Status of Hill Prairies and the INAI"

Additional information will be sent out in December  
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### SATURDAY, May 2

07:30 AM set up for vendors, display tables, posters, etc.  
08:00 AM Breakfast Social (coffee, juice and rolls)  
8:30-8:45am Welcome & Outline of Events  
08:49 AM Introduction from moderator  
8:50-9:10am First Plenary Session  
9:10-9:30am Second Plenary Session  
9:30-9:50am Third Plenary Session  
9:50-10:10am Mid-Morning Break  
10:10-11:30am Panel Discussions (3 Breakout Sessions - Slash, Burn and Graze)  
11:30-1:00pm Lunch  
11:30-2:00pm Posters/Vendor Hall Open  
12:00-12:45pm George Olson presentation / painting, sale of book  
12:45-1:00pm Conference Evaluation (discussion/forms)  
1:00-2:00pm Poster Authors & Vendors available for questions  
2:00-5:30pm Field Trip to Indian Bluff and Lindahl hill prairies  
05:30 PM Conference Concludes



## President's Message

By R. J. Fehl

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RJ sends his wishes for a wonderful New Year and many excellent nature and environmental experiences in 2009.

## The Nature Preserves Commission

Reported by Tracy Evans

At the January 27, 2009 meeting the following properties were acted upon:

Fayette Co.- Horn Prairie Grove Land and Water Reserve: Keith and Patricia Horn registered 40.60 acres as Horn Prairie Grove Land and Water Reserve. The property supports state-threatened savanna blazing star (*Liatis scariosa* var. *nieuwlandii*). Habitats include prairie, forest and seeps.

Cook Co.- McMahon Woods and Fen Nature Preserve: The Forest Preserve District of Cook County was granted preliminary approval for dedication of the 670 acre McMahon Woods and Fen - 510 acres as nature preserve and 160 acres as nature preserve buffer. Plant communities include dry-mesic upland forest, mesic upland forest, wet-mesic upland forest, wet-mesic upland forest, wet floodplain forest, dry-mesic woodland, wet-mesic woodland, wet mesic prairie, basin marsh, graminoid fen, sedge meadow, and natural spring/seep. Plant species recorded include state-endangered queen-of-the-prairie (*Filipendula rubra*), and state threatened savanna blazing star (*Liatis scariosa* var. *nieuwlandii*). In addition, the proposed Nature Preserve supports the federally endangered and state-endangered Hines emerald dragonfly (*Somatochlora hineana*).

Hancock Co. - Buffer Addition to Stony Hills Nature Preserve: Gretchen and Roger Batz sought preliminary approval for the dedication of 140 acre buffer addition to Stony Hills Nature Preserve. The buffer addition increases the total size of the Nature Preserve to 194.4 acres, making it the second largest Illinois nature preserve owned by private individuals. Significant features include unique geological exposure and suitable habitat for a reptile and Henslow's sparrow.

Iroquois Co. - Buffer Addition to Loda Cemetery Prairie Nature Preserve: Grand Prairie Friends dedicated a 9-acre crop field as a buffer addition to Loda Cemetery Prairie Nature Preserve. The mesic prairie harbors a state-endangered orchid.

Hardin Co. - Collier Limestone Glade Nature Preserve: Final approval was granted to the 105.65 acre Nature Preserve. It contains a unique assemblage of prairie and glade plants. The natural areas is an oak-hickory mosaic containing remnant dry oak woodlands and limestone glades.

Kane Co. - Del Webb Sedge Meadow and Grove Nature Preserve: 24.62 acres was dedicated as a nature preserve and buffer. It contains a high-quality sedge meadow and graminoid fen wetlands. It also includes dry-mesic and mesic savanna and wet-mesic prairie that are being restored.

Kankakee Co. - Carl N. Becker Savanna Nature Preserve: Final approval for dedicating 68 acres of the Leesville Savanna as a Nature Preserve. Natural communities within the site include high-quality dry and dry-mesic sand savanna, sand flatwoods, sand prairie, and old field. It supports 12 state-listed species: yellow wild indigo (*Baptisia tinctoria*), crowded oval sedge (*Carex cumulata*), narrow-leaved sundew (*Drosera intermedia*), northern cranesbill (*Geranium bicknellii*), old plainsmsan (*Hymenopappus scabiosaeus*), shore St. John's wort (*Hypericum adpressum*), an orchid, Carey's smartweed (*Polygonum careyi*), bristly blackberry (*Rubus setosus*), eastern blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium atlanticum*), primrose violet (*Viola primulifolia*), and regal fritillary butterfly (*Speyeria idalia*).



This is a personal invitation to visit the Wildlife Gardeners Forums opening on Dec 15, 2008.

[www.wildlifegardeners.org](http://www.wildlifegardeners.org)



This beautiful photo provided by Starlisa of Flickr.

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Aldo Leopold

This is our Mission Statement:

*Wildlife Gardeners promotes environmentally sound practices to preserve biodiversity. We do so by encouraging discussions of the preservation, restoration and establishment of native flora and fauna AND sustainable gardening practices. Best science will prevail. We are an environmental tutelage and advocacy organization dedicated to fostering a love of ecosystems and education in the areas of environmental science and natural history.*

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A Symposium in Honor of the Retirement of  
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**Prairie and Savanna Restoration:  
The State of the Art and Science**

- Reed Noss, University of Central Florida (Keynote Speaker)
- Brian Anderson, Illinois Natural History Survey (UIUC)
- Marlin Bowles, Morton Arboretum (Chicago)
- Danny Gustafson, The Citadel
- Jim Herkert, The Nature Conservancy
- Gregory Houseman, Wichita State University
- Bill Kleiman, Nachusa Grasslands, The Nature Conservancy
- Bill McClain, Illinois State Museum
- Alicia Mullarkey, Missouri Department of Conservation
- Stephen Packard, National Audubon/Chicago Wilderness
- Ron Panzer, Northeastern Illinois University
- Guy Fraker, ParkLands Foundation (Banquet Speaker)

**WHEN:** Friday, March 27, 2009—All Day

**WHERE:** ISU Alumni Center, 101 N. Main St., Normal

*Research Posters Invited*

*Student Scholarships Available*

See <http://www.bio.illinoisstate.edu/psr/> for more information.

Presented by the School of Biological Sciences



## IN MEMORIUM

We regretfully announce that Lorna Konsis' Mom,  
Helen Wiesemann, has passed away.

She had been a member of INPS ever since the Forest Glen chapter started - however many years that is. She was at their last meeting this past December. As a matter of fact, she was perfectly fine until she had a massive stroke on January 7. She suffered for six days, struggling to breathe, until she died on January 13. She had a living will and didn't want a ventilator or CPR - but it was very difficult for her family to watch her die. She leaves a big hole in their lives!

All INPSer's express their deepest sympathy to the  
Wiesemann and Konsis families.

# BOTANICAL LEGENDS FROM WESTERN ILLINOIS

## by Angella K. Moorehouse

I grew up on the banks of the Mississippi River in the Town of Warsaw, in far western Illinois where one can see Iowa to the north and Missouri to the west. A child of nature with no siblings my age, I developed my own special affinity for the land. I spend countless hours roaming the wooded "holler" near my house and later the shores of the river by the massive grain elevator and old coal docks at the base of the bluffs. Several times a week we drove past the field station Alice Kibbe established and donated to the Western Illinois University (WIU). Eventually, while attending WIU, I would get the opportunity to take field classes at Kibbe Station. It was in taking these classes that I discovered my true calling and knew I wanted a career in nature. As a volunteer and later a state employee I would get to clear trees and set fire to the woods and fields surrounding Kibbe Station.

As a result of my upbringing and experiences I have always felt a deep connection to western Illinois and for people such as Alice Kibbe who had a profound impact on the botanical knowledge of the area as well as a critical role in preserving the natural communities for scientific study. My great granddad used to tell me stories about what this area looked like when he was a boy. He would tell about hunting and fishing trips in the vast Lima Lake, leveed and separated from the Mississippi River in the late 1800s. A tragedy Alice Kibbe referred to as "a crime against not only the present population of central Illinois, but against the future generations who shall yet inhabit not only Hancock County, but other parts of the state".

### PROFILE ON DR. ALICE L. KIBBE

I regret I never got to meet the late Alice Kibbe. Upon retirement she left Illinois before I was born and she died in Oregon when I was very young. From what I know of her she must have been quite a feisty lady to have held her own in the field of botany professors which at the time was clearly dominated by men. A local woman who knew Alice recalls her love of gardening and how she would put on gloves to attend tea parties so that the other women wouldn't see her dirty nails. While gloves aren't the current fashion craze, I confess I hate to wear hand protection and share a love for the feel of dirt regardless of how my hands look after hours of gardening.

Much of my knowledge of Dr. Kibbe comes from the writings in her publications. Of particular interest to me is her views on the destruction of native plant communities and how she felt some prairie should be preserved. Writing in the 1920s, Alice noted "the destructive factors which were radically changing [native] country flora were as follows: drainage, pasturage, cultivation, deforestation, fires and plundering of beautiful wild plants by self-styled flower lovers". While we may have a slightly different opinion today regarding the need for fire to maintain our plant communities and "plundering" of what's less of a concern, these factors remain at the top of the list today.

As someone who is bothered by what I perceive to be a recent acceleration in the loss of fence rows between farms and frequent mowing of roadsides, I found Alice's writings on this issue amusing. She wrote "not even a botanist would advocate unkempt fence corners and weedy fields. However, it is no less regrettable that we have not retained, unchanged, [a] considerable tract of virgin prairie which would give to present and future generations some concept of the prairie flora or pioneer days".

Dr. Alice Kibbe was head of the Biology Department of Carthage College from 1920 to 1952 (in the same town where I now work). For her doctoral work, completed in 1926 for Cornell University, she poured through huge amounts of notes on historical botanical explorations of Hancock County made by Dr. Samuel Barnum Mead from 1833 to 1882. Dr. Kibbe painstakingly went through thousands of Mead's herbarium specimens, since lost to insects and neglect, and combined this information with her own field surveys to develop perhaps the best early accounts of flora of any county in the State of Illinois. This work was later published with the title "Botanical Survey of a Mid-Western County, Hancock County, Illinois, Covering 119 Years, 1833-1952".

### PROFILE ON DR. SAMUEL BARNUM MEAD

Dr. Samuel Barnum Mead, a relative of circus owner P.T. Barnum, was a medical doctor with a serious passion for collecting plant specimens and keeping meticulous records on where they were found. Mr. Mead and his family moved to Hancock County, Illinois in 1833. The cabin he built was the second home in the new town of Augusta,

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## BOTANICAL LEGENDS FROM WESTERN ILLINOIS (continued)

which he helped to survey and plot. He would remain in Augusta for the rest of his life serving as the town's postmaster and as the ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church. A diligent gardener, Samuel Mead grew plants sent to him from all over the world. Ever concerned with taxonomic associations he grew plants belonging to the same family groups, such as potatoes mixed with petunias. Although his botanical work was largely unappreciated by the local townsfolk, some did seek his assistance in the identification of usual plants which appeared in their gardens.

Dr. Mead's wife of over 43 years and mother of his 6 children died in 1865. Samuel Mead remarried and had a daughter by the second wife at age 68. This daughter, Sarah (Miss Birdie), was his close companion in later years. Miss Birdie assisted her father in daily meteorological records for the Smithsonian Institute, a practice shared by other pioneer botanists such as Frederick Brendel (1820-1912) from Peoria.

In 1880, at the age of 81, Sam Mead died from injuries sustained after falling from an apple tree in his back yard. Over the course of his long life, Samuel Mead attempted to obtain samples of every species of plant in Illinois – a goal he nearly achieved save a few specimens he was still trying to obtain at the time of his death. Dr. Mead's herbarium contained 10,000 to 12,000 specimens and likely included all species of plants found in Hancock County. He lent his name to two new species of plants – *Carex meadii* (Mead's sedge) and *Asclepias meadii* (Mead's milkweed), for which he was exceedingly proud. Framed specimens of these plants hung on the walls of his home.

In 1846, Mead published a plant checklist of species he had collected in Hancock County in *Prairie Farmer*. He corresponded frequently with other well-known botanists of the day and was especially close to Harry N. Patterson a printer from Oquawka, Illinois. Harry Patterson published a treatise entitled "Plants of Illinois" in 1876 which included botanical records from Mead and Patterson from 1846 to 1876.

### PROFILE ON HARRY N. PATTERSON

Harry N. Patterson was known as Patty to the local children who delighted in joining him on botanical trips. He was a professional printer operating the Patterson Printing Office with his wife. He was renowned for his skills in printing taxonomic labels for herbarium specimens for private collections and institutions. Encouraged as a young boy by his father who taught him the identification of many of the wild plants, Harry published his first checklist "Plants Collected in the Vicinity of Oquawka, Illinois" just before his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Two years later he would collaborate with Mead on the "Plants of Illinois".

Mr. Patterson maintained a garden of cultivated spring woodland wildflowers outside the brick house his father-in-law built. Like Dr. Mead, Patty also had a plant species named for him, Patterson's bindweed later changed to *Stylisma pickeringii*, found in abundance in the sand prairies at Big River State Forest north of Oquawka. After his death in 1919 at the age of 66, Harry Patterson's wife and business partner retained all of the letters Harry had received from other botanists. These letters were later used to form the basis of a publication by Dr. Alice Kibbe entitled "Afield with Plant Lovers and Collectors: Correspondence of Greatest American Botanists of His Day with Harry N. Patterson". This publication also included photos of the early botanists obtained from Harry's collection.

### PROFILE ON DR. ROBERT A. EVERS

Yet another important and perhaps better known botanist I wish to acknowledge from western Illinois is Robert A. Evers. Born in Quincy, Illinois in 1912, Evers spent a great deal of time documenting the flora and conditions of hill prairies located on the bluffs south of Quincy. He completed his undergraduate work at Kansas State University in 1933 after which he taught junior and senior high in Quincy. He obtained his masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. From 1946 to 1976 he was employed as a botanist for the Illinois Natural History Survey. While employed by the Illinois Natural History Survey, Robert Evers added a phenomenal 116,000 specimens to the survey's herbarium.

Robert Evers is best known to botanists and natural area managers for his ground-breaking work "Hill Prairies of Illinois" published by the Survey in 1955. For this publication, the basis of his doctoral thesis, he visited 61 hill

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## **BOTANICAL LEGENDS FROM WESTERN ILLINOIS (continued)**

I prairies from the entire length of the western border of Illinois. His work provided valuable information which was later used in the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory. Prior to the establishment of the Inventory, in 1963, Dr. Evers wrote extensively on other types of natural areas which he felt deserved recognition and protection in the publication "Some Unusual Natural Areas in Illinois". Both publications are still used today. He played an instrumental role in the establishment of Siloam Springs as a state park. In 1976, members of the Musselman Audubon Society petitioned the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission to dedicate a portion of Siloam Springs State a portion of Siloam Springs State Park as a nature preserve to be named in honor of Dr. Evers on the year of his retirement. The dedication was postponed so that a detailed master plan could be prepared. One was never written. Robert Evers passed away in 1998 at the age of 86.

As a "student" of these great botanists and fellow resident of far western Illinois I feel a moral obligation to ensure the memory of these botanical pioneers is not forgotten to history. Since being hired to work for the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission I have made it my mission to name a protected site (nature preserve or land and water reserve) in honor of these botanists from my home area. In 2003, I helped to register Robert A. Evers Land and Water Reserve, located within Siloam Springs State Park which he worked to protect. This registration reflected the earlier petition by the Musselman Audubon Society in 1976 (just 27 years later). In early 2009, we hope to register Harry N. Patterson Savanna Land and Water Reserve within Big River State Forest north of Oquawka, a natural area with a very large population of the state endangered "Patterson's bindweed". In 2001, I helped to dedicate the Alice Kibbe addition to Cedar Glen Nature Preserve adjacent to the WIU Kibbe Field Station she established. I'm still working to get a site in which the official name honors Dr. Kibbe. I've proposed the dedication of another natural area near Augusta to be named in honor of Dr. Mead. I'm still working on that one.

I have no way of knowing whether Dr. Alice Kibbe truly understood the significance of her legacy. Ultimately history shows the greatest of Dr. Kibbe was not her personal field work but what she did to preserve the work and memory of botanists who came before her. And for that we are deeply indebted to Alice.

On my bulletin board in my office I keep a quote from Dr. Alice L. Kibbe which reads "May the botanists and zoologists who shall in the future cast their lot in Hancock County and the Middle West arouse to the need for future research, and with enthusiasm bend their energies towards studying and mastering the problems surrounding the plant and animal life of Hancock County". I read this quote often to keep me grounded. Perhaps, in some small way I hope the work I do would please Alice and that any legacy I leave behind be a fitting tribute to Dr. Kibbe and the others who came before.

Angella Moorehouse works as a field representative for the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission covering 16 counties in west-central Illinois. Angella and her husband Dan Moorehouse helped establish and remain active in the Western Prairie Audubon IAS chapter based in Macomb. As a team they both share a passion for nature photography and "adventure vacations" (backpacking, canoeing, sea kayaking) which they hope to

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| Institutional    | 11  |
| Patron           | 15  |
| Supporting       | 73  |
| Student          | 8   |
| Regular          | 227 |
| Exchange         | 35  |
| Total Statewide  | 490 |
| At-Large members | 6   |
| Central Chapter  | 99  |
| Forest Glen      | 65  |
| Irene Cull       | 32  |
| Northeast        | 152 |
| Quad City        | 43  |
| Southern         | 57  |
| Exchange         | 35  |
| Total Statewide  | 490 |

**INPS Membership Mailing**

Dorothy Hosto has assumed processing and record keeping as Membership Chair for INPS. To facilitate this change please send all Membership Applications and Membership Renewals to her at:

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And, just a reminder that the INPS address is:

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Dear Members,

I have received some material from members over recent months and could always use more. Too much is far better than not having enough to fill these pages.

There will, of course, be **deadlines** to meet. **July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and always welcome suggestions for improvement and content.

Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,  
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Central Chapter

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Guy Sternberg presents:  
Forestry and Plant Development

Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>

Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> Plant Dig Day at Foxes-Waverly  
Contact Lois Fox at [rooffox@csi.net](mailto:rooffox@csi.net)

Apr. 25<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale 2009

For detailed information about meetings and directions, contact  
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## Forest Glen Chapter

Contact Connie Cunningham for details at [carrollc@inhs.uiuc.edu](mailto:carrollc@inhs.uiuc.edu)  
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## Northeast Chapter

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## Quad City Chapter

For upcoming meetings, contact QC Secretary by e-mail at  
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## Southern Chapter

There is no meeting information available for the Southern  
Chapter at press time

Irene Cull Chapter

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## Calendar of Events

The calendar is pretty limp these days.

Chapter Presidents---

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