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September awards Blue Mounds Area Project effusive

Volunteer numbers and Land Trust recognize efforts

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Outreach Ecologist's Updates

Mark Sanderson

Hello BMAP,

We have passed the equinox, and are officially starting our annual fall collecting in full swing, and even our first seed cleaning and processing performed beginning last week. In addition to the seed harvest, prairie restoration and management are ongoing, with mowing 20 acres scattered across the preserve last week.

Fall marks the beginning of a busy season for Outreach and management. Weeds plants are pulling nutrients and preparing for winter dormancy, and we are taking advantage of this time to cut and treat woody invasives, and applications of herbicide. The time of year is also ideal for prescribed woodlands, allowing for ample time planning and implementing management.

Below are activity reporting, and as have an ever growing list of tasks, so I'm hoping to get some help from weekdays volun to assist with seed cleaning, collecting, other ongoing efforts and projects, and Cultivating Leaders participants, and volunteers to work on other projects and activities.

We are wrapping up our annual renewal of Prairie Legacy that we now have 100% participation for the upcoming winter/ Prairie series. Seed Cleaning and Seed Sales are underway, and we are preparing for our annual seed collecting weekend. Our Facebook is in need of some love, and I'm hoping to post more questions or observations.

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Even rain, I trust BMAP members that have been a part of the community for decades have noticed the impacts of climate change, and the ever-changing, ever-challenging nature of conservation work. Conservation through seed cleaning, prescribed fire, invasive species work, and during weighties and threats to plant ecosystems. Thank you for your support.

Stay safe/warm
Outreach Ecologist
Mark Sanderson

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BMAP Membership Renewal

Thank you to all the BMAP members that have renewed their membership for 2021! Your support is the lifeblood of the conservation and preservation of our members. Your support allows us to do our work, and we are very grateful for your support. If you are unsure, you can always contact us directly to confirm your membership status.

BMAP has a variety of membership options to match our commitment to our mission and community. Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming BMAP Events

Wild Bluff - Dr. Bob Sullivan

BMAP Winter Lecture Series

With summer winding to an end, we are officially scheduling our 2021 Winter Lecture Series. This series will be a combination of in-person and virtual presentations, with short lecture questions, facilitated conversation, and short resources that will help prolong bank owners who feel stuck stop in land management

Winter Lecture - Monarchs: Natural Resources on Disparity Fire Management Practices - Dr. Bob Sullivan **Cancel**
Feb 3, noon-1:00 PM - Free PM
on Vimeo & Facebook All regrets, Dr.

Join Dr. Bob Sullivan, Wisconsin Prescribed Fire Council to discussing the benefits of frequent prescribed fire, and how it can be used to manage and restore prairie, savanna, and woodland ecosystems, and how can we help restore this biodiversity.

Winter Lecture - A Look at the Superintendent of Pachyrhinchus in Wisconsin - Dr. Ryan Fox
Cancel
Feb. Weeds - Southern Wisconsin Grasslands
Feb 24, noon-1:00 PM - Free PM
on Vimeo & Facebook All regrets, Dr. Ryan

Join Dr. Ryan Fox, Assistant Professor of Entomology at the Southern Wisconsin Grasslands Conservation Initiative, and Director of the Southern Wisconsin Grasslands Conservation Initiative to navigate Wisconsin grasslands, capacity limits, and complex land ownership and management issues.

Winter Lecture - UW Madison Arboretum - Restoration Stewardship of Wisconsin's Prairies Virtual Events
Mar. 10, noon - 1:00 PM - Free PM
on Vimeo & Facebook All regrets, Dr.

UW Madison Forestry and Ecology Dr. Pip Lang between the universities and the public, and discussion on the ecology, management, and restoration of Wisconsin's prairies, and the ranges landowners in the nationwide stewardship of Wisconsin's prairies, and stewardship.

Upcoming SDG Event

Southern Driftless Grasslands - Open Houses
Cancel
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Wed. Feb 24, 6:00 PM, Mt. Horeb, WI (open)

Join SDG for an informal evening gathering where we can meet other landowners, conservation professionals, and community members all who have a passion for or interested in learning more about prairies, savannas, and woodlands. Light refreshments and presentation by extension agents, media, and naturalists.

A small buffet dinner will be served throughout the evening.

The event will take place outside, and an enclosed tent, please come prepared for the weather.

Schedule:
6:00pm (Optional): Introduction to Southern Driftless Wisconsin Grasslands
6:00pm - 6:30pm: Open Mingle
6:30pm - 7:30pm: Open Mingle
7:30pm: Open Mingle
8:00pm: Event Ends
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Other SW Wisconsin Events & Resources

Many of you will recall that regularly I'd post a list of BMAP-Adjacent Events for conservation, ecology, and other related events. Since this is a blurb, I'm sharing the monthly whatever that I'm posting on Facebook, and Instagram.

Natural Land Institute Events

NLI regularly hosts Land Stewardship Workshops, and Prairie Restoration Workshops, and Prairie Restoration Workshops, and Prairie Restoration