



IPN Winter Seminar 2025 Agenda

Theme: For Love of Prairie

Saturday February 15.

Ames High School 1801 Ridgewood Ave, Ames, IA 50010

8:30 am-5:15 pm

8:30-9:45 am: Registration. Coffee (provided by IPN,) Networking

9:30-11:00 am: Morning Concurrent (breakout) sessions

- A. **Identification and ecology of Iowa's common orchids-** Dr. Thomas Rosburg, Professor of Botany and Ecology, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa and Deborah Lewis, former Curator of the Ada Hayden Herbarium, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- B. **25 Years of Urban Prairie Landscaping: Progress, Issues, and Potential**
-Inger Lamb, PhD and owner of Prairie Landscapes of Iowa LLC-
- C. **Watershed C.A.A.R.E at the National Mississippi River Museum: Promoting Water Stewardship on Land Through Native Prairie-** Codi Sharkey Conservation Programs Manager at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium.
- D. **Engaging Students in Monitoring, Managing, and Reconstructing Ecosystems With Community-Based Projects-** Mike Todd: Ames High School, The Community Academy

11:00 am-12:00 pm: Lunch (Organized by Outdoor Alliance of Story County)

12:00 pm: Welcome address by Laura Walter IPN President

12:10 pm: Silent Auction Recipient Ames High Prairie, Paul Readhead and Mike Todd

12:15 pm: Practicing New Naturalism: Site-Specific Plantings in Public and Private Places-
Kelly Norris

12:45 pm: Break 1 Silent Auction and Vendors

1:15 pm: Practical Partnership: An Eastern Iowa Success Story: 2024 marked the first year of the Eastern Iowa Habitat Partnership, bringing together land stewards from 8 different organizations for on-the-ground restoration work- Kenny Slocum Clayton County Conservation/Eastern Iowa Habitat Partnership



1:45 pm: Different goals, same fight: Using grazing as a tool to advance grassland conservation initiatives through empowering cattle ranchers in the Great Plain
Linder Ph.D. Program Coordinator, North American Grouse Partnership.

2:30 pm: Break 2 Silent Auction and Vendors

3:00 pm: Learning from Bison: A Small Farm's Mission to Restore Native Ecosystems and Inspire Change- Jathan Chicoine & Racheal Ruble, Native Prairie Bison LLC

3:30 pm: The Motus Migratory Bird Tracking System: A Tool for Grassland Bird Habitat Stewardship-Glenn Polluck

4:00 pm: Break 3- Silent Auction ends at the end of breaks

4:30 pm: Ecological renovation of a sedge meadow in Madison County- Dr. Thomas Rosburg, Botanical and Ecological Consulting Professor of Botany and Ecology, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

5:00 pm: Closing Remarks by Laura Walter IPN President

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