



*Look at this vigorous plant that lifts its head
from the meadow,
See how its leaves are turned to the north,
as true as the magnet;
This is the compass flower . . .
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Evangeline*

**SOUTHWEST PRAIRIE
WISCONSIN ENTHUSIASTS**

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In May Gary & Gail Adams, and Gary Eldred planted 54 species of prairie plants at a 2 acre demonstration site in Yellowstone State Park near Blanchardville, Wisconsin. The D.N. R. has cooperated with the SWWPE in site preparation and mowing weeds. On two visits since the seedings the results seem to be very good. There are many forbs and grasses coming up and if all goes well our first attempt at restoration will be a success!

~~Surveys and partial inventories of prairie remnants along all the roadsides in Grant County were begun on the first Sunday in June. By July 12th about 2/3 of the county were covered. Many interesting sites have been documented; these include about 30 wild quinine sites, 20 purple cone flower sites, and 5 tuberous Indian plantain sites. (All of these species are either threatened or endangered in Wisconsin.) We have also located over 40 prairie remnants varying in size and quality. These sites will be used for seed collection with a view to possible purchase and management in the future.~~

The last meeting of the SWWPE was held at the Walter and Alice Mirk residence in Millville, Wisconsin. Eleven persons attended and there seemed to be a great deal of enthusiasm about projects and goals

The next meeting will be at the Gary and Gail Adams Farm South of North Clayton in Crawford County (see map) The meeting will be held August 16th. There will be a hike a 1pm to look at some of Gary and Gail's prairie plantings. The meeting will begin at approximately 2:30 PM. There will be a pot-luck dinner after the meeting. Bring a dish to pass and any person that might share ~~an~~ interest in prairies.

We have many more exciting events and activities to report such as, the seed orchard establishment, the status of our incorporation, our first land purchase and preservation, and seed collection activities. But we will save those tidbits for the meeting.

As president I would like to thank a few of the people who have been very kind to the Southwest Wisconsin Prairie Enthusiasts. Without their kind help our fledgling group probably would not get off the ground.

First I would like to thank Jaya Iyer for her help with our soil samples and her personal interest in what we are trying to do.

Second I would like to thank Russ Raeder of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services for giving us over 100 section maps for prairie remnant surveys.

I would also like to thank Richard Camp, Wilson State Nursery, for his cooperation and encouragement. Thanks Dick!

// Agenda and Map For SWWPE Meeting //
August 16th 1987

AGENDA

1. MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (APPROVAL)
2. STATUS OF REPORT ON PRIVATE NON-PROFIT CORPORATION.
3. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEED ORCHARD.
4. PROPOSAL FOR LAND PURCHASE AND PRESERVATION
5. SEED COLLECTION NEEDS.
6. PLANS FOR BRUSH CUTTING PARTY.
7. OLD BUSINESS.

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Jones Lake project*

