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Prairies Jubilee!

Tallgrass Prairie: Past and future Sunday, October 10

Experience Wisconsin's largest tallgrass prairie restoration at the 1999 Prairies Jubilee! This year's celebration of the prairie is scheduled for Sunday, October 10, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., rain or shine, at Madison Audubon Society's Goose Pond Sanctuary near Arlington.

Everyone is invited to attend this free event, hosted by Madison Audubon, the UW-Madison Arlington Agricultural Research Station, The Prairie Enthusiasts, and a host of private and public organizations that support bird watching and prairie restoration.

Prairies Jubilee! offers many opportunities to experience the prairie. Horse-drawn wagon rides, an exhibit of locally-collected arrowheads and spears, Native American storytelling, and educational mini-tours will help visitors understand prairie history.

Visitors should arrive at the Arlington Research Station Public Events Building, where ample free parking is available. To prevent disturbance to wildlife, no parking will be allowed at Goose Pond during Prairies Jubilee!, and pets should be left at home. Shuttle buses will transport visitors between the Public Events Building and Goose Pond beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Ag Research Station Events

1:00 - 2:00 p.m., *Slithering Friends of the Prairie*, a chance to meet and even touch the snakes that call the prairie home. (Rebecca Christoffel, UW-Extension Wildlife Outreach Specialist)

2:15 - 3:00 p.m., *Orchid Slide Show*, with colorful images of these prairie beauties found in prairie remnants, old pastures, and savannas. (Scott Weber, Bluestem Farms)

3:15 - 4:00 p.m., *Grassland Raptors*, including a live red-tail hawk and slides of other grassland raptors. (Julie Johnson, wildlife rehabilitator)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., *Live Fiddle and Folk Music*, featuring Scott Weber and friends.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m., *WHIP Seminar*, provides information on how the government can help pay for your wildlife habitat improvement project (Tom Thrall, NRCS state biologist)

Horse-drawn wagon rides will depart from the Research Station to get a hilltop view of the prairie and to visit farm animals. Fees are \$1 for children, \$2 for adults. Check posting at the Research Station for destinations and times.

Exhibits, food, and merchandise will be available at the Public Events Building throughout Prairies Jubilee! Visitors can buy pumpkins and dried flower arrangements from local 4-H club members and native plants/seeds from vendors. Exhibitors will be on hand with information about research and conservation efforts related to the prairie.

The Goose Pond Sanctuary benefit raffle drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Research Station. The grand prize is an original acrylic painting of a stately great blue heron by artist Thomas R. Schultz of Green Lake, valued at \$2,000 (or the winner may choose to accept \$1,000 cash in lieu of the painting). Second prize is \$600 in airline tickets (or \$500 cash); third prize is a 40-pound bag of Mounds Supreme Wild Bird Seed mix.

Goose Pond Events

1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Concurrent walks/talks, with volunteers from Madison Audubon Society and The Prairie Enthusiasts. A schedule of events will be posted at the Public Events Building. Topics already scheduled are prairie plant identification, seed collecting and cleaning, and the archaeological history of the Empire Prairie.

Continuous events at Goose Pond include bird watching, kids' birding on the prairie, Native American storytelling, and flint knapping (making arrowheads and spear points by hand). For most Goose Pond activities, be prepared to walk in the prairie over rough ground.

Snacks and beverages will be available at both sites.

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The Prairie Enthusiasts is a grass roots organization of volunteers which is solely committed to the protection, management, and restoration of native prairies and savannas in the Upper Midwest. To date, The Prairie Enthusiasts has protected over 1,000 acres that harbor at least 5 state or federally protected species requisitions, easements, and management agreements. The Prairie Enthusiasts has a stewardship program which provides active management to ensure the ongoing health of protected sites.

The Prairie Enthusiasts is actively involved in planting prairie on it's properties and on other conservation lands and has assisted both public agencies and private groups in these efforts. Thus far, more than 150 acres have been planted with seeds of prairie plants from local sources.

In addition, The Prairie Enthusiasts develop educational materials and provide presentations on prairie and savanna ecology, conservation, and management for both children and adults.

The Prairie Enthusiasts was incorporated in Wisconsin in 1987 as a private nonprofit, tax exempt corporation under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible.

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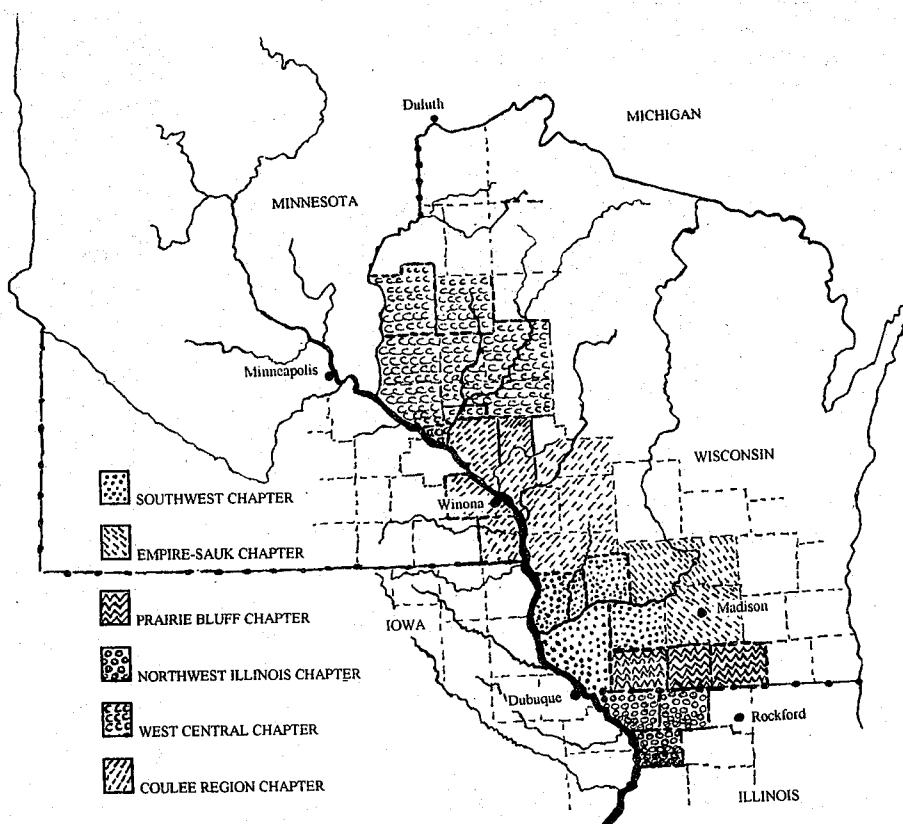
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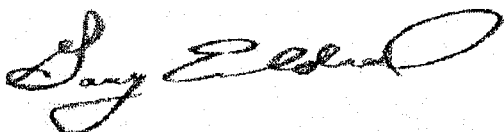
TPE CHAPTER AREAS



President's Message

Being a person who is a bit obsessed with prairie, I tend to occasionally dream about turning back the clock about 500 years or so just to see what things looked like then. I suspect I'm not the only prairie enthusiast to have done so! Around the early part of August, I began to realize that it's not only prairie enthusiasts who have time travel fantasies. To my amazement, most county highway departments as well as a big percentage of township road maintenance crews have the same desire. One big difference is that these people are doing something about it. Yes indeed, they have returned to the roadside maintenance methods to circa 1965! That was when the indiscriminate use of herbicides was at its peak, when spraying poison was the cure-all to all road maintenance problems. There is something very unsettling about seeing roadsides in their late fall colors when the rest of the world is still green and lush.

Before I get carried away, let me just say that I know my message should try to be upbeat and positive. I usually try to move in that direction, but after seeing dozens of roadsides, which were home to native plants, turned brown and crisp, I feel a deep need to share my anger and sorrow at the losses. How many years will it be before we leave the dark ages and learn to respect and care for all our native species, both flora and fauna? With the losses I've seen on our public roadsides this summer, I'm deeply grateful to all of you dedicated enthusiasts who work so hard to protect and care for our prairie and savanna remnants beyond the reach of the spraying and mowing of over-zealous road workers! We can only hope that someday our public road right of ways will be protected and managed for native plants as the highway department of Iowa Department of Transportation has been farsighted enough to do. In the meantime, call a county highway commissioner near you and ask him to change his ways.



Prairies Jubilee

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Co-sponsors for Prairies Jubilee! are the UW-Madison Arlington Agricultural Research Station, Wisconsin Integrated Cropping Systems Trial; The Prairie Enthusiasts; Mounds Pet Food Warehouse, UW-Madison Arboretum, UW-Madison Dept. of Landscape Architecture, WI Dept. of Natural Resources, WI Society for Ornithology, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Pheasants Forever, and Wisconsin Wetlands Association. Printing for the Prairies Jubilee! brochure has been donated in part by Econoprint, Madison.

Goose Pond is located about 20 miles north of Madison, near Arlington. For detailed instructions, call the Madison Audubon Society office at 608/255-2473.

GROWING PAINS FOR TPE

By Rich Henderson Vice President

As an organization, The Prairie Enthusiasts has come to a critical point in its development. We have been so successful in our growth and in fulfilling our mission of prairie and savanna conservation, that we are now reaching the limits of what volunteers alone can do. To keep moving forward, we need paid staff. Therefore, the TPE board has voted to hire a part time director and to start a new annual membership category to pay for the position.

This new category, tentatively called a Blazingstar membership, comes with an annual minimum fee of \$200 (please let us know if you like the name or if you have another suggestion). Over 90% of the fee will go directly to the salary and support of the director's position. In return, Blazingstar members will receive annual recognition in the newsletter (if they so choose), special field trip and event offers, other minor perks, and the satisfaction that they are part of the grassroots support of meaningful prairie and oak savanna conservation in the Midwest.

The primary duties of the director will be to raise funds and increase membership, as well as to perform various administrative tasks. There are programs and grants available to land trusts like TPE for natural land protection and management.

but to successfully access them requires knowledge and time, and we are currently not doing as good a job as we could. Also, we have no fund raising program targeting individuals or corporations, either within or outside our membership (the annual banquet is fun, but is very limited in its fund raising capacity). A paid director will give us the ability to establish a permanent endowment for administrative operations, significantly increase our land management endowment, and build our land acquisition funds.

There are still many thousands of acres of prairie and oak savanna remaining in the Midwest, but it is steadily fading away due to neglect and ignorance. Make a difference and become a

Blazingstar.



CODA

June of this year marked the passing of one of our most passionate prairie enthusiasts, Ada De Swarte. Ada was a member of TPE for eight years, joining our organization when she was eighty-seven years old. Ada was the local Booster of TPE in West Bend, constantly handing out our brochures to her wide circle of friends. When *An Introduction to the Tallgrass Prairies of the Upper Midwest* was published, she purchased, over time, a total of 78 books to hand out to people who came to see the spectacular prairie garden she had cultivated in the yard of her retirement home.

Ada was a vibrant, warm, human being who lived life to the fullest, and was the epitome of *Carpe Diem*. Always firmly fixed in the present and the future, rather than the past, she was an inspiration to those of us mired in the day to day details of TPE life. We will miss her sorely.

Experience Exchange

Ilya Smelansky

Novosibirsk, Russia.

We are preparing our next issue of *The Steppe Bulletin*. For this issue we intend to collect materials on the locust. The great attack of the locust is the main news of this summer in Russian agriculture. It affects the steppes because the primary habitats of the locust (*Calliptamus italicus*) are old fields, and all the regions affected by this pest are situated in the steppe belt of Eurasia. Extension of old fields land is the main hope for the preservation and expansion of our steppes. Old fields are the only places where restoring steppes are possible, and now there is a risk the process will be stopped because of the locust problem. Use of insecticides and ploughing up of old fields are the principle ways of dealing with the locusts. Do you have an analogous problem in America? I am interested in learning any "steppe friendly" ways of dealing with the struggles against the locust. Could you help us with any American experiences in that way?

Reply by Chuck Bomar,
Department of Biology, UW-Stout, and President
of the West Central Chapter of TPE.

The local expert you need to consult with is Mikeal Sergeev at the University of Novosibirsk. He seems to be the local expert that I know of. As far as the locust problems go in the United States, *Melanoplus femurrubrum* and *Melanoplus sanguinipes* seem to be the biggest agricultural problem. I completed my dissertation on alternative strategies for rangeland (short grass steppe) locust control. I could send you a copy if you are interested. I also recently co-authored a paper (in Russian) comparing the US steppes with those steppes of Inner Mongolia. The reference is Lockwood, J.A., C.R. Bomar, S.E. Williams, J.L. Dodd, Q. Min-Li, and L. Hong-Chang. 1997. Insect ecology on the Asian and North American steppes: striking differences and remarkable similarities. *Siberian J Ecol.* 4:241 (251 in Russian). I am also a co-author on another article about the history of *Nosema locutae*, a biological control agent that has been used on locusts on American steppes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EMPIRE-SAUK CHAPTER

MEETINGS

Thur.,	Nov. 4	Chapter board meeting, 7pm., Sauk City Public Library, 515 Water St.
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EVENTS

Sat.,	Sept. 4	Seed collecting at Underwood Prairie (south of Blue Mounds).
Sun.,	Sept. 5	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 2pm.
Thur.,	Sept. 9	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 5:30.
Sun.,	Sept. 12	Seed collecting at Underwood Prairie (south of Blue Mounds).
Wed.,	Sept. 15	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 5:30.
Sat.,	Sept., 18	Seed collecting at Underwood Prairie (south of Blue Mounds).
Sat.,	Sept. 25	Seed collecting at Underwood Prairie (south of Blue Mounds).
Sun.,	Sept. 26	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 2pm.
Sat.,	Oct. 2	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 2pm.
Sat.,	Oct. 9	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 2pm.
Sun.,	Oct. 10	Seed collecting at Underwood Prairie (south of Blue Mounds).
Sat.,	Oct. 16	Seed collecting at Underwood Prairie (south of Blue Mounds).
Sun.,	Oct. 17	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies, 2pm.
Sun.,	Oct. 24	Seed collecting at Koltes and Westport Drumlin Prairies.
		NOTE: for all seed collecting details, call Rich Henderson at 845-7065
Sat.,	Nov. 6	Combined seeding party at Governor Nelson & St. Benedict Center, 9am. See chapter news for details.
Sat.,	Nov. 13	Sumac and other brush cutting and herbiciding at Mazomanie Bluff. Contact Kay Bongers for details at 767-3576.

PRAIRIE BLUFF CHAPTER

MEETINGS

Tues.,	Oct. 5	Chapter meeting at Turner Hall Ratskellar (elections), 1217 17 th Avenue, Monroe at 7pm.
Tues.,	Nov. 2	Chapter meeting at The Norseman, 213 East Milwaukee, Argyle, at 7pm.
Tues.,	Dec. 7	Chapter meeting at Marshall Bluff

Bowhunters Clubhouse, N7326 Marshall Bluff Rd, Monticello, 7pm.

WORK PARTIES

For all work parties this fall, contact Geo and Kay Barry at 608-325-6147 or John Bauman at 608-862-1515.

SOUTHWEST CHAPTER

EVENTS

Sun.,	Sept. 26	Heather's Prairie, 10am
Sat.,	Oct. 16	Vale Prairie at 10am.
Sun.,	Oct. 24	Heather's Prairie at 10am.
Sat.,	Oct. 30	Bush Clover Prairie at 10am.
Sat.,	Nov. 13	Bush Clover Prairie at 10am.
Sat.,	Nov. 20	Vale Prairie at 10am.
Fri.,	Dec. 3	Heather's Prairie 10am.

Directions to Vale: from Hwy 69, turn east onto Hwy 39. At Purinton Rd turn east. Proceed to Schneeburger Rd and turn north 0.2 miles, take the farm lane west (trees are on the south side of lane and crop land is on north side). For information call Gary Eldred at 608-375-5271.

Directions to Heather's Prairie: From Fennimore, take Hwy 18 west to Pine Rd. Turn left (east) on Graham Rd., then south on Mt Ridge Rd. to fire number 12109. For information call Gary Adams at 608-624-5797.

Directions to Bush Clover Prairie: Take Hwy 61 north at Lancaster, and turn left on Co. Rd. K. Proceed about four miles and turn left (west) on Badger Rd. Go around curve and prairie is on the right. For information, call Walter Mirk at 608-988-4760.

MEETINGS

Sun.,	Oct. 17	Chapter meeting at home of Gary Eldred, 4192 Sleepy Hollow Trail, Boscobel at 1pm.
Sun.,	Nov. 21	Chapter meeting at home of Sue Linder, 505 Airport Rd., Boscobel at 1pm.
Sun.,	Dec. 19	Chapter meeting at home of Sue Linder, 505 Airport Rd., Boscobel at 1pm.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Sun.,	Oct. 10	Prairies Jubilee celebration at Goose Pond and Arlington Research Station. See article on front page.
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EMPIRE-SAUK CHAPTER

Chapter Annual Meeting and Picnic a Success

The dozen or so people at the Chapter's annual meeting and potluck picnic at Gov. Nelson State Park (July 12) enjoyed great food, good company, and an excellent tour of the park's extensive prairie plantings. During the business meeting, Cate Harrington and Rich Henderson were re-elected as secretary and president respectively. But the highlight of the evening was a walk through the park's restorations, which TPE has had a major role in developing. The walk was led by our chapter's chair of restoration, Dan Weidert, who has been leading the restoration effort at the park. It was a nice evening, with diverse prairie plantings to explore and dickcissels calling from the top of towering compass plants. The site is becoming a landscape showcase with its 100 acres or so of plantings in the ground and another 200 acres of old field scheduled for restoration over the next decade. The older plantings (now 5-6 years old) are of exceptional quality and diversity, and are worth a special trip just to see. If you make it out there, they are located on the high ground south of the park office. If you like what you see, let the park staff know. Latest word is that the original plan calling for 380 acres of prairie, savanna, and open oak woodland restoration at the park is still on track!

St Benedict's and Governor Nelson Park in teaming effort

Sisters of St. Benedict are teaming up with Governor Nelson State Park on Saturday, November 6 to sponsor a fall prairie seeding day. Volunteers are needed to assist with the seeding of 30 acres of prairie on Governor Nelson and St. Benedict Center restoration sites. Events for the day are as follows: 9:30am-noon seeding at Governor Nelson; noon - 100pm picnic lunch provided at Governor Nelson and 1:00pm-3:00pm seeding at Saint Benedict Center site. Volunteers should meet at the park office. Registration is required. Call Theresa Chapel at 836-1631 Ext 118 or e-mail tchapel@sbcenter.org.

New TPE Project Underway

The Empire-Sauk Chapter has entered into a formal ten-year management agreement with Dennis & Joan Thomson (son and daughter-in-law of active TPE supporters John & Olive Thomson) and the Underwood family of the Blue Mounds and Mt. Horeb area. The agreement covers 60 acres south of Blue Mounds. The site consists of a mix of original prairie sod (20 acres) and buffer lands that will be gradually restored. The remnant sod ranges from high-quality to degraded and brushy. Over 150 native plants have been found so far, along with many prairie specialist insects and grassland birds. There are 2 endangered, 3 threatened, and 3 special concern plant and animal species on the site. The project is located within an important grassland bird

habitat area of 1,000 acres or more, most of which is in CRP grassland cover on the Underwood and Thomson (Nittany Knoll) farms. Because of the landscape setting and its diversity of slope aspects and soil types (wet-mesic to dry; sandstone to limestone substrates), the site, once restored, will play a significant role in prairie conservation in Wisconsin. We thank the Thomson and Underwood families for their commitment to prairie/grassland habitat conservation.

The management/recovery of the Underwood & Nittany Knoll Prairie Complex is already underway with help from Jeff Underwood and friends, the UW-Madison Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society (they are a partner with TPE on the management of the Underwood property), and many TPE volunteers. We have even written a management plan for the site that is actually being implemented.

If you would like to get involved with this exciting and ambitious project, either as a occasional volunteer or as a member of the stewardship team overseeing and guiding the implementation of the management plan, contact Paul West (280-8576) or Rich Henderson (845-7065). We are especially in need of people to focus on the restoration of less common or difficult to collect prairie species. We need people to collect local seed, to hand rear young plants for transplanting, and to establish and maintain seed production beds. Species such as sedges, violets, blue-eyed grass, phlox, and other spring bloomers, as well as larger species such as compass plant, rattlesnake master, prairie (wood) lily, white prairie clover, and needlegrass would be the focus of these special efforts.

Donations Sought for Brush Mower

The Empire-Sauk Chapter is hoping to buy a much needed heavy duty brush cutter for all those patches of sumac, prickly ash, dogwood, etc. that we have to deal with on the 545 acres (spread over 16 sites) we currently manage. The machine is an all-terrain, self-propelled, walk-behind brush mower that chops up stems up to 1" thick. It will also be useful for cutting fire breaks. The price tag for a durable make and model is \$2,300. If you wish to help make this acquisition possible, please send a donation to Chapter Treasurer, Jim Welsh at S5685 Old Lake Road, Baraboo, WI, 53913. As always, donations to TPE are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

SOUTHWEST WI CHAPTER

Update on Meads Milkweed at Bush Clover Prairie

This will be the fourth growing season for the six of seven Meads milkweed seedlings planted at Bush Clover prairie in Grant County. Last year, six seedlings were still alive but struggling to survive among the dense prairie, in spite of frequent trimming. This year all six remain but their growth seems slow and the plants

appear very fragile. We don't know if this is normal or not, but are relieved that they hang on year after year.

Trip to Silver Mound

In June, Jim Sime and Gary Eldred took an interesting day trip to a very special place in central Wisconsin: a place used by humans for over 10,000 years, a place of awe, a place of importance, a place called Silver Mound. This place was of life-giving importance to Native Americans as it gave them the stone to make their knives, spear points, and skin scrapers, i.e., it gave them tools to sustain their lives. Jim and Gary went there to meet with a couple of archeologists, to walk part of the 400 acre mound, and to talk about a unique partnership in which the preservation of important prehistoric information would go hand in hand with important ecological restoration.

By the end of the month a deal was reached and 40 more acres will be protected and added to the already protected 180 acres. The Southwest chapter will donate \$20,000 towards a \$45,000 price tag. A national organization called The Archeological Conservancy will provide the remaining monies. This is a very exciting project for the SWC and we will be working closely with the Coulee Region Chapter on this project, as they will be taking on the task of overseeing the savanna restoration on about 30 acres of the site.

The Coulee Region chapter will need as much support as possible, and they are planning a fund raiser which will be announced soon. All donations are tax deductible, and will be greatly appreciated, so if you happen to have \$20,000 and don't know what to do with it, let CRC know. (P.S. \$5 or \$10 would be great too, so keep them in mind!) Thanks a lot.

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- ☐ Seed Collecting/Planting
- ☐ Planning Social Activities (banquet, picnics)
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TO THE FRINGED GENTIAN

By William Cullen Bryant

Thou blossom bright with autumn dew,
And colored with the heaven's own blue,
That openest when the quiet light
Succeeds the keen and frosty night.

Thou comest not when violets lean
O'er wandering brooks and springs unseen,
Or columbines, in purple dressed,
Nod o'er the ground-birds hidden nest.

Thou waitest late and com'st alone,
When woods are bare and birds are flown,
And frosts and shortening days portend
The aged year is near his end.

Then doth thy sweet and quiet eye
Look through it's fringes to the sky,
Blue - blue- as if that sky let fall
A flower from it's cerulean wall.

I would that thus, when I shall see
The hour of death draw near to me,
Hope, blossoming within my heart,
May look to heaven as I depart.



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