

 <p>Midwest Native Plant Conference</p> <p>Weekend Rate <i>Registration Deadline</i> August 2, 2010**.</p>	<p>\$ 150.00</p>	
<p>Total Conference Amount Enclosed (Includes all three days of education with Saturday breakout sessions, all meals Friday night to Sunday lunch; three keynote speakers each day of the conference, and all field trips)</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>	
<p>Will you be attending the pre-conference session and field trip on Friday? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Will you be attending the Early Bird Walk at 6:30 am Saturday morning? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>Field Trip Selections - Descriptions on Page #5</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Field Trip . Please indicate your choice in order of preference for one field trip on Sunday. Trips are allocated on a first come first serve basis.</p>	<p>1st choice Trip # _____</p>	<p>2nd choice Trip # _____</p>
<p>Vegetarian Food Option?</p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Name: _____

(One person per form please)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (s): _____

Email: _____

(Information will not be shared – for conference confirmation and communication only)

Refunds are subject to a \$15.00 processing fee; must be in writing, and received before July 30, 2010

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Young naturalists are eligible for scholarships. See website for details or call Kathy at 513.941.6497.
Please call for registrations after August 2, 2010. Kathy - 513.941.6497 or Macy - 937.767.2981.

Friday August 6		Midwest Native Plant Conference Agenda 2010
<i>Field Trip</i>	2:00 pm	Pre-conference Session and field trip: Identify Native Plants Using Newcomb's Field Guide – Macy Reynolds. Hotel Check-in begins 2:00 pm.
<i>Hotel Check-in</i>	2:00	Hotel check-in begins at 2:00
<i>Registration</i>	4:00	Registration Opens at 4:00
<i>Dinner</i>	6:00	Picnic Dinner and Welcome
<i>Keynote Speaker</i>	7:00	Wil Hershberger - “The Songs of Insects”
<i>Night Walk</i>	9:00 pm	Sounds of the Night Walk – Jim McCormac. Meet in the lobby.
Saturday August 7		
<i>Early Bird Walk</i>	6:30 am	<i>Early Bird Walk</i> - Explore the grounds to look for birds with Jim McCormac. Meet in the lobby.
<i>Breakfast</i>	8:00	Breakfast
<i>Vendors open to the Public</i>	8:30	Announcements – Vendors Open to the Public 9:00 to 4:00
<i>Morning Sessions</i>	9:00	Morning Education Sessions
<i>Lunch</i>	11:30-1:00	Lunch, Silent Auction Opens
<i>Afternoon Sessions</i>	1:30-4:00	Afternoon Education Sessions
<i>Social</i>	6:00 pm	Open Bar
<i>Banquet</i>	6:30	Dinner
<i>Keynote</i>	8:00	Silent Auction winners, other announcements Julie Zickefoose - “Letters from Eden”
<i>Night Walk</i>	10:00 pm	Sounds of the Night Walk – Jim McCormac. Meet in the lobby.
Sunday August 8		
<i>Labyrinth Walk</i>	6:45 am	Morning Meditation Walk with Leanne Jablonski
<i>Breakfast</i>	7:30 am	Breakfast Dining Room
<i>Keynote</i>	9:00	Judy Semroc - “Pollination-A Photographic Primer for Gardening Success”
<i>Checkout</i>	10:00	Room Checkout
<i>Field trips depart</i>	10:30 am	Grab a boxed lunch and meet your designated leader for local field trips.

Please note: Registration does not include lodging. Please complete a separate [Lodging Registration Form](#) located as a link on the front page of the [website](#).

Proceeds from this conference will benefit the [Marianist Environmental Educational Center \(MEEC\)](#) and [Beavercreek Wetlands Association](#) and the [Sunshine Corridor Project](#) in Adams County.

Saturday Education Sessions Schedule

Saturday AM	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
9:00-10:00	Chris McCullough	Bob Henn	Cheryl Harner	MEEC Staff Michele Banker	-
AM	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
10:30-11:30	Janet Creamer	Frank Porter	Bob Kehres	Terry Fredrich	Jim McCormac
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Saturday PM	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
1:30-2:30	Jim McCormac	Terry Fredrich	Frank Porter	Bob Kehres	MEEC Staff Tara Poling
PM	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E
3:00-4:00	Chris McCullough	Bob Henn	Cheryl Harner	Janet Creamer	-

Pre-registration is not required for speakers. For more information about speakers and programs, follow the link from the [MWNP](#) home page under "Speaker Profiles and Programs".

Sunday Field Trips

Field Trip Ratings:

Rating 1-easy walking on even surface or boardwalk

Rating 2-uneven ground, can be muddy or slippery

Rating 3-Rough terrain, uneven walking surfaces

Trip #1: Restoration of Mount Saint John.

Don Geiger, PhD and founder of MEEC will lead a trip on the grounds to talk about the restoration of Mount Saint John, the 300 acre preserve that is home to the Bergamo Center. MEEC stewards the 100-acre Mount St. John Nature Preserve that includes Tallgrass prairie, oak-hickory woodlands and natural and created wetlands. Restoration efforts focus on establishing Eastern Tallgrass prairie in a 14-acre sand and gravel borrow pit and determining best methods for eradicating honeysuckle. MEEC conducts on-site research on invasive species removal and restoration assessment. The Preserve is named an Ohio Natural Landmark for its "exceptional value in illustrating and interpreting the natural heritage of Ohio." You can apply many of these principles and techniques in your own landscapes. **Rating 1. Limit 15 participants.**

Trip #2: Sacred Embrace and Native Plant Labyrinth - Mount St. John.

Walk this easy field trip on the grounds of Mt. St. John to the Sacred Embrace earthwork and follow the native plant labyrinth on the lower prairie. Sacred Embrace is a living earthwork designed by local artist Carrie Pate and planted with some 40 native prairie wildflowers (forbs) and grasses which thrive in full sun. Constructed on what was once a dumping ground, the earthwork reminds us of the beauty of native plants and the potential to restore native ecosystems. The 30-plus species in Sacred Embrace include rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*), royal catchfly (*Silene regia*), blue & white false indigo (*Baptisia australis* & *B. leucantha*), and butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). The labyrinth paths are mowed and bordered by native grasses and flowers that invite insects of all kinds

to find food. In the beginning of August, the flowers will be in full bloom and you'll see many of the plants you learned about in your sessions. **Rating 1. Limit 15 participants.**

Trip #3: Beaver Creek Wetland's Fairborn Marsh- This 56 acre site owned by BCWA has an open water marsh with an adjacent high quality fen. Considered the "jewel in its crown", Fairborn Marsh is located on the north side of New Germany Trebein Road, just east of Beaver Valley Road. A wide variety of fen and upland prairie plants can be found here. **Rating 3-This site has narrow and possible muddy pathways. Participant should wear shoes that are waterproof or that can withstand mud. Limit 10 participants.**

Trip #4: Beaver Creek Wetland's Division of Wildlife Property- Located south of New Germany Trebein Road, this site demonstrates successful restored wetlands and mitigation sites and a hillside fen. This site has very high species diversity with wet woods and vernal pools in the spring. **Rating 3-This site has narrow and possible muddy pathways. Participants should wear shoes that are waterproof or can withstand mud. Limit 10 participants.**

Trip #5: Garden Tour – Three tours with two private gardens will be opened for our viewing on this tour. The first two are in the village of Yellow Springs. Macy Reynolds' garden is in its fourth year of being planted and demonstrated how to use a wide variety of flowering natives in a more formal setting. Newly planted native trees and shrubs enhance the yard and garden and show the variety of these species. The garden is also offers ideas for deer-proofing. The second garden is a public park maintained by volunteers. It parallels the bike path and is planted with native flowers and grasses. A sinuous path runs down the middle with pods of tiles commemorating women of the area. Volunteers will be available to answer questions and provide information on growing native plants. **Rating 1-Easy walking. Limit 10 participants.**

Trip #6: Possum Creek MetroPark Butterfly Trip-Possum Creek is located about 6 miles southwest of downtown Dayton. It has one of the largest and most diverse planted prairies in Ohio. Over 100 acres of farmland have been converted to prairie and will be in full bloom in August. Big Bluestem, Purple Coneflower, Dense Blazing Star, Indian Grass, Prairie Dock and Rosinweed can be viewed here. These flowers should attract a good diversity of butterflies for study. **Rating 1-Though mostly flat, there may be some uneven ground at this site. Limit 15 participants.**

Trip #7: Gallagher Fen- SORRY THIS TRIP IS FULL This 213 acre area is located east of Springfield and is part of the ODNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves. Gallagher Fen is accessible by permit only. It has a variety of habitats including stream, savanna, oak-hickory woodland and boasts one of the best prairie fens in Ohio. **Rating 3-This site has a boardwalk, but there are steep steps, as well. Limit 15 participants.**

Trip #8: Germantown MetroPark- Located 20 minutes southeast of Dayton, Germantown MetroPark is a diverse area with cedar glades, hillside prairies, open grasslands and exceptional woodlands with large trees. Twin Creek flows through the property adding to the variety of habitats. This park is home for numerous plants and animals, some which are found nowhere else in Montgomery County. The elusive bobcat, Chuck-will's Widow and Whip-Poor-Will have been spotted in the park. **Rating 2-There may be uneven ground or steps on this hike. Limit 15 participants.**

~~Trip #9: Cedar Bog~~ **SORRY THIS TRIP IS FULL** Located south of the city of Urbana, this diverse 427 acre site is really a calcareous fen with prairie, woodland and wetland species. One can take an easy stroll along the boardwalk and view Canada Burnett, Grass-of-Parnassus, Cup Plant, False Asphodel, Dense Blazing Star, Round-leaved Sundew and Kalm's Lobelia. Cedar Bog is also home to a few of Ohio's endangered animals such as the Spotted Turtle, Massasauga Rattlesnake and Elfin Skimmer dragonflies. **Rating 1-This site has a boardwalk. Limit 15 participants.**

Trip #10: Bigelow and Smith Cemetery Prairie State Nature Preserves Photography Trip- These two prairie remnants from the Darby Plains are located west of Plain City on Rt. 161. The variety of prairie wildflowers and grasses along with pioneer tombstones make for great photographic opportunities. Your guides are fantastic ecologists that are well-versed in nature photography. You will certainly pick up a tip or two on how to get the best shot. **Rating 2-Uneven ground. Limit 15 participants.**

~~Trip #11: Twin Creek MetroPark~~ **SORRY THIS TRIP IS CANCELLED.**-Located in Germantown, this outstanding natural area contains steep, wooded ravines containing mature forest with a diverse understory plant life, extensive areas of second growth forest, floodplain forest, several large managed grasslands, a large scenic pond, and the beautiful Twin Creek. **Rating 3-There may be uneven ground, steep slopes and steps on this hike. Limit 15 participants.**

Trip #12: Prairie Road Fen- Prairie Road Fen is another great nature preserve managed by ODNR. This 94.49 acre site is open by permit only. Described as the largest and finest prairie fen remaining in Ohio, visitors will surely encounter some new "life plants" here. **Rating 3-There is a boardwalk at this site, but there are some steep slopes and possible slippery spots. Limit 15 participants.**