



**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**Off-Broadway Banquet Center  
Menomonie, Wisconsin**

**Hosted by the Chippewa Savannas &  
St. Croix Valley chapters**

## **Join us for our annual celebration of prairies and savannas**

The conference will offer presentations on grassland sparrows, sedges and rare plants found in our area. And what conference would be complete without a session on managing invasive plants! Stay for The Prairie Enthusiasts annual all-chapter banquet after the conference. The entire day enables you to network and meet up with old friends.

Doors to the conference open at 8 a.m. when you can check-in at the registration desk. Enjoy a continental breakfast while you review your conference materials.

### **Highlights include:**

- Keynote address by Dr. Susan Galatowitsch, Professor & Department Head, Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology at the University of Minnesota, explores how organizational resilience affects restoration progress and outcomes.
- Kevin Doyle, Botanist with the WI-DNR, shows us the unique flora of the Western Prairie Ecological Landscape, and the northern portion of the Western Coulees and Ridges Ecological Landscape (also known as the “Driftless Region.”)
- After the banquet, Dr. Shawn Schottler, Senior Scientist for the St. Croix Watershed Research Station-Science Museum of Minnesota, presents “*Good Plants, Bad Plants and You.*” This presentation offers new and maybe slightly warped perspectives on how we view plants, and how they do or do not meet our conservation objectives - such as creating habitat for pollinators.

### **Directions to Conference & Friday Social**

From I-94, take exit 41 to Menomonie. Continue south on WI-25S/N. Broadway St. Turn right – immediately past the McDonald’s – into the Shops Off Broadway lot (1501 N. Broadway St.)

# Conference schedule

8:00 am	Registration and continental breakfast
8:30	Welcome
8:45 – 9:45	Keynote address - Dr. Susan Galatowitsch, Professor & Department Head, Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Biology at the University of Minnesota <i>“Moving forward and bouncing back: Why organizational resilience matters to restoration”</i>
9:45 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 11:00	Concurrent sessions (see list below) Three presentations run concurrently. Themes include conservation & management, flora & fauna, and fun!
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:15	Concurrent sessions (see list below) Three presentations run concurrently. Themes are the same as the morning sessions.
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch TPE overview by Scott Fulton; chapter introductions by Joe Rising and Evanne Hunt.
2:00 – 3:00	Concurrent sessions (see list below) Three presentations run concurrently. Themes are the same as the morning sessions.
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:15	Concurrent sessions (see list below) Three presentations run concurrently. Themes are the same as the morning sessions.
4:00 – 5:30	Auction and raffle close Social hour, cash bar
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner banquet
6:30 – 7:30	After dinner presentation – Shawn Schottler, Senior Scientist at the St. Croix Watershed Research Station- Science Museum of Minnesota. Marine-on-St. Croix Minn. <i>“Good Plants, Bad Plants and You”</i>
7:30 – 8:00	Awards, social hour

## Concurrent sessions

- *“Water Quality and Habitat Trends: Making Good Long-term Decisions?”* (Presenter: Shawn Schottler, Senior Scientist, St. Croix Watershed Research Station-Science Museum of Minnesota.)
- *“Wisconsin Prairie Conservation Plan”* (Presenter: Bridget Olson, US Fish & Wildlife)
- *“Climate Change & Prairie Grasses”* (Presenter: Dr. Tali Lee, UW-EC)
- *“Managing Invasive Species”* (Presenter: Kelly Kerns, 4Control)
- *“Creating Art on Prairies”* (Panel with Gary Eldred, Joe Maurer)
- *“Intergenerational Conversation”* (Panel led by Gary Eldred)
- *“Wild Food from Prairie Landscapes”* (Presenter: Sam Thayer)
- *“FUN! Volunteering with TPE”* (Panel)
- *“Sedge Identification”*
- *“Finding and Identifying Amphibians”* (Presenter: Andrew Badje, WI DNR)
- *“The Rare Plants of Wisconsin’s Western Prairie and Upper Driftless Area”* (Presenter: Kevin Dole, DNR)
- *“Sparrows of Prairie Ecosystems”* (Presenter: Brian Collins)

## TPE Photo Contest

A major highlight of every TPE annual conference is the Photo Contest. Photos can be submitted by anyone of anything related to prairies and savannas. The finalists will be selected by the conference host chapters, and the winners are determined by a vote of the conference participants. All finalists receive the framed print of their photo used at the conference, and the winning photograph will be used on the cover of our next annual report. Please send your photo files by email before Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 to Joe Rising at [TPE@ThePrairieEnthusiasts.org](mailto:TPE@ThePrairieEnthusiasts.org). Please contact Joe at (608) 638- 1873 with any questions.

## Pre-Conference Social Gathering

On Friday, March 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., we gather at the Stout Ale House (1501 N. Broadway St, Menomonie.) to welcome all conference attendees and guests. There will be a cash bar and a limited menu from which you can order dinner.

## Raffle & Silent Auction

Bid on and buy raffle tickets for a variety of great items, such as cookies, jams, honey, artwork, beer and wine. The raffle and silent auction benefit the local chapter. If you wish to donate to the raffle and silent auction, contact your chapter chairperson no later than Feb. 1.

## Sponsors and Exhibitors

Visit our sponsor and exhibitor displays featuring information about plants, land management and more. The Prairie Enthusiasts will have a table where you can purchase tote bags, t-shirts, hats, books and other items. Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

**Lodging:** There are a number of hotels within blocks of the venue for the conference and Friday night social.

Hotel	Rates	Phone	Website
Super 8 by Wyndham (3 blocks from conference)	\$95	(715) 235-8889	<a href="http://wyndhamhotels.com/super-8">wyndhamhotels.com/super-8</a>
Best Western Plus (0.4 miles from conference)	\$125	(715) 235-5664 or 1-800-780-7234	<a href="http://bestwestern.com">bestwestern.com</a>
AmericInn by Wyndham (0.5 miles from conference)	\$101	(715) 235-4800	<a href="http://wyndhamhotels.com/americinn">wyndhamhotels.com/americinn</a>
Hampton Inn & Suites (0.6 miles from conference)	\$117	(715) 231-3030	<a href="http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com">hamptoninn3.hilton.com</a>
Cobblestone Inn & Suites (1.8 miles from conference)	\$110	(715) 233-0211 or 1-888-693-8262	<a href="http://staycobblestone.com">staycobblestone.com</a>
Quality Inn & Suites (5.4 miles from conference)	\$99	(715) 233-1500	<a href="http://choicehotels.com">choicehotels.com</a>
Oaklawn Inn	\$134	(715) 235-6155	<a href="http://oaklawninn.com">oaklawninn.com</a>
AirBnB			<a href="http://airbnb.com">airbnb.com</a>



2018 contest winner- Randy Schindle  
Rusty Patched Bumble Bee  
on Anise Hyssop

# Registration

## Conference fee includes:

- Continental breakfast
- Lunch
- Snack (morning and afternoon)

## Banquet fee includes:

- Dinner (select your choice below)

Register online with a credit card at:

<https://www.theprairieenthusiasts.org/content.asp?contentid=285>

Or, complete this form and mail with your check payable to “The Prairie Enthusiasts” to the address below.

**Walk-in registration fee is \$80**



PO Box 824  
Viroqua, Wisc. 54665  
608-638-1873

Attendee names:

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference	No.	Cost	Total
Member (before Feb. 17)		x \$70 =	
Member (after Feb. 17)		x \$80 =	
Student*		x \$25 =	
Banquet	Initials		
<b>Chicken Kiev</b> Breast of chicken hand-stuffed with garlic butter and wild rice blend		x \$25 =	
<b>Stuffed Iowa pork chop</b> Boneless Iowa pork chop stuffed with Andouille sausage and cranberry stuffing		X \$25 =	
<b>Tasty tofu, red quinoa &amp; vegetables</b> (vegan and gluten free)		X \$25 =	
*Includes 1-year TPE membership		Total	

To help us assign the right-sized rooms to the sessions, please select five sessions you are likely to attend:

- Water Quality and Habitat Trends: Making Good Long-term Decisions
- Wisconsin Prairie Conservation Plan
- Climate Change & Prairie Grasses
- Managing Invasive Species
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