

Prairie Lands Foundation

Fall 2019

Welcome

William (Bill) Handel

PLF is excited to welcome Bill as the new Natural Area Steward. Bill is a retired Academic Professional who served as a plant ecologist/botanist at the Illinois Natural History Survey, Prairie Research Institute in Champaign. In the past, Bill has volunteered his time at PLF properties leading in woodland and prairie burns. Bill gave an overview and description on the properties that PLF manages at the Annual meeting.



Thank you

Sara Hostetter

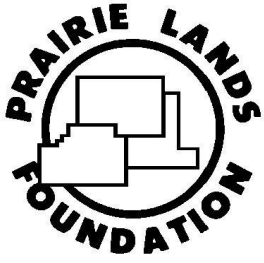
PLF is very grateful for Sara's decade of service as the Natural Area Steward. A plaque of appreciation, made from Butternut wood harvested from a tree at Fugate Woods, was presented to her at the Annual meeting.



GOOLD WOODS

PLF appreciates the opportunity to accept the gift of 10 acres of timberland adjacent to the North of Fugate Woods, given by Jay Goold. In his will Mr. Goold left the timberland to PLF subject to a reserved life estate to his two sisters, Ann Arendell and Joan Smeltzer. The sisters have generously relinquished their reserved life estate and given PLF stewardship of the land. In honor of the family the timberland will be called Goold Woods.





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Munz Planting—Bill Handel, along with several volunteers, planted over 2,500 plants along the trails at Munz Park. Once the plants are established, other grasses will be added to continue the development of the landscaping design.



T Over the years, financial assistance and support for the Fairbury area community by current residents and individuals who have called Fairbury “home” at some point during their lives make the community a special place to live and visit. Prairie Lands Foundation would like to acknowledge and “Thank” Harvey W.(Bill) Zehr, Jr. for his gift to the Prairie Central Area Educational Endowment Fund and the opportunity for the foundation to utilize his gift to raise matching contributions to the fund.



Walking Trail—Land has been purchased along the east side of Seventh street heading north, to extend the walking trail from the Baptist Church

north to 900 East Road. Work will begin on the trail once the crops have be harvested.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/20—Riverwatch/Stream Discovery @ Fugate Woods for PCHS classes
- 9/28—National Public Lands Day
AM—Chenoa Boy Scouts community service project installing bluebird houses and interpretive signs
—Guided discovery hikes with PLF Steward Bill Handel @ Sunbury (Dwight) and Griswold (Saunemin) remnant native prairies.
—Mollusk Survey @ Fugate Woods for PCJHS & Tri-Point JHS classes

Lunch—Lunch and pollination discovery activities for youth/parents @ Saunemin City Park provided by PLF and the generous support of an Illinois Clean Energy Foundation Grant.

If you have any interest in these events please contact us at admin@prairielandsfoundation.org Or call David @ 815-692-2369

- 10/5—Conversations with Fugate Woods native workshop given by Susan Post and Michael Jeffords for PLF educators and volunteers