

# BRUSH PILES

**NORTH BRANCH RESTORATION PROJECT**

**SPRING 2006**

## ***SPRING WILDFLOWER SLIDESHOW & WALK***

**Thursday, April 27, 7:30-9:00 p.m., North Park Village Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago**

**Saturday May 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Harms Woods**  
Harms Road, south of Glenview Road and north of Old Orchard Road, Glenview.

Every spring our woodlands are full of flowers. Through an evening slideshow at the North Park Village Nature Center and a morning walk in Harms Woods, Jane and John Balaban will teach us to identify many of these wonderful plants. We will study some species more deeply, discussing their methods of reproduction and requirements for health.

On the walk, we will have a chance to see the flowers where they grow. Then, in order to get better acquainted with some of the plants, we will have time to sketch them with guidance from artists of the *Seeding the Snow* journal.

This program is free, but the group size is limited to 25, so please register in advance by calling 773-342-6665.

## ***WILD THINGS WINTER WORKSHOPS***

**Saturday, March 4, 1:30pm-4:30pm, Brookfield Zoo**

**Invasive Species** – Comparing notes on what works and what doesn't. Evaluating and improving the region's "Best Management Practices", building on the Nature Preserve Commission's Invasive Species Guidelines and our own experiences.

**Restoration Planning** – Presentations and discussion from a case study perspective. Local examples of restoration plans that have improved the work (and sometimes attracted special funding).

RSVP not required but appreciated: Maggie Kurcz, 847-965-1150 or [mkurcz@audubon.org](mailto:mkurcz@audubon.org). For more information visit [www.habitatproject.org](http://www.habitatproject.org).

## ***PLANTS OF CONCERN TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR RARE PLANT MONITORING***

Plants of Concern is a rare plant monitoring program, a collaboration of over 200 trained volunteer monitors working together with 54 cooperating landowners at over 165 sites in six counties.

Plants of Concern will be recruiting and training volunteer monitors for the 2006 season! We will be holding training workshops on:

Sat, April 8 – Blackwell Forest Preserve, DuPage Cnty

Sun, April 23 – Glacial Park, McHenry Cnty

Sun, April 30 – Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook Cnty

Workshops will be held from 9:30 am to 3 pm. This workshop will give you an opportunity to learn monitoring skills and to select a monitoring assignment or will refresh your skills for the new season. We strongly encourage any monitors who have never been to a workshop to attend.

Bring a lunch. Morning refreshments will be served. Registration is required. A confirmation will be sent after registration and directions will follow shortly before the workshop date.

For more information, visit our webpage at: [www.plantsofconcern.org](http://www.plantsofconcern.org). To get on the mailing list and/or to register for the workshops, please contact Emily Hudson, Program Assistant, Plants of Concern, 1000 Lake Cook Road,

Glencoe, IL 60022, call 847/835-6873, email [ehudson@chicagobotanic.org](mailto:ehudson@chicagobotanic.org).

## ***EDENS LOST AND FOUND – MAY 18***

Chicago is one of four cities in America profiled in *Edens Lost and Found*, a national PBS series that will air on May 18, 2006. The program highlights Chicago stories of urban rebirth through the eyes of experts and committed citizens who make a difference. The series has been produced by Harry Wiland and Dale Bell for PBS. For more information on the series visit [www.edenslostandfound.org](http://www.edenslostandfound.org).



# NBRP Workday Schedule - Spring 2006

## MARCH

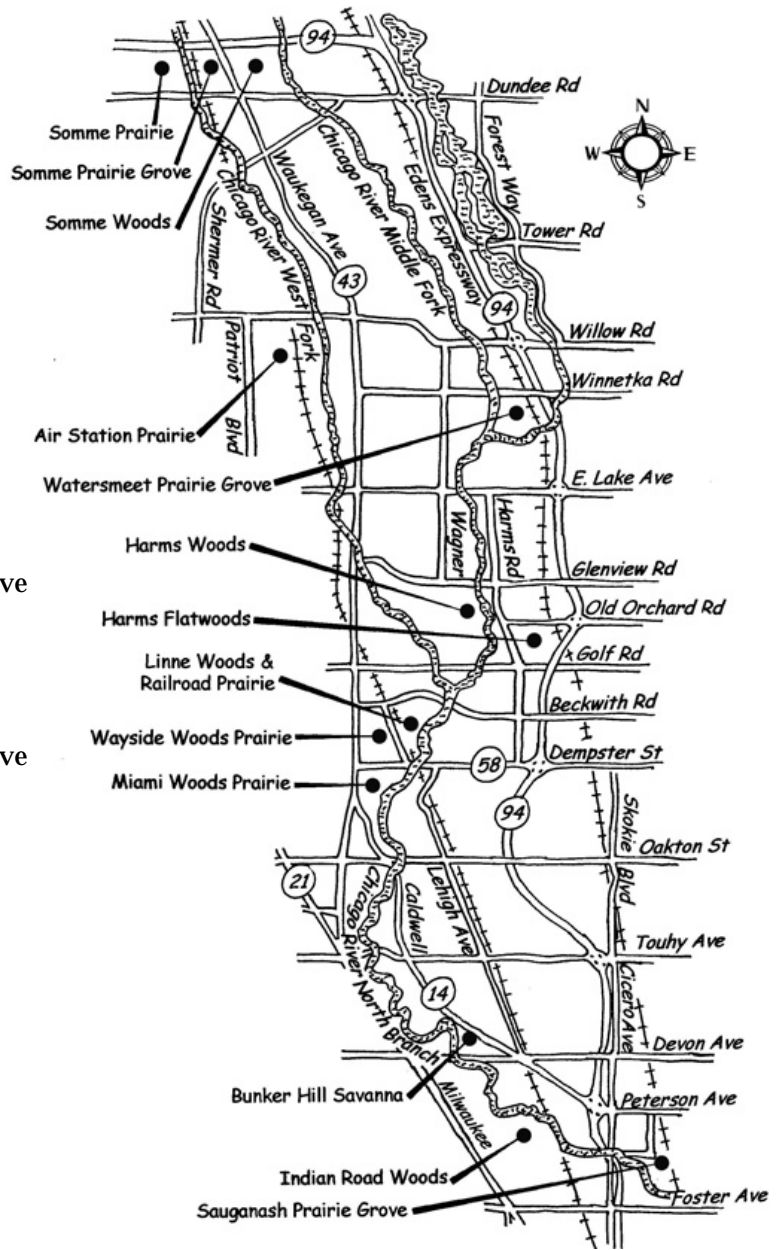
4	Saturday	9:00-noon	Harms Flatwoods
5	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
11	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Woods North
		9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
		9:00-noon	Harms Flatwoods
12	Sunday	9-12, 1-4	Somme Woods
18	Saturday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
		9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
19	Sunday	9-12, 1-4	Harms Woods
25	Saturday	9-12, 1-4	Somme Woods
		9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
26	Sunday	9:00-noon	Miami Woods Prairie

## APRIL

1	Saturday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
		9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
2	Sunday	9:00-2pm	Somme Prairie Nature Preserve
8	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Woods North
		9:00-noon	Somme Woods
9	Sunday	9:00-noon	Wayside Woods Prairie
15	Saturday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove
16	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Nature Preserve
22	Saturday	9:00-noon	Somme Woods
23	Sunday	9-12, 1-4	Harms Woods
29	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Prairie
30	Sunday	9:00-noon	Watersmeet Prairie Grove

## MAY

6	Saturday	9:00-noon	Miami Woods Prairie
		1:00-4:00	Somme Woods
7	Sunday	9:00-noon	Harms Flatwoods
13	Saturday	9:00-noon	Wayside Woods Prairie
14	Sunday	9:00-noon	Miami Woods Prairie
20	Saturday	9:00-noon	Linne Woods North
21	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
27	Saturday	9:00-noon	Somme Prairie Grove
		9:00-noon	Harms Flatwoods
28	Sunday	9:00-noon	Somme Woods
30	Monday	9:00-noon	Bunker Hill



### ***BUFFALO GROVE PRAIRIE***

**Sundays, 9:00 am - Noon**  
**March 12, April 9, May 7**  
**Bev Hansen, 847-272-6211**

Work on Sundays at this piece of virgin prairie located on Hastings Road. It is off Lake-Cook about a mile west of Milwaukee (watch for Hastings on the north after going under the railroad overpass). Turn north on Hastings, then right into the second parking lot. The prairie is under the Com Ed power lines.

### ***SKOKIE LAGOONS***

**Saturdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**March 11, April 8, May 13**  
**Jerry Garden, 773-545-4632,**  
**jerrygarden@sprynet.com**

Meet at the Tower Road parking lot (east of the lagoon bridge - not the boat launch). There will be a sign with directions to the work site in the picnic field adjacent to the parking lot. Come dressed for the weather. We will provide waders, gloves and tools.

### ***GLENBROOK PRAIRIE WORKDAYS***

**6:00 pm to dark**  
**Greening Thursday, March 16**  
**Toad Flax Thursday, April 13**  
**Pucoon Thursday, May 13**  
**Rob Sulski, 847/337-0471**

The prairie is located at the northwest corner of the Glenbrook North High School property, north of Willow Road on the west side of Shermer Road. Follow the north parking lot past the tennis courts and walk along the north side of the football field until you see us.

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# NBRP Site Directions and Stewards

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## ***DIRECTIONS:***

### ***Air Station Prairie, Glenview***

**Kent & Jerry Fuller** – From the Edens Expressway; go west on Willow Road, past Waukegan Road and over the RR overpass. Turn south at the new traffic signals for Patriot Blvd. (The new main road through the redeveloped Naval Air Station). Turn east on Compass to the gate at the south end of the prairie. Patriot Blvd. is also accessible from the south via Lake Ave.

### ***Bunker Hill Savanna/Oxbow, Chicago***

**Jane & John Balaban** – Off Caldwell between Devon and Touhy; entrance located just opposite Tonty Street. For Bunker Hill Meet in first section of parking lot; for Oxbow, follow road until it turns north, then park along the west side.

### ***Harms Flatwoods, Glenview***

**Neil Peck & Terry Schilling** – Meet at the Forest Preserve Grove parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, directly west of Old Orchard Road.

### ***Harms Woods, Glenview***

**Jane & John Balaban** – Meet at the Forest Preserve Grove parking lot on the west side of Harms Road, just south of Glenview Road and north of Old Orchard Road.

### ***Linne Prairie, Morton Grove***

**Mary Busch & John Thill (847-966-0231)** – Meet at the Wayside Woods Prairie parking lot on Lehigh Ave, a few blocks east of Waukegan Road and just north of Dempster.

### ***Linne Woods North, Morton Grove***

**John & Marian Thill (847-966-0231, mjthill@icsp.net)** - From Edens go west on Dempster street about 1.5 miles. The forest preserve entrance will be on the north side of the street directly across from McDonalds. Follow the winding road all the way back until it dead-ends at the turn-around circle.

### ***Miami Woods Prairie, Niles/Morton Grove***

**Kent & Jerry Fuller** – Located on the east side of Caldwell, two blocks north of Oakton. Meet in the parking lot for Miami Woods.

### ***Prairie View Nature Preserve, Morton Grove***

**Kent Fuller** – From Dempster, 2 blocks east of Waukegan, turn north on Oak Park Ave. Turn left on Churchill and drive to the end. Park in the parking lot on the north side.

### ***Sauganash Prairie Grove, Chicago***

#### **Larry Hodak & Pete Leki**

**(watersschool@yahoo.com)** – Meet at the edge of the Forest Preserve along the south side of Bryn Mawr at Kilbourn, which is south of Peterson and east of Cicero.

### ***Somme Prairie Grove, Northbrook***

#### **Stephen Packard (847-509-0431,**

**spackard@audubon.org)** – From the Edens Expressway; take Dundee Road two miles west to Waukegan Road. Go north a few hundred feet on Waukegan and turn left into the unpaved parking area by the sign “Somme Woods Prairie.”

### ***Somme Prairie Nature Preserve, Northbrook***

#### **Laurel Ross (312-665-7432,**

**lross@fieldmuseum.org) & Christiane Rey (773-478-2019)** – From the Edens Expressway, take Dundee Road 2½ miles west (past Waukegan) to Western. Turn north and park in the post office parking lot.

### ***Somme Woods, Northbrook***

#### **Linda Masters (847-509-0431,**

**masters2001@comcast.net)** – From the Edens Expressway, take Dundee Road two miles west and turn right into Somme Woods parking lot (just before the light at Waukegan Road).

### ***Watersmeet Prairie Grove, Northfield***

**John Berg (Kerg111@aol.com)** – From Lake Avenue and Wagner Road, turn north on Wagner to Winnetka Road. Turn east on Winnetka for ¾ mile. Park on the north side of the street or a side street.

### ***Wayside Woods Prairie/Linne RR Prairie, Morton Grove***

**Gladys Bryer & Bob Bluestone** – Meet at Wayside Woods Prairie parking lot on Lehigh Ave, a few blocks east of Waukegan Road and just north of Dempster.

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## ***NBRP ANNUAL POTLUCK***

*Thanks to Jane Balaban for the photos.*



John & Marion Thill present an award to Marianne Kozlowski (middle).



Rob Sulski & Steve Packard



Commissioner Larry Suffredin joined us for dinner.



The Bullfrogs – Pete Leki (brown vest) was made the North Branch Troubadour

## ***SOMME WOODS SOLSTICE BONFIRE*** *Thanks to Carol Freeman for the photos.*



The Bagpiper leads the procession to the bonfire.



The bonfire goes up in smoke.

North Branch Restoration Project  
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The North Branch Restoration Project is a cooperative effort involving the Nature Conservancy, the Chicago Audubon Society, and the Sierra Club. We manage the sites as volunteers for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and other local agencies. The Project works to restore and manage the few remaining woodlands and prairies along the North Branch of the Chicago River. Our goal is to restore conditions that will allow these natural wild communities to flourish as a permanent part of the metropolitan area.

[www.northbranchrestoration.org](http://www.northbranchrestoration.org)

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