

# 5th World Conference ON ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST, DIRECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE



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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN  
THE FIELD OF ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION

# **Madison Ballroom D**

## **Session 3.13 Symposium - Practitioners of Intimate Restoration: Freedom to Explore Questions**

**4:00 Rollie Henkes**

Practitioners of Intimate Restoration: Introduction

**4:20 Sibylla Brown**

Effects of 20 years oak savanna restoration on avian and mycological species in a southern Iowa oak savanna remnant

**4:40 Marcie O'Connor**

Un-farming in western Wisconsin: Restoring prairie and savanna habitat on an old farm

**5:00 David Gossman**

The compatibility of farm income generation with ecological restoration

**5:20 Dan Collins**

Nurturing your community to watch, witness and work

**5:40 William R. III Jordan**

Response, synthesis and discussion

## **Practitioners of Intimate Restoration: Freedom to Explore Questions**

(Symposium)

Organizer: Nancy Aten, Landscapes of Place, LLC

“Landowners play a vital, and perhaps undervalued, role in the success of ecological restoration”, says the publisher of *Woodlands and Prairies*, the quarterly publication that inspires this symposium. Landowner practitioners in the Midwest are restoring oak savanna, prairie, woodland and wetland. These are often vertically integrated practices: one lifetime restoration project, serves as a primary resource, and an intimacy with the land and awareness of its responses. The combination is effective: long-term relationship, and, without traditional funding, the ability to freely pursue ecological knowledge, the neglected areas of basic natural history, and ecosystem function (to paraphrase one of the landowner practitioners). This symposium will consider landowner contributions to the field in three areas. First, through site-specific restoration approaches and protocols: developed over a long relationship with the land, these provide valuable models for other restoration work. Although any particular method used might be well-known, it is the whole of the work – the adaptation in approach and tuning in techniques – that gives insight and suggests innovation elsewhere. Second, by encouraging long-term observation and data collecting by citizen scientists. Third, through landowner’s awareness of their land’s role in a larger scale landscape mosaic, and their interactions to strengthen that mosaic. Landowner practitioners profiled in the magazine in recent years will speak, each with a different and concise focus within these three areas. The symposium will conclude with thoughts and discussion for how to connect these contributions with traditional consultant and governmental practices and academic research.