# **Toward Harmony with Nature**

Saturday • Jan. 19, 2019 • 8<sub>am</sub> – 4:15<sub>pm</sub>

Oshkosh Convention Center • 2 North Main Street • Oshkosh, WI

#### Schedule

<b>8:00</b> am - <b>8:45</b> am	Registration Concessions, Exhibits, Silent Auction	
8:15 am - 8:45 am	Special Performance: Steve Hazell Folksinger	and Songwriter
<b>8:45</b> am <b>- 9:00</b> am	Welcome & Announcements Barb Cattani, Preside	nt, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area
<b>9:00</b> am - 10:00 am	Keynote Address David Cordray, Senior Restoration Ecol	logist, Engineer and Owner of
	Environmental Returns, LLC	X
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11:45 am — 1:15 pm	Break Lunch Concessions, Exhibits, Silent Auction	
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Buffet Lunch On-Site, By Reservation Only	
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Concurrent Session II</b> (Choose one session to attend)	
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Break Exhibits, Conclusion of Silent Auction	
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	<b>Concurrent Session III</b> (Choose one session to attend)	

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference – Keynote Speaker** "The Value of Ecological Restoration"

The rich outdoor experiences of his youth in nature's "outdoor classrooms" are the foundation of who David Cordray is today. Wishing to give others the opportunity to participate in their natural heritage, he will share a brief summary of his journey to finding ecological awareness and his insight into why we must actively participate in restoring the health of our lands. He will explore reasons for striving for ecological health, how that work benefits others and how we can influence a greater ecological awareness.

**David Cordray** is a Senior Restoration Ecologist, Engineer and Owner of Environmental Returns, LLC. As an engineer, David's first career was working with environmental monitoring satellites. He changed careers in 2008 and brought his creative ideas, work ethic and knowledge to natural lands management. One of his research interests is native landscape design methods and planning to enhance the human outdoor experience. Since 2001, he and his wife Debra have been actively restoring their 100 acres near Belleville, WI to prairie and oak savanna.

#### **Conference Location:**

A limited number of rooms are available for **\$89.99 per double room** at the **Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel** adjoining the Convention Center at 1 N. Main St., Oshkosh. To make reservations call (toll free) **855-230-1900**. Be sure to mention the Wild Ones Conference to get the special rate.

#### **In-kind Donation:**



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#### **Native Plants, Natural Landscapes**

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**Register Online:** 

- visit TowardHarmonywithNature.org
- SPECIAL OFFER for Educators, Must Register Online.

#### **Register by Mail:**

• Send completed registration form to: WOFVA Conference Registration PO Box 385 Appleton, WI 54912

### **Checks payable to:**

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#### CONCURRENT SESSION I (10:30 – 11:45 am) Select one and indicate choice on registration form.

#### "Native Trees and Shrubs that Work Together" BEN FRENCH, propagator, Johnson's Nursery Inc.

Ben will share how to pick some winning combinations from the native woody plants of Wisconsin. Join him in a discussion of how to prioritize your planting goals for your site.

#### "Natural Shoreline Restoration for Water Quality Protection"

PAUL SKAWINSKI, Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Educator, UW-Extension Lakes Program

Shorelines vegetated with native plants protect the property against erosion, absorb pollutants, slow runoff, provide wildlife habitat, and more. Paul will discuss the importance of natural shorelines and provide tips for making your shoreline the best it can be.

#### "The Importance of Prairies to Threatened and Endangered Species" SARAH WARNER, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biologist

Sarah will highlight species that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working to conserve that are specific to prairie ecosystems. The conservation and risks to these species will be discussed, as well as how to reduce potential threats.

**CONCURRENT SESSION II** (1:15 – 2:30 pm) Select one and indicate choice on registration form.

#### **'Integrating Natural Systems into Urban Landscapes''** STEVE APFELBAUM, Chairman and Senior Ecologist, Applied Ecological Services

Steve, who is one of the leading ecological consultants in the U.S., will share the restoration advice and win-win solutions that he employs in situations where ecological and land development conflicts arise.

#### "Measure Twice and Cut Once: The Importance of Planning and Adaptive Management When Restoring Oak Ecosystems"

AARON FEGGESTAD, Senior Associate Ecologist, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

Aaron will discuss methods for assessing your oak ecosystem, setting and adjusting attainable goals, and evaluating outcomes to maximize your available resources. His presentation may be applied to deciduous wooded ecosystems in general and will cover a range of sites from small to large and from highly degraded landscapes to high-quality natural areas.

#### "Amazed by Invasives – 15 Years on 15 Acres" KATHARINE GRANT, Natural Ecosystems Management

Katharine presents her insights from 15 years working to transform 15 acres of former cropland into restored prairie and savanna. She will introduce her favorite tools for clearing her local invasive plants, visit mechanical and chemical methods for managing weeds, and share tips for the long haul.

#### CONCURRENT SESSION III (3 – 4:15 pm) Select one and indicate choice on registration form.

# "Urban Lot, Native Plants, Big Change" LORIS DAMEROW, Past President Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter

When a road project impacted her residential landscape, this homeowner seized the opportunity to use native plants to create a new environment on her challenging urban site. Three years later, the buckthorn and honeysuckle have given way to Joe Pye and asters, giving the landscape a whole new look.

#### "Restoring Your Woodland to Health"

FRANK HASSLER, President and Ecologist, Good Oak Ecological Services

Would you like to restore your woodland so that it can be home to birds, butterflies, bees and wildflowers instead of buckthorn, garlic mustard and mosquitoes? We'll go through the steps necessary to restore sites ranging from wooded gardens to multi-acre tracts to a stable, healthy natural community.

#### "The Present and Future of Goose Pond Sanctuary's Prairies" MARK MARTIN AND SUSAN FOOTE-MARTIN, Resident Managers, Goose Pond Sanctuary

This presentation will focus on how the Madison Audubon Society's 400-acre restored prairie benefits rare plants, prairie wildlife including birds, mammals, and invertebrates, and other visitors. Ideas will be provided on future prairie restoration work.