



*Spring 2011 PGT Birdwalk - South 40 Woods*

Get inspired by experiencing the beauty of nature on one of our nature walks!

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## NEW WALKS FOR 2012

Three decades ago we started having yearly bird walks at the PGT. Ten years ago we began butterfly walks. This year we'll add three new walks: wildflowers, ferns and grasses & sedges. The walks are free and open to the public. To register, please email me at [henry@prairiegardentrust.org](mailto:henry@prairiegardentrust.org)

## BIRD WALK



*Kentucky Warbler in Butternut Bottom*

Bird Walk: Saturday, April 28, at 7 a.m.

Leader: Jim Wilson

Jim worked for years as the state ornithologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. He wrote and illustrated “Common Birds of North America.”

## WILDFLOWER WALK



*Bird's Foot Violet along the ridge trail to The Point*

Wildflower Walk: Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.

Leaders: Kay & George Yatskievych

Kay & George are both botanists at the Missouri Botanical Garden. George is the author of "Steyermark's Flora of Missouri". Kay is the author of "Field Guide to Indiana Wildflowers" .



*Jack-in-the-Pulpit along Hillers Creek*



*Maidenhair Fern emerges on a north-facing slope*

## FERN WALK

Fern Walk: Saturday, June 2, 9 a.m.

Leader: Dennis Figg

Dennis is a conservation biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation where he is the Endangered Species Coordinator. As a biologist he has a special interest in ferns, orchids and crayfish.



*Christmas Fern Fiddleheads*

## BUTTERFLY WALK

Butterfly Walk: Saturday, July 7, 10 a.m.

Leader: Donna Brunet

Donna lives in Columbia and works as a freelance photographer specializing in insect photographs. She is writing and taking photographs for the book: *Butterflies & Moths of Missouri*. The book will be published by the Missouri Department of Conservation.



*Giant Swallowtail feeding on Prairie blazing star*

## GRASSES & SEDGES WALK

Grasses & Sedges Walk; Saturday, August 18, 9 a.m.

Leader: Paul McKenzie

Paul is an Endangered Species Biologist and Coordinator for the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Paul has a lot of experience identifying sedges & rushes.



*Indian Grass just east of the PGT Visitor Center*

## MASTER PLAN NEARS COMPLETION

Terra Design Studios out of Pittsburgh has nearly finished the initial PGT Master Plan. Landscape Architect Cindy Tyler will give her final presentation to the PGT board when she returns May 14 - 16. She will show plans for developing paved walking trails, overlooks and other features to help visitors enjoy the magic of nature at the PGT in the coming years. The next step will be to hire an architect to come up with an architectural master plan for future buildings and structures.

Drawings of the plans are displayed on the walls of the PGT Visitor Center. Check them out the next time you stop by for a visit.



*Proposed Gardens around the PGT Visitor Center*

## PGT FOUNDER JOAN DOMKE DIES



*Joan Domke - Co-founder of the Prairie Garden Trust*

Joan Marie Domke died peacefully on January 11, 2012, at her home in New Bloomfield. She was 89. She was buried at the family's cemetery at the PGT.

She was born December 18, 1922 in Kankakee, Illinois to Rose and Francis J. Sullivan. Her father was a psychiatrist and she grew up on the grounds of Kankakee State Hospital. After graduating from high school, she attended Purdue University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in microbiology. She moved to Chicago to work at the city's health department, and met her husband-to-be, Herbert R. Domke. He was the love of her life. They married June 14, 1944 in Chicago. He preceded her in death July 21, 1991.

Joan and Herb raised four children and they survive: Catherine Teague of Novato, CA; Jane Domke of Columbia, MO; Henry Domke and wife Lorna of New Bloomfield, MO; and Beth Worthington of St. Louis, MO. She has one grandchild, Rebecca Jenkins of Woodacre, CA, and two great-grandchildren, Anna Traub and Indigo Jenkins.



Joan and Herb loved to dance the polka, and they also loved travel and music. Both also loved the beauty and serenity of nature and were avid gardeners and bird-watchers. When they moved to New Bloomfield in 1970, their interest in gardening expanded into an appreciation of the natural landscape. They began to focus on enhancing what was there and adding more native plants. They founded the Prairie Garden Trust (PGT), a nature garden with a mission to share the beauty of nature seen in its woods, prairies, ponds and streams. The development of the PGT was a family activity, and Joan's son Henry and his wife Lorna have become the new leaders in the transition from a beautiful private nature garden to a public one that can be enjoyed by many.

In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the Prairie Garden Trust [www.prairiegardentrust.org](http://www.prairiegardentrust.org).

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