

Workdays: First and third Saturday mornings of the month, 9AM till noon (We try not to wear ourselves out).

Meet at 9AM at the barn next to Peoria Astronomy Society telescope,

Brimfield-Jubilee Road-see map above.

Refreshments served at 9 AM

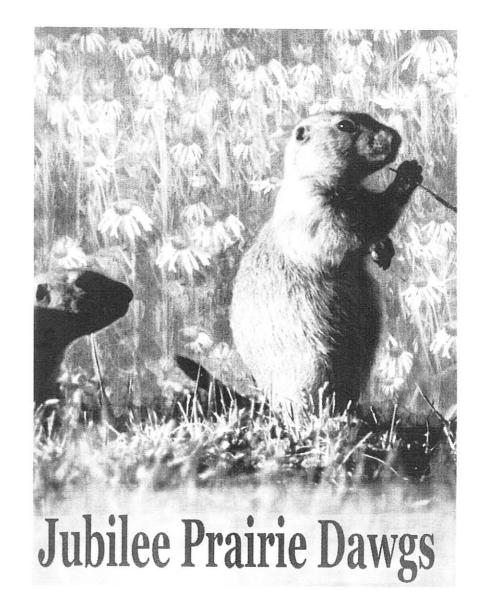
Any changes to this routine are communicated by email or phone.

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The *Jubilee Prairie Dawgs* is a hands-on volunteer group dedicated to conserving prairie.

History: In 1978 Hal Gardner and some Sierra Club friends, calling themselves the Jubilee Prairie Dawgs started clearing brush on prairie remnants in Jubilee State Park. We have worked continuously since, expanding these remnants and improving their quality through weeding, brush cutting, seed collecting, planting from pots, and burning.

Recognition:

- 2006 Outstanding Illinois Department of Natural Resources Volunteer Group.
- 2008 Environmental Hero Award (Lt. Governor Pat Quinn).

Brimfield Railroad Nature Preserve: This half mile of railroad remnant prairie is now being maintained by the Prairie Dawgs.

Roadside Prairie: In 1994 the Prairie Dawgs established the small triangle of high quality roadside prairie at the intersection of Jubilee College Road and Princeville-Jubilee Road. We have also established a pilot roadside prairie project adjacent to park property on Brimfield-Jubilee Road.

Public Tour: Every year in late July, when the prairie is in full flower, we give a guided public walking tour of our most impressive areas.

Educational: The Prairie Dawgs encourages everyone to experience prairie, especially children. We had a booth at the Civic Center for the 2008 'Everyday is Earthday' expo for regional third graders.

Field Trips: We take at least one field trip each summer to interesting prairies around the State.

What's in it for you?

- Do you believe in, and want to participate in the conservation of native plants?
- Do you want to garden with native plants, or, start your own prairie? We can help you get started and help you avoid common pitfalls. Book learning is not enough.
- Do you enjoy the tranquility of natural places and the fellowship of others of like mind?

If you can answer "yes" to any of the above, then you will benefit from even casual participation in Prairie Dawg activities.

Cost to you? None, other than getting yourself to a workday.