

Northeast Section report

The NE section held our annual joint field meetings August 11-15, 2019 at Shawnee Lodge and Conference Center in West Portsmouth, Ohio. Field trips were to some of the more spectacular prairies of Adams County, Ohio. The evening speakers were Guy Denny, former head of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Allison Cusick, retired state botanist for the state of Ohio and co-author of the book on Ohio Prairies; Rick Gardner, current state botanist for the state of Ohio; and Martin McAllister, the manager for The Nature Conservancy properties in Adams County. These meetings were attended by 34 botanically minded prairie enthusiasts.

The 2020 joint field meeting was to be held at the Evergreen Resort on the Bruce Peninsula in Ontario from June 9-13, 2020. This meeting was canceled due to COVID-19. The folks at Evergreen Resort graciously allowed us to reschedule these meetings for June 8-12, 2021 with no increase in costs.

We are now trying to arrange meeting places 2 years in advance to allow for less frantic planning of these meetings. The 2022 meetings are planned to be held in North Carolina.

The Northeast Section needs to hold an election of officers. There was a flurry of emails last September regarding this issue, but an election was never held. Larry Klotz, our current chair, has agreed to hold the position until an election can take place.