



Over 2,400 prairie seedling plugs grown in the Prairie Plains greenhouse were installed at the Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary near Gibbon, Nebraska, over three days in May. Conservation/Education Director Sarah Bailey (pictured above left with Amy Jones and Mike Bullerman) created the planting plan, grew the plugs and organized the installation. A wonderful crew of Rowe Sanctuary staff and volunteers (pictured below left) joined in the effort making for a fun and productive installation - our largest to date. Restoration Ecologist Mike Bullerman hand-seeded and machine-planted our high-diversity, local-ecotype seed in areas around the Center and along the trails to complete the project (below right).



And speaking of the greenhouse...we're over halfway to our fundraising goal of \$250,000 to match the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's commitment to "build a funding partnership with Prairie Plains to increase the propagation and restoration of pollinator habitat located throughout important biologically unique landscapes in Nebraska." **THANK YOU** to everyone who kicked off our fundraising with GO BIG GIVE on May 1 and then continued giving since that time. Members, friends and foundations have contributed \$135,000 to date, leaving **only \$115,000 yet to raise!!! WE CAN DO THIS!** And when we do, we'll build a 30'x60' greenhouse, solidify our internship program and update prairie restoration equipment. **Strengthening restoration strengthens the entire organization**, allowing us to add to staff, reach more people and meet the growing demand for high-diversity, local-ecotype seed and seedling plugs. Donations can be mailed to the address on the back of this publication or visit our website at prairieplains.org/get-involved/donate.



You Won't Even Believe This!

We're excited to introduce our Summer Media/Marketing Intern, Emma. A talented writer and photographer, Emma will be a junior at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln this fall, majoring in journalism with an environmental and sustainability studies minor. She's already made a big impact on our social media presence, posting regularly to our Facebook and Instagram pages, and reaching LOTS of new folks with our mission of connecting people and prairies. Emma has been a SOAR camper and Peer Leader, and has grown up immersed in our prairie restoration work. Here's the crazy part - she's our own Restoration Ecologist Mike Bullerman's daughter!! Help us welcome Emma to the team by following us on the socials!



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Two full months of connecting people and prairies - left to right, top to bottom: Our Saturdays at Gjerloff Prairie hikes kicked off with Mandy Phillips of Happybara Coaching addressing wellness and our connection to nature; Nature journaling with Grace Gaard inspired this hiker to draw, write and reflect; Yoga on the Prairie was a BIG hit and we hope to offer it again in the fall; The Gjerloff Prairie Fun Run/Walk brought out walkers; And enthusiastic runners; Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy and midshipmen from the Naval Academy visited Gjerloff Prairie as a part of their annual Staff Ride; The Nebraska Alliance for Conservation and Environmental Education (NACEE) enjoyed an evening at Gjerloff Prairie hosted by NACEE board member Sarah Bailey; An extension and outreach cohort from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, including K-12 educators and extension agents from Texas, Nebraska and Oklahoma, spent a morning at Gjerloff Prairie learning about the mission of Prairie Plains and high-diversity, local-ecotype prairie restoration.

**Nature's Impressions
Printmaking Workshop**

Tuesdays, August 19 & 26 and
September 2, 9, 16 & 23
9a.m. - noon

at the Charles L. Whitney Education
Center at Gjerloff Prairie

Learn mono-printing, gel-plate printing,
and linoleum block printing from artist &
Prairie Plains friend Cindy McClellan.
The workshop is free, but participants
must register to reserve their supplies.

Space is limited. Register online at
[https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/
prairieplains/printmakingworkshop](https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/prairieplains/printmakingworkshop).

**Sarah Bailey presented at the
America's Grasslands Conference
about her work with native violet
plugs to enhance regal fritillary
butterfly habitat in prairie
corridors in central and southeast
Nebraska (photo right). The
conference, held in Kearney, NE,
was well attended by over 350
people from three countries.
Prairie Plains co-founder Bill
Whitney, Sarah Bailey, Emma
Bullerman, Amy Jones and NE
Game & Parks Commission's
Gerry Steinauer enjoyed plenty of
prairie talk during the week.**

