

POKAGON STATE PARK
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Reading the Land: FQA Symposium

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Associates

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Bill McKnight

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Doug Ladd

- FQA In Action: A Discussion

Scott Namestnik & Justin Thomas

- 5 Things Research Has Taught Us About FQA & 5 Things It Hasn't

Greg Spyreas

- A Conversation

Paul Rothrock (as Charlie Deam) & The Gerould

- Story Time (Part I)

Bill McKnight

Linda Masters

Steve Packard

- Assessing Rapidly Changing Landscape

Anton Reznicek

- A Conversation

Gerould Wilhelm & Bill McKnight (substituting for Laura Rericha whose injury prevented her from participating)

- Floristic Integrity Curve: Predicting the Direction of Outcomes

Justin Thomas

- What Now? Wisdom: Lessons from the Past & Guidance for the Future

Gerould Wilhelm

- Story Time (Part II)

John Bacone (The Clark & Pine Story)

Ken Klick (including a special 1982 note to John Bacone)

John (Jack) White

Bill Weeks (Flashlight Conversation)

- Word Cloud (McKnight) produced pre-event—anticipated emphasis

- Scrolling Break Pics w/ corresponding Legend and Spotify playlist (FQA)

- Ode to Clark & Pine (poem by John Bacone)

- Event Photos

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SUNDAY (Aug 4)

6:45 ORGANIZER'S DINNER (Speakers & Field Trip Leaders)

MONDAY (Aug 5)

FIELD TRIP LEADERS SITE RECONNAISSANCE

6:00 – 11:00 ICE BREAKER

6:45 DINNER

TUESDAY (Aug 6)

7:00 – 8:00 BREAKFAST

8:20 – 8:40 WELCOME, INTRODUCTION

8:40 – 9:35 PRESENTATIONS

10:00 – 10:45 GROUP PHOTO & BREAK

10:45 – 12:00 PRESENTATIONS

12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH

1:15 – 5:45 FIELD TRIPS

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6:45 – 7:45 DINNER

7:45 – 9:00 STORY TIME

WEDNESDAY (Aug 7)

7:00 – 8:00 BREAKFAST

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8:30 – 10:00 PRESENTATIONS

10:00 – 10:40 BREAK

10:40 – 12:00 PRESENTATIONS

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6:45 – 7:45 DINNER

7:45 – 9:00 STORY TIME

THURSDAY (Aug 8)

7:00 – 8:30 BREAKFAST

HANGING OUT / TRAVEL

all activities (except field trips) in Lake James Room, Potawatomi Inn,
Pokagon State Park (IN)

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FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Melissa Holloway

HOLLOWAY'S GARDEN, Indianapolis

MONDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Andra Faye & Scott Ballantine, Indianapolis

MAGNET

Jennie & David Orr

BLUE ASTER STUDIO, Bloomington, IN

GRAPHICS / DESIGN

Patricia Prather, Indianapolis

GROUP PHOTO

Bill Eyster, Angola

AV RECORDING

Markey's, Fort Wayne office

POTAWATOMI CONFERENCE CENTER

Cheyenne Giddings & Emma Altimus

Coordination

Danielle Wester & Johnny Cyrus

Food & Beverage

ORGANIZER

Bill McKnight

THE MAD BOTANIST, Indianapolis



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FIELD SITES FOR WILHELM FQA (READING THE LAND) SYMPOSIUM

The region's glacial heritage has created a unique mix of rolling hills, kames, eskers, kettle lakes and wetlands of various types. These sites were chosen because some of the more spectacular sites are too fragile for our large groups.

MIKE METZ FEN (AKA DUFF LAKE FEN) – Located in LaGrange County's Pine Knob Park, 23 miles west of Pokagon State Park. The 254-acre property features dry-mesic oak-hickory woodland, marsh, restored prairie, two natural lakes, and the Mike Metz Fen. In the past ten years, restoration work in the fen, including plugging and filling of drainage ditches, removal of subsurface drainage tiles, recreation of stream meanders and treatment of invasive species, has led to the spread of native prairie fen and marsh species and remnant wetland communities.

GRASS LAKE NATURE PRESERVE – ACRES Land Trust owns and manages the 102-acre LaGrange County Preserve, 22 miles west of Pokagon State Park. The property is closed to the public, but we have special permission to visit during the symposium. Grass Lake was once a much larger natural lake with a fringe of marl beach, but after artificial drainage the lake receded, allowing the marl beach natural community to expand, becoming likely the largest of its type in Indiana. Prairie fen is present where a deeper layer of muck is present over marl.

GENTIAN LAKE – AKA **Failing Lake**, a beautiful 23-acre glacial kettle lake which is part of Trine State Recreation Area 1 mile east of Pokagon State Park, Steuben County. The average depth of the lake is 15 feet, with a maximum depth of 50 feet. Gentian Lake is the westernmost and largest of the Seven Sisters Lakes chain. This event offers a unique on-the-water experience – boats were used so participants could study the aquatic vegetation from the water.

TRINE STATE RECREATION AREA – A 186-acre DNR property located 1 mile east of Pokagon State Park, Steuben County. The area features a variety of habitats including oak woodland, a portion of Seven Sisters Lakes, and wetlands including fen, sedge meadow and marsh bordering Failing Lake.

TUESDAY (Aug 6)				
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Thomas – Namestnik	Reznicek – Rothrock	Scribailo – Pilla	Wilhelm – Ladd	Benda – Marcum

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| 73. CHAVEZ, Samantha | JACKSON, Clay (no show) | 20. PILLA, Nathanael | 58. WIBBENMEYER, Josh |
| 14. CONAWAY, Dex | 102. JACOBI, Christy | 29. POHL, Daniel | 82. WILHELM, Gerould |
| 3. CURTIS, Tomas | 36. JOHNSON, Ken | 16. PURCELL, Allen | 88. WILLIAMS, Danielle |
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| 76. DEAM, Charlie | 47. KLUGE, Mark | (absent due to injury) | 45. ZINNEN, Jack |
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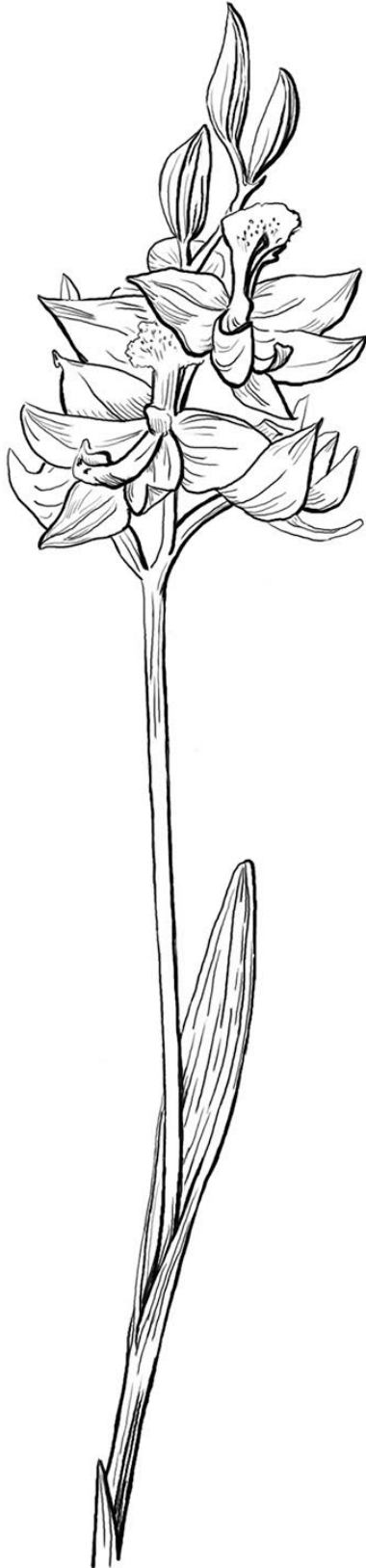
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Sam Shine Foundation scholarship invasive exotics Reading the Land habitat
 anthropogenic May Watts Indiana Acad Sci synecology
 DYLAN preservation university delusional Pokagon
 madness irreplaceable natural heritage sacrifice
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 John Bacone PHYTOFASCISM philosophy human nature
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 knowledge resilience Ray Schulenberg Jack White environmental ethic succession
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Ode to Clark and Pine

Try to imagine...
 the low sand prairie
 by the shore of the lake...
 hear the waves lapping nearby.

turtles crawl through the grass
 from nearby swales,
 and rails nest in the reeds.

Try to imagine...
 standing on the shore
 staring to the east,
 where high dunes kiss the sky.

now gaze to the west...
 the prairies, the marshes
 extending for miles.

Try to imagine...
 walking through the prairie
 as dragonflies buzz,
 and lady slippers tickle your ankles.

the bold colors of blue hearts,
 grass pink, and liatris
 competing for your glance.

Try to imagine...
 the prairie that has been here
 thousands of years after
 the glacier's retreat.

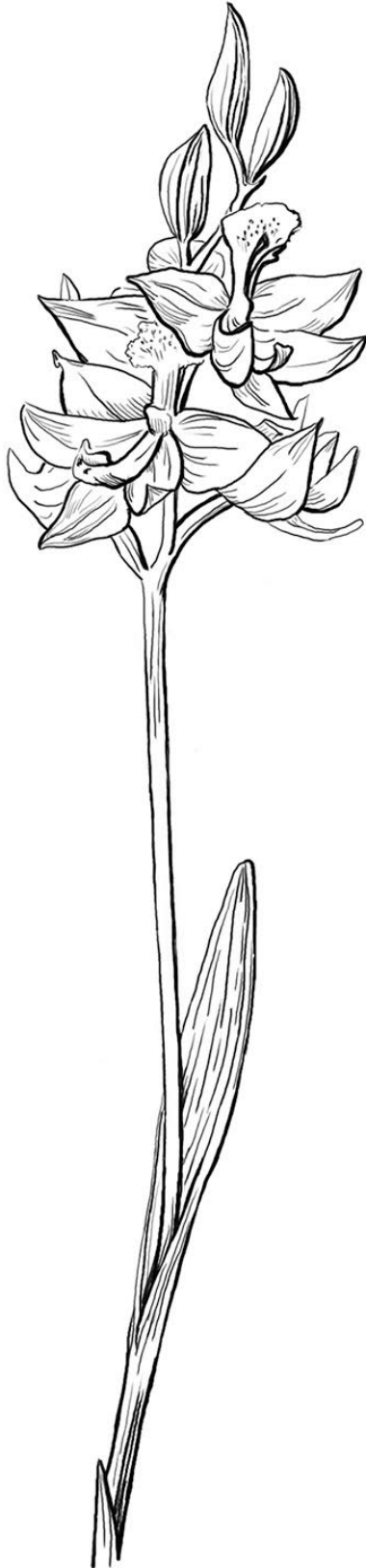
Potawatomis knew this prairie
 used it, walked through it,
 this part of the world.

Try to imagine...
 the voyageurs coming,
 awed by this strange
 and beautiful place.

they camped here
 gazing at the lake to the north
 over the evening's campfire.

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And now...

the settlers have come.
a city has sprung up
across the lake.

from the prairie, still wild
and persisting,
see the lights and the haze.

Potawatomis

are now gone.
railroads lead to the city
laid through the prairie and dunes.

the once vast expanse
fragmented] and abused,
a small railroad station nearby.

Steel mills

and refineries
the neighbors now
clouds of pollution.

thousands of people
in cities nearby,
highways crisscross the land.

And yet...

the prairie persists
with its blue hearts,
grass pinks, and liatris.

the turtles and the rails
have hung on too.
ecologists stop by to visit.

The low

sand prairie
by the shore of the lake
has survived man's scourges.

discovered again
by nature lovers
who appreciate and strive to protect it.

John A. Bacone 7/11/24

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PHOTO GALLERY

