

**LOWERY CREEK WATERSHED INITIATIVE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR**

Evenings Afield

Learning about our land & landscape.

Residents area-wide are invited to attend our monthly two-hour field trips we call Evenings Afield. They are a chance to learn from experts and each other, socialize, and have fun.

There is no registration fee, but we encourage a free-will offering of \$10/person/session, collected on site. Please register by completing a brief online registration form at Driftless Area Land Conservancy's website, driftlessconservancy.org/events, or by calling the DALC office at 608-930-3252.

GRAZING FOR HEALTHY BEEF, STREAMS AND TROUT

Thursday, May 16, 6:00-8:00 pm

Cates Family Farm, 5992 County Hwy TZ, Spring Green

Leaders: Dick Cates, Cates Family Farm; Justin Haglund, Wisconsin DNR

See how pastured cattle, a Class 2 trout stream with heritage brook trout, and a conservation easement coexist on the same property. Learn about producing grass fed beef, maintaining healthy stream banks and trout habitat, and the ecology of brook trout. DNR staff will shock the stream to reveal the healthy population of trout in Lowery Creek.

CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES

Thursday, June 27, 6:00-8:00 pm

Taliesin Visitor Center, Upper Parking Lot

Leaders: Mike Degen, Taliesin Preservation; Gigi LaBudde, Bison Belly Futures, LLC

Numerous non-native shrubs and herbaceous plants take hold and out-compete native vegetation if left unchecked. It is a constant battle for landowners, but those battles can be won. Learn how to ID the worst offenders and control them effectively, and hear how the changing climate is affecting this problem.

CREATING POLLINATOR HABITAT

Thursday, July 11, 6:00-8:00 pm

Degen/Ziegler property, 6106 Hillside School Road, Spring Green

Leader: Susan Carpenter, UW-Madison Arboretum

Learn about pollinator diversity and ways to foster their populations on your land and in your garden. We will look for pollinators out on the summer evening and discuss resources for helping you identify some species, including websites where you can contribute your sightings and learn much more.

OAK SAVANNA ECOLOGY AND RESTORATION

Thursday, August 22, 6:00-8:00 pm

Stroud property, 5475 County Road Z, Spring Green

Leader: Jeb Barzen, Private Lands Conservation, LLC

Oak savanna is one of the world's rarest ecological communities, and the Driftless Area is one of its last strongholds. Efforts are underway to save remnant savannas and sustain the processes that encourage them to thrive. Learn about oak savanna ecology and what it takes to restore and maintain them.

RESEARCHING YOUR PROPERTY'S HISTORY

Thursday, September 19, 6:00-8:00 pm

Unity Chapel, 6596 County Hwy TZ, Spring Green

Leader: John Hess, local landowner and historian

Ever wonder who has owned your property in the past and what changes your property has gone through? Learn about resources you can use to research this history and hear colorful stories from those who have gathered information on their own properties, including tales of Goodwin Lowery.

Lowery Creek Watershed Initiative partners include local landowners, Driftless Area Land Conservancy, Taliesin Preservation, Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, and the Iowa County Land Conservation Dept.

Questions? Contact Barb Barzen, Project Coordinator, Driftless Area Land Conservancy, at barb@driftlessconservancy.org or 608-370-3123.