**BUTTERFLIES AND WILDFLOWERS OF PLEASANT VALLEY CONSERVANCY**

**Saturday, June 15, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.– Noon.**

Pleasant Valley Conservancy is a beautiful state natural area situated in the Driftless Area, with steep goat prairies, oak savanna, and a large, high-quality wetland. The walk is not handicap accessible. This time of year, we hope to see Baltimore Checkerspots and perhaps some wetland skippers. Other possible butterfly species include swallowtails, Silvery Checkerspot, fritillaries, and blues. These butterflies will have many wonderful native plants providing nectar. Leaders will be **Dr. Douglas Buege and Kathie Brock.**Long pants, a hat, water, and hiking shoes are recommended. Bring binoculars—the closer they focus, the better! (We have a few extra binoculars.) If you would like to socialize after the walk, bring along a bag lunch.   This is a joint trip of the Southern Wisconsin Butterfly Association with Badgerland Bird Alliance and The Prairie Enthusiasts (TPE). In addition to Kathie’s plant expertise, Rich may be there to represent TPE.

 To be contacted in case of cancellation or other changes, please register your intent to attend with Badgerland Bird Alliance after May 1, 2024.  Here's the registration link: <https://madisonaudubon.org/all-events/2024/6/157/butterflies-wildflowers>. The trip is limited to 40 participants. If you have additional questions about the trip, contact Douglas at  djbuege@gmail.com.

**DIRECTIONS:**  (4554 Pleasant Valley Road, Black Earth)  Heading south into downtown Black Earth follow County Hwy F as it turns right (west).  After a mile or so, F turns left (south). Continue on F for another 3 3/4 miles turning left onto Pleasant Valley Road.  Drive 3/4 mile (past the buildings on the right) to the state natural area sign. Park off the road.