**BUTTERFLIES AND FLOWERS OF SHEA PRAIRIE, IOWA COUNTY**

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.– Noon**

Shea Prairie is a unit in The Prairie Enthusiasts Mounds View Grasslands Preserve. Shea covers 102 acres consisting of dry and dry-mesic prairie, a trout stream, ground water fed wetland restorations, fen seeps and ephemeral ponds. In the floristically rich prairie planting we hope to observe Regal Fritillaries along with the flowers and other inhabitants of this extensive grassland. Leaders will be Rich Henderson (TPE) and Donna Williams-Richter (SWBA). Long pants and long shirt sleeves, a hat, insect repellent, and hiking shoes are recommended. Bring binoculars—the closer they focus, the better!

 If you would like to be contacted in case of cancellation or other changes, please register your intent to attend with Pam Skaar (hyndla53704@yahoo.com).

**ACCESSIBILITY:** 2 mile round trip with some uphill slopes and possible wet areas.

**DIRECTIONS:** Estimated travel time from Madison = 1 hour

 Address is 3095 Mounds View Road, Barneveld.  From US Highway 18/151, a mile and a half west of Blue Mounds, turn south on Mounds View Road.  Proceed on Mounds View for 2.5 miles to where it joins briefly with Prairie Grove Rd.  Stay with Mounds View and go another 0.7 miles.  Look for the kiosk and parking lot on the left.