



2014 Habitat Workshop @ Swiss Valley Nature Center
Sponsored by Dubuque County Conservation Board and Pheasants Forever
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 ---- 6:00 pm-8:30 pm
To pre-register please call 563.556.6745
There is NO cost and all are welcome to attend.

EVENING SESSION

6:00-6:10 **Welcome & General Session** **Large Conf. Rm**

Introduction of Evening Programs and Update on New Farm Bill

Presented by **Chris Hiher**, Iowa Farm Bill Biologist

The new farm bill has been passed, what does this mean for conservation programs.

6:15-6:55 **General Session** **Large Conf. Rm**

1. Bee & Honey Production on your Property

Presented by **Bill Johnson**, Johnson Honey Farm

Bill and his wife Louise have been in the bee business since 1993. They have over 200 hives in 7 locations to produce wildflower and basswood honey. They have a passion for bees, honey and beekeeping. Bill has a plethora of knowledge about bees and beekeeping; he is fascinating and will answer many if not ALL your bee/beekeeping questions.

2. Habitat Management Practices & Options

Presented by **Dave Reuter & Chris Hiher**, Pheasants Forever **Classroom**

Dave and Chris will discuss methods of management on habitat acres. Food plots, CRP, and prairie--learn how to implement prescribed fire, mowing and other management options for the optimal results.

7:00-7:40 **General Session** **Classroom**

1. Multiple Species Inventory

Presented by **Ross Ellingson**, IDNR

The Iowa DNR is doing inventory work in many state areas. This session will delve into the methods of the multiple species inventory, converse on some of the findings in the areas and discuss the importance of managing land for the whole versus a specific species.

2. Timber Stand Improvement

Presented by **Dave Sunne**, IDNR Backbone State Park

Dave Sunne has worked for the DNR for 17 years; he has extensive knowledge on management in forested areas. Backbone State park has participated in Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) projects to decrease invasive species, invigorate native tree stands and other native plant life and increase species diversity. Bring your questions concerning your timber area.

7:45-8:25 **Concurrent Sessions** **Large Conf. Rm**

1. Ponds and Erosion Reduction

Presented by **Ron McCarthy**

Have you wondered about potential environmental benefits to implementing a pond, would you be eligible for cost share, does your soil have the ability to hold water, will an easement be necessary, these questions will be answered by Ron McCarthy. He will cover these questions and the ones participants bring to the table.

2. Habitat on Iowa Ag Land

Presented by **Chris Hiher**

Chris will cover management on Iowa landscapes. He will discuss local habitat projects and their importance on a predominately agricultural landscape.