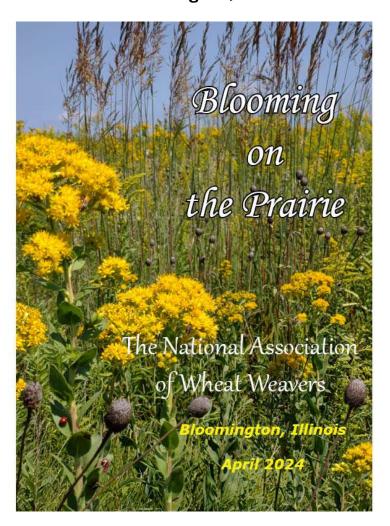
Blooming on the Prairie

National Association of Wheat Weavers Convention

April 10-13, 2024 Bloomington, Illinois



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Registration

- To register for the convention and participate in classes, you must be a member of the National
 Association of Wheat Weavers. If you are not currently a member, you may pay your dues online
 www.nawwstraw.org, or mail payment to:
 Gladys Brockway 804 S. Maple, McPherson KS 67460.
- To register spouses and guests, use the mini-registration line on the registration form to obtain a badge needed for meals and other convention activities.
- All members, spouses, and guests will receive a name badge when arriving at the convention, which everyone will need to wear for all convention activities.
- Full registration includes the 2024 Convention Workbook, which contains instructions for all classes.
- **Registration due dates**: Registration must be postmarked by March 15, 2024. Late registration fee applies for registrations postmarked after that date. Registrations received after that date will be enrolled in your choice of classes as available.
- **Refunds**: Refunds will be considered for emergency reasons.
- Cancellation Requests: Cancellation requests must be received in writing, via mail or email by Joy Whitbeck, 1008 N. McLean St., Lincoln, IL 62656 joy.whitbeck12@gmail.com
- **Class Confirmations:** Class confirmations will be sent to you by email. To receive confirmation by postal mail, enclose a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope with your registration.

In-person Classes

- Classes are only for those who have enrolled and paid the class fee. To maintain order in the classrooms for teachers and students, **no drop-ins or floating between classes will be allowed.**
- NAWW reserves the right to cancel a class due to unforeseeable circumstances.

Zoom Classes

- Members who attend via Zoom will pay the standard registration fee, which includes the 2024 Convention Workbook
- Members will have the option of PDF or print.
- Shipping charges for Convention Workbook:
 - PDF None
 - Print USA \$5.00 media mail
 - Print International. Contact Becky Straub (wheatart52@cox.net) to obtain actual shipping
 costs. The most cost-effective estimate as of 15 January 2024 is \$28.75 USD for First Class
 International going to United Kingdom.
- The standard class fee of \$25.00 for a 3 1/2 hour class also applies.
- For those attending in Bloomington, there will be a monitor to watch in the classroom.
- If the Zoom connection fails, class fees will be reimbursed to those who are attending via Zoom.
- For those who sign up for Zoom classes, the recorded Zoom sessions will be posted to the NAWW
 website approximately 7 days after convention and will be available for 30 days after posting. You
 will receive links to the classes you registered for.

Class Materials/Kits

- Project Materials: Class fees do not include wheat or other materials. Please see the
 individual class listings for information about supplies each participant needs to bring.
- Class Supply Kits: If a class has a supply kit each student is required to purchase the kit.
- **Class Supply Kit Fees**: Kit fees are paid to the teacher at the beginning of the class. **Please** have the exact amount.

Camera Use

• Camera use is by permission only. Please ask the artists and instructors before taking pictures during class and at the Straw Expo. (NAWW policy since 2015)

Special Activities

- To participate in the Favor Exchange, bring an unwrapped straw favor made by you, with your name attached.
- Straw Bling is encouraged! Wear yours any time during convention classes, events, and meals.

Registration Instructions

Complete Registration forms as appropriate:

- Convention Registration
- Class Registration
- Straw Expo

Send one check or money order (US dollars) payable to NAWW, along with the forms to:

NAWW Registration Joy Whitbeck 1008 N. McLean St. Lincoln, IL 62656

Phone: (217) 737-1512

Email: joy.whitbeck12@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

- Deadline is March 15, 2024 for regular registration.
- Late registration applies to registrations postmarked after March 15, 2024.
- Additional registration policies are listed above on this page.

Hotel Information

The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center, Bloomington, IL is the host hotel for the 2024 National Association of Wheat Weavers Convention. The hotel is located at: 1621 Jumer Dr., Bloomington, IL 61704

Phone: 309-662-2020.

The hotel offers NAWW members a rate of \$89.00 per room, per night, plus prevailing city, county, and state taxes. The non-smoking rooms have either a king bed or two queen beds. Members are responsible for making their own reservations and paying for their own expenses.

Shuttle Service: If you are flying to Bloomington, Don & Dianne Ruff will be manning the shuttle service from the airport. On the registration packet, please indicate that you will be flying and the time of arrival. When you arrive at the airport call Don's cell: 217-737-3938 and he will come get you. If you have any questions, contact us on Don's cell or Dianne's cell: 217-737-1514.

Room Reservations

Individual Call-In: 1-309-662-2020 and refer to the National Association of Wheat Weavers

Cancellations/No Shows: Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the check-in date to avoid room charges. No-shows will automatically be charged to the card on file. Or the master account if direct billed. If the stay is more than one night, the first night will be charged and the remaining days will be released to the general public.

Check-In: Hotel requires a valid payment card and photo ID to be presented at check in.

• Check In Time: 3:00 p.m.

• Check Out Time: 12:00 p.m.

Cutoff Date: Reservations by Group attendees <u>must be received on or before March 4, 2024</u>. Reservations received after the Cutoff Date will be confirmed on a space-available basis at prevailing rates. (Please note there is a large wedding on Saturday of our convention so please be sure to make your reservations before March 4 in order to be guaranteed to get a room at the discounted rate.)

Important Things to Know

- This is a non-smoking hotel.
- There will be a hospitality room. We cannot bring home-made items in. It must be store bought only.

Amenities

Group room rates include the following amenities for overnight guests:

Free hot breakfast – Served daily from 7 – 9 am

Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.

On-Site Facilities – Take advantage of the business center, pool, spa and sauna.

Guest Parking – Complimentary overnight parking.

Food / Meals

Personal Food

The hotel has a contract with a caterer to provide food service for hotel events.

- Personal food cannot be brought into general spaces. This includes classrooms and meeting rooms.
- NAWW will have a hospitality room.

Breakfast

Free hot breakfast – Served daily from 7:00 am - 9:00 am

Lunch

Is on your own. There are many options in the area within walking distance.

Evening Meals

Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday: Meals on your own.

Thursday: Option. You are welcome to join Brewery Tasting group for dinner at brewery. Place to

be determined. (See tour information.)

Friday: We will have a buffet featuring Sliced Roast Beef and Vegetable Lasagna \$36

Saturday: We will have a banquet buffet featuring Pork Loin with Sherry Mushroom Sauce and

Grilled Salmon Filet \$38

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Tours and Other Activities

#1 Explore the Art of Wheat:

Joan Dulcey is organizing this event. 301-643-5957 Wednesday, April 10, 2024. 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

This pre-convention activity is open to the public to draw in local people for an introduction of the Straw Arts. We will have displays, demonstrations and hands on, make it and take it activities.

We need volunteers to help with this event. Please consider giving an hour or two demonstrating a particular plait or technique. We would like to attract new members. If you are planning to sell wheat or rye or tools at the Straw Expo on Saturday, you will also be able to set your table up on Wednesday so that new people can purchase supplies, no extra table fee.

#2 David Davis Mansion:

Tour Wednesday April 10. 9:00 A.M.

Cost: \$10.00 for guided tour

The David Davis mansion was completed in 1872 on what was then open prairie and is now in the center of Bloomington. It remained in the Davis family through five generations until 1960 when it was donated to the State of Illinois and became a state historic site.

David Davis was a successful lawyer, rode the circuit with Abraham Lincoln, and was appointed as a judge to the U.S. Supreme Court by Lincoln. He was responsible for persuading Lincoln to run for president and was very active in that campaign. Through the years he purchased considerable farmland from railroads and veteran warrants including some 8000 acres near Gridley, IL.

In keeping with their considerable wealth and social standing, Davis hired Alfred Picquenard, a well-known Midwest architect, to build "Clover Lawn" for his wife, Sarah, in the elegant Victorian style. The house has fifteen rooms and eight marble fireplaces, open porches and balconies. There were servant's quarters in the rear wing of the second floor. Unique to homes at this time, the mansion was built with indoor plumbing and a central hearing system, a modern coal-burning furnace.

Beyond the home you can still stroll through the garden originated by Sarah Davis.

#3 Prairie Aviation Museum:

Tour Wed., April 10, 1:00 P.M. Cost \$7.00

Located at the CIRA Airport

#4: Brewery tasting trip

John Dailey is organizing the event. 309-846-0694 Trip Thursday 11 @ 2:00 P.M.

Bloomington-Normal has several breweries with a good selection of styles of beer. We will plan on visiting a few of them as a group on Thursday afternoon, April 11, 2024 leaving the hotel at 2PM and ending at a location with food available for dinner.

Others who wish to join the group for dinner can meet us there after 5PM. We will have a ride available for up to 6 people and will need to have someone also volunteer to drive if we have more than 6. Some of the breweries we might visit include Lil Beaver, White Oak, Destihl, Keg Grove, Caspers, Fialla Brothers.

#5: Antique Small Engines

Don Ruff is organizing this: 217-737-3938

Friday, April 12, 2024.

Don Ruff is inviting spouses and members who are not taking a class to his home in Lincoln, IL to view his collection of antique small engines, home-made mufflers to go on the engines, 1946 Cushman scooter with original sidecar, 1932 Roadster, and other interesting items. This will take place on Friday, April 12, 2024. We will leave the hotel at 9:00 am. There will be no charge for this tour but we do ask that you sign up so we will have transportation available. It is about 35 miles from Bloomington.





TOURS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION

Fill out this Tour/Activity form and send it to:

Norma Schertz 2594 County Road 1100 N El Paso, IL 61738 309-287-3105 ngschertz@fairpoint.net

Please make the checks payable to Norma Schertz

Nam	e:		
Addr	ess:		
Phon	e:		
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#1	Explore the Art of Wheat:	No Charge	
	A. I will be available to help with this		
	B. I will have a table of supplies and items to sell		
#2	David Davis Mansion:	\$10.00	
#3	Prairie Aviation Museum	\$7.00	
#4:	Brewery tasting trip Other members may join us for	Buy your own beer. dinner after class.	
#5:	Antique Small Engines	No Charge	

Convention Schedule

Tuesday April 9	Evening	Arrivals begin. Registration is open. Dinner on your own
Wednesday April 10	7:00 am – 9:00 am 9:00 11:00 – 1:00 1:00 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Evening	Breakfast Tour to David Davis Mansion Lunch on your own Tour to Aviation Museum Explore the Art of Wheat Registration is open. Dinner on your own
Thursday April 11	7:00 am – 9:00 am 7:00 am 7:30 am – 9:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Breakfast Pre-Convention Board Meeting Registration open. Turn in Exchange Favors. Classes – Session A Dianne Gardner – Spring Bloom Part 1 Marian Vavra – Beaded Jewelry - ZOOM
	Noon to 1:30 pm 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm 2:00 Evening	Lunch on your own Classes – Session B Linda Beiler – Lily - ZOOM Doris Johnson – Corazon de Cockerel Brewery Trip Dinner on your own
Friday April 12	7:00 am – 9:00 am 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 9:00 Noon to 1:30 pm 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Breakfast Classes – Session C Dianne Gardner – Spring Bloom – Part 2 Doris Johnson – Grasshopper Cat From Me to You – Joan Dulcey – ZOOM Antique Small Engine trip Lunch on your own Classes – Session D Rita Weber – Heart of Gold Renee Long – Time for Tea TOAG – Linda Beiler - ZOOM

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6:00 pm Dinner and Annual/Business Meeting

Favor Exchange – Pat Frost

Teacher's Project Auction – Dianne Ruff

Trade Show Setup

Saturday 7:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast

April 13 7:00 am Post-Convention Board Meeting

7:30 am – 9:00 am Trade Show – Open to members only

10:00 am – 4:00 pm Trade Show – Open to members and public

8:30 am – 12:00 pm **Classes – Session E**

Joan Anderson – Prairie Flowers

Christine Swanson - Red White & Blue Scandi Shells ZOOM

Noon to 1:30 pm Lunch on your own 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Classes – Session F

> Kathy Dailey – A Gourd of Many Colors Jill McCullough – Penny Farthing ZOOM

4:00 pm Trade Show tear down

6:00 pm Banquet

Auction – Table Centerpieces – Pat Frost

Useful Class Information

Skill Levels

Each class is listed as an **Open, Beginner, Intermediate,** or **Advanced**. These levels are listed on each project's description page.

- **Open** means that it is suitable for all skill levels and could have a general prerequisite.
- **Beginner** indicates that the participant need not have prior experience with wheat weaving, and there are no prerequisites for the class.
- **Intermediate** means that the participant has a moderate amount of prior experience working with straw, and there could be some prerequisites for the class.
- **Advanced** means that the participant has had extensive prior experience with straw art, there are more specific skills needed in order to succeed in the class, and there will be prerequisites.

Prerequisites

- Before signing up for a class, it is necessary to carefully check the prerequisites for that class.
- Prerequisites are skills in straw work that the instructor is requesting that the participants already
 have, as they are necessary for the project but may not be taught in class.
- The purpose of prerequisites is to give each participant the opportunity for success and to facilitate a smooth flow of the class such that the project is more likely to be completed in the allotted time.
- Adherence to the prerequisites is important. If you do not understand the prerequisites, or if you do not meet them, please contact the instructor.

Pre-work

- Some classes may require some pre-work in order to complete the project in the allotted class time.
- Please be sure all pre-work is completed before attending the class.

Materials/Kits

- Some instructors will have kits for their class. Each kit will list the supplies included, and the student will bring any other supplies needed. Kits will be handed out in class.
- Students are required to purchase the class kits. **Please bring the exact amount to each class.**
- Instructors will be notified by the Registrar with the number of students in their class once registrations are completed.

Useful Class Information (Continued)

Supplies for Class

Students must bring the supplies needed for classes that are not included in class kits. Supplies will include:

- Wheat (cleaned, sorted, and soaked before class, as indicated in instructions)
- Basic weaving kit: Thread, sharp scissors, ruler, pin board and pins, towel, soaking tray (a tray can be provided on request by convention)
- Specific supplies for each class as listed by the instructor

REMINDER: If you are traveling by airplane, be sure to put glue guns and all sharp objects, no matter how small, in your checked luggage.

Shipping Information

You may ship boxes to the hotel a week prior to convention. Label all boxes with this information:

The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center

ATTN: NAWW Convention

1621 Jumer Dr.

Bloomington, IL 61704

Wheat and Supplies from Vendors

You may contact vendors prior to convention to pre-order wheat and supplies.

Zoom Classes

For those who sign up for Zoom classes, the recorded Zoom sessions will be posted to the NAWW website approximately 7 days after convention and will be available for 30 days after posting. You will receive links to the classes you registered for.

Class Registration Form

Classes for the 2024 NAWW Convention are listed below. **Indicate your class preference in each session by putting 1, 2 or 3 by the class.** Once the registration deadline passes, we will use a lottery system to assign classes if there are more enrollment requests than spaces in the classes. Registrations received after the deadline will be placed in classes that have space.

- **Class registration confirmations** will be sent via email. To receive class confirmation by postal mail, send a SASE #10 envelope with your registration form.
- **Registration Deadline** mail must be postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2024.
- Cancellation requests must be received in writing, via mail or email.
- Refunds: Refunds will be considered for emergency reasons.

Name:	Email:		
	2024 CLASSES		
Wednesday, April 10 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Explore the Art of Wheat Thursday, April 11 Session A 8:30 am – 12:00 pm			
	Session E 8:30 am – 12:00 pm 11. Prairie Flowers – Joan Anderson 12. Red White & Blue Scandi Shells – Christine Swanson ZOOM Session F 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm 13. A Gourd of Many Colors – Kathy Dailey		

_ 14. Penny Farthing – Jill McCullough- ZOOM

Convention Registration Form

Name:			
Emergency Contact Name:	Phone/Cell Phone:		
Full registration (postmarked by March 15, 2024)		\$55.00	
Late registration (postmarked after March 15, 2024)		\$70.00	
Mini registration for spouse or guests	x	\$12.50 =	
Name of spouse or guest for name badge		-	
Meal packages (Complete details on page 5 of Regis	tration Packet)		
Friday Evening Dinner Buffet	x	\$36.00 =	
Saturday Evening Banquet Buffet	x	\$38.00 =	
Class Fees: \$25.00 per class session # o	f classesx	\$25.00 =	
Workbook: (one is included in each registration fee)			
Non-attendees and extra workbook copies	x	\$22.00 =	
Person picking up workbook at convention			
Postage for each workbook if mailed in USA (med	dia mail)x	\$ 5.00 =	
Postage International - contact Becky Straub (ing costs.
Straw Expo: \$15.00 per booth # o	f boothsx	\$15.00 =	
Total Amount Due	TOTAL	\$	
Make check or money order payable to NAWW. Ind	clude check with cor	npleted forms:	
Convention Registration, Class Registration and Stra NAWW Registration Joy Whitbeck 1008 N. McLean Lincoln, IL 62656	w Expo. Mail all to:		

Contact Information: Phone: (217)737-1512. Email: joy.whitbeck12@gmail.com

NOTE: As of 2015 NAWW membership dues cannot be paid with convention registration. Make sure your membership dues are paid prior to submitting your registration. Your enrollment may be delayed until membership has been confirmed.

We recommend you make copies of all forms for your records.

Straw Expo Information

Purpose and Eligibility

The purpose of the Straw Expo is to promote and stimulate interest in preserving the art of wheat weaving and straw artistry. Booths shall display straw, straw art, wheat weavings, supplies, books, fibers, and/or other related items. The Straw Expo is open to all NAWW members. Several exhibitors may share a booth, but one person must be responsible for booth registration.

Location:	The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center		
Show Hours:	Saturday, April 13	7:30 am – 9:00 am	NAWW Members Only
		10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Open to Public
Setup time:	Friday, April 12	After Business Meeting	
Tear-down:	Saturday, April 13	After 4:00 pm	
Fee:	\$15.00 per booth, \$30 per double booth. Booth will have one 8 ft. table and 2 chairs.		

Display information: All booth set-ups, other than table and chairs, are the responsibility of the exhibitor. The tables will be skirted. Exhibits must be arranged so they are complete within the allotted space and may not obstruct the view or interfere with exhibit space of another exhibitor. **Aisles must be unobstructed**. NAWW reserves the right to reject or restrict any exhibit that may be objectionable.

Booth staffing: Staffing is the responsibility of the exhibitor. The Straw Expo Coordinator is available to help watch your booth if you need to take a short break. If you need to leave to teach a class you must make arrangements for someone to staff your booth.

Shipping information: You may ship boxes to the hotel a week prior to convention. Label all boxes with this information:

The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center

ATTN: NAWW Convention

1621 Jumer Dr.

Bloomington, IL 61704

Tax information: You will be responsible for your own State of Illinois Sales Tax.

Straw Expo Coordinator: Renee Long

1121 Three Ave., PO Box 309, Rapid City, IL 61278

Phone: (309)496-9006 Email: jrak4long@aol.com

Straw Expo Registration Form

Reservebooth(s) in the NAWW Straw Expo at \$15 each for Saturday, April 13, 2023 at the
Chateau Hotel & Conference Center, Bloomington, IL.
Name:
Business Name:
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Products to be displayed: (yours and others if sharing space)
Will you be shipping materials to the hotel prior to convention? No_Yes # of boxes
Are shipping services needed after the convention? YesNo
Mail this registration form and payment with your convention registration forms. If you need a separate check for your business expenses include that check with the registration forms.

Scholarship Opportunity Deadline: March 10, 2024

Memorial Fund Scholarships are available to first-time convention participants who plan to attend the entire convention. This includes attending all 4 days (April 10 - 13, 2024) and taking 4 or more classes.

If you have never attended an NAWW convention but would like to, you may apply for a scholarship by completing the Scholarship Request form on the next page and sending it either by mail or by email to Dianne Ruff. The form should reach me by March 10, 2024:

Dianne Ruff, Memorial Fund Chairman 46 Ophir Ave. Lincoln, IL 62656 (217) 732-1957 wheatwood47@gmail.com

<u>Please be sure that Dianne responds to your request. If you do not hear back from Dianne, your application did not reach her.</u>

IMPORTANT: Deadline is March 10, 2024. Please note that this deadline will get you an answer for a scholarship before the registration deadline of March 15, 2024.

IF YOU DO NOT GET YOUR APPLICATION POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE, PLEASE NOTE THAT IT MAY STILL BE POSSIBLE TO GET A SCHOLARSHIP. If you miss this deadline, please contact Dianne to inquire if a scholarship is available. We want you to have a great first convention experience.

Scholarship Benefits:

If you are awarded a scholarship to attend the convention of the National Association of Wheat Weavers (NAWW) in Bloomington, IL April 10 - 13, 2024, the following benefits are paid:

- Convention Registration, which includes a copy of the Convention Workbook
- 4 regular class fees (you will need to provide the class supplies and purchase any kits, if offered)
- Saturday night banquet

Qualifications for a scholarship:

- Become a member of NAWW (online or by mail: https://nawwstraw.org/membership/)
- Complete the Request Form and send to Memorial Fund Chairman to apply for scholarship
- Attend convention in Bloomington, IL April 10 13, 2024
- Commit to writing and submitting an article to the Gleanings following convention. This article should be submitted to the Gleanings team by May 8, 2024 (nawwgleanings@gmail.com)

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If interested, please submit the following form either by mail or email. Contact Dianne Ruff if you have

any questions.			
Please consider my applica Bloomington, IL April 10 –	tion to become a scholarship winner 13, 2024.	for the 2024 NAWW convention in	
Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP:	
Country:			
Phone:	email:		

Mail form to: Dianne Ruff, Memorial Fund Chairman 46 Ophir Ave.

Lincoln, IL 62656 (217) 732-1957 Cell: (217)737-1514

wheatwood47@gmail.com

Important Dates

Dues: To be eligible for a scholarship, register for the convention, and participate in classes, you must be a member of the National Association of Wheat Weavers. If you are not currently a member, you may pay your dues online www.nawwstraw.org, or mail payment to: Gladys Brockway 804 S. Maple, McPherson KS 67460.

As of 2015 NAWW membership dues cannot be paid with convention registration. Make sure your membership dues are paid prior to submitting your registration. Your enrollment may be delayed until membership has been confirmed.

Saturday, March 4, 2024 IMPORTANT!! PLEASE NOTE THIS EARLY DATE. Cutoff Date on Hotel Reservations

Reservations by Group attendees must be received on or before March 4, 2024. Reservations received after the Cutoff Date will be confirmed on a space-available basis at prevailing rates.

Sunday March 10, 2024

Deadline to submit Scholarship Opportunity Form

This is the last day to submit the Scholarship Opportunity form. Mail to Dianne Ruff at the address on the form. If you submit your request by this deadline, you will receive an answer regarding a scholarship before the registration deadline of March 15, 2024. You must be, or become, a member of NAWW and this must be the first NAWW convention you attend to be considered.

Friday, March 15, 2024

Deadline to submit registration forms with Regular Registration Fee of \$55.00

Convention Registration Form, Class Registration Form and payment are due. A postmark on, or prior to, this date is required to be included in the class lottery, should a lottery become necessary for any of the classes.

Straw Expo Registration Form and payment may be sent at this time. Request for a booth is on the Convention Registration Form.

Saturday, March 16, 2024

Late Registration fee takes effect.

For registrations postmarked on March 16, 2024 and later, the late registration fee of \$75.00 is required.

April 10 - 13, 2024

Blooming on the Prairie, Bloomington, IL. We hope to see all of you there!

IMPORTANT:

Refunds: Refunds will be considered for emergency reasons.

Cancellation Requests: Cancellation requests must be made in writing, via mail or email to: Joy Whitbeck, 1008 N. McLean St., Lincoln, IL 62656 joy.whitbeck12@gmail.com