Prairies and Savannas of Wisconsin
Lecture Series by Virginia Kline

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- Dr. Kline (1926-2003) was a plant ecologist with a thirst for knowledge about the natural world. She enthusiastically taught the wonders of nature and the science of ecology to students of all ages, and as her role as the University of Wisconsin Arboretum Ecologist and Research Program Manager (1975-1996), helped to develop the new field of restoration ecology.

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