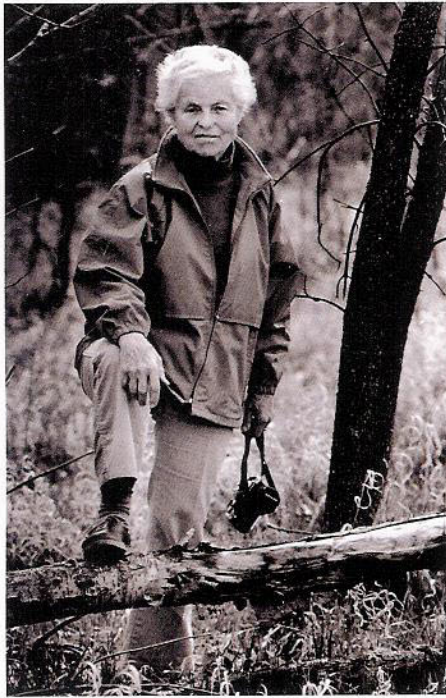


In Memoriam, Nancy Seiberling, 1917–2015



WITH WHOLEHEARTED GRATITUDE TO Nancy Seiberling, our far-sighted founder, we asked friends of the land trust to pay tribute to her activist energies. Join us and Project GREEN at the historic Ashton House, 820 Park Road, on May 28 between 5:00 and 7:00 PM as we recognize her contributions to our community and dedicate the Nancy Seiberling Peony Garden.

Upcoming Events

Visit www.buroaklandtrust.org or call 319/338-7030 for up-to-date information about these and other events.

Family Day at Turkey Creek Preserve, May 17

Bird walks sponsored by the Iowa City Bird Club, Hickory Hill Park, Conklin Lane parking lot, 6:30 AM Monday through Friday through May 22

Celebrating the Life of Nancy Seiberling, Ashton House, May 28

Loess Hills Prairie Seminar, Loess Hills Wildlife Management Area, May 29–31

Hawkeye Cooperative Weed Management Area Invasive Species Field Day, Ciha Fen, June 11

Iowa Prairie Conference, University of Northern Iowa, July 16–18

Family Day at Belgum Grove, September 13

NANCY WAS A TRUE VISIONARY. Where other people saw only problems, she saw solutions and committed herself to helping make them happen. Whether beautifying Iowa City through Project GREEN or protecting fragile ecosystems and endangered resources through the Johnson County Heritage Trust, Nancy promoted her ideas for community betterment and personally provided leadership to bring them into fruition. I felt very fortunate to be her partner in getting the land trust off the ground. I am sure seeing it grow and come to own and manage so many properties gave her great pleasure.—Bill Hines

I HAVE WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF NANCY. One spring she showed me amazing wildflowers on her steep slope down to the Iowa River. It was covered with snow trilliums and other wildflowers. She encouraged me to take a few snow trilliums (there were hundreds, as I remember) and start them at our place. I think of her every spring when our now nice-size patch blooms. She was such a key member, starting and/or supporting environmental groups and awareness in the area. And she was always warm and friendly whenever we got together. She was a treasure!—Dick Baker

WHETHER SHE WAS CHAIRING A MEETING, launching a project, or tending her floriferous garden, Nancy had the elegant manners of an impeccable lady—and the determination to match. So it's no wonder that my wife, Kate, spoke of Nancy as having taught her to think, "Why not?"—Carl Klaus

WINDOWS INTO NANCY'S SPIRIT: Her determined cutting of the raspberry canes (never mind the many thorns) from the woodland below her house. Her articulate defense of all things beautiful and wild. Her digging by hand a deep trench through her yard for an underground utility wire—at age eighty. Her positive approach to so much of life. Her vigorous protestations against the clearing and spraying of native plants from county roadsides. The constancy of her smile. These showed the passion and the vision that led her to create our land trust and that gave us all so much.—Connie Mutel

NANCY NOT ONLY LEFT A LEGACY of her garden and love for all things green by giving the progeny of her plants to family, friends, and acquaintances, she left a legacy of her style of community action. She was about doing, and she had a knack for motivating others to work with her, to share her passions, and spread them among others. Hers was a no-nonsense, high-enthusiasm, high-priority and hands-on approach. It was hardly just talk, it was ultimately (usually sooner rather than later) tangible action. She was an inspiration.—Tom Gelman

