



Tryon Farm Institute 2021-22





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Barn Committee - Dan Beck
Education & Outreach - **TBD**
Fund Raising - Marty Balogh
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Grounds Management:

Tim Kominiarek



2021 Accomplishments

Grant Status:

- \$190k Barn restoration kick off – \$65k in 2021 donations; \$50k Grant submission in October. *Actively fundraising.*
- Tryon Prairie (Ebbies Meadow) - Received \$7.5k USDA grant – December 21 planting of 6 acres with native grasses and wildflowers
- IWF partnership - Received \$15k Huff Trust Grant – Restore Werner Pond in 2022 creating habitat for wood ducks

Land Management:

- Project Wingspan Partnership – Tryon is now an official seed collection site
- Expanded trail network on new 11 acre land acquisition
- West Meadow & New Property – Invasive species eradication work continues
- Pollinator garden expansion – Our work in 20 paid off as the plants are doing great!
- 30 new shrubs; Ephemeral planting days; new evergreens along Eastwood

Education & Outreach:

- IWF partnership – Habitat Seminar & Monarch Tagging
- Tryon Film and Arts Series

Other:

- New John Deere Gator utility vehicle purchase
- Yard Sale - \$7,000 in sales!
- Tryon candles
- Firewood offered for sale – TFI wood burns better 😊



2022 Priorities

Grant Status:

- Barn restoration work begins in June 2022! *Fundraising Continues*
- Tryon Prairie (Ebbies Meadow) - Monitor 1st year of planting
- Huff Trust Grant – Complete Werner Pond restoration

Land Management:

- Project Wingspan Partnership – Collect seed from native prairie plants
- Woodchip all trails in 5k trail that need it (new Gator will help with this)
- West Meadow & New Property – Invasive species eradication work continues
- Front Prairie – Remove woodies and prepare burn plan
- Pollinator garden expansion – Continue to expand native plantings in barnyard area
- Expand shrub layer throughout the 120 acres TFI manages

Education & Outreach:

- Niemann Head Start – New children's programming coming soon
- Tree education signage project implementation
- Crazy Legs Running Series comes to the farm 9/24

Other:

- Firewood and Candles for sale



