

## Mary Louise Symon Award and Prairie

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**RECEIPIENTS OF THE NEW GRASSROOTS-SPONSORED MARY LOUISE SYMON SCHOLARSHIP WERE HONORED** on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010 in Dodgeville. Molly Palzkill, a 2010 graduate of Mineral Point High School, and Kallee Satern, a 2010 graduate of Highland High School were guests at a reception. The Symon Award is given to young men and women whose scholarship, personal character and volunteer service demonstrate a commitment to community engagement and the creation of a positive social environment – just as Mary Louise did all her life. Kathleen Falk, the current Dane County Board chair, was there to offer her congratulations, along with many of Mary Louise's friends and family. Anyone interested in contributing to the Mary Louise Symon scholarship fund is invited to send a tax-deductible contribution made out to Plymouth UCC-Symon Award Fund to Grassroots, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533.

**KATHLEEN FALK ANNOUNCES MARY LOUISE SYMON PRAIRIE** The Dane County Park Commission has dedicated a prairie in honor of Mary Louise Symon. The prairie is in the process of restoration. The dedicated area is 48 acres and is part of the larger Ice Age Junction Natural Resource Area. The Ice Age Trail currently runs along the northern end of the dedicated area. A future bicycle/pedestrian trail may also go through the area. A small parking lot with a kiosk will be constructed in the future. The kiosk will include information on Mary Louise. This [map](#) gives the location of the Mary Louise Symon Prairie. There will be a prairie planting that all are invited to attend. The details are:

### **Mary Louise Symon Prairie Planting - Ice Age Junction**

Date: Sat Nov 6th, 2010

Time: 12 noon -4 pm

Location: 8220 Raymond Road

- People that are interested in volunteering at the prairie planting or any other time are encouraged to contact Rhea Stangel-Maier in advance so that we have enough seed for everyone. Rhea can be reached at 224-3601 or [Stangel-Maier@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:Stangel-Maier@co.dane.wi.us)
- Donations for the Mary Louise Symon Prairie will be accepted and will be used to help with the restoration efforts, the kiosk and a bench. Donations can be sent to Dane County Parks, 1 Fen Oak Court #234, Madison WI 53718
- General questions, including donations, can be directed to Laura Guyer at 224-3765 or [guyer@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:guyer@co.dane.wi.us)