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New Members

Happy “wild” 2015 to all our members and a special welcome to our newest members:

Holly Boettcher, Greenville
Christine Calhoun, Appleton
Laura Carlson, Appleton
Kim Holmes, Shiocton
Janet Hughes, Appleton
Laura Lindstrom, Neenah
Richard Merkhofer, Appleton

We're so glad you joined Wild Ones!

Don't Become Extinct!

See your membership expiration date on your newsletter label and follow directions for renewing.

Thanks, and we'll look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

— Bob Niendorf & Carol Niendorf,
Membership Co-chairs

WILD Center

Wild Ones National Headquarters
2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd
Located in Town of Menasha

Directions: From Hwy 41, take Exit 136, drive east on BB (Prospect Ave) to right on Northern Rd, then left onto Stroebe Rd. From Stroebe, turn right onto Butte des Morts Beach Rd.
Hours

10 AM–3 PM Monday–Friday
Grounds Accessible & Always Open

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WOFVA Chapter Speaker's Bureau

Because we are an organization based on spreading the word about native plants, your Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter Board has assembled some guidelines for a Speaker's Bureau for presentations such as informal talks or more formal presentations utilizing digital media. This policy is intended to support the Wild Ones mission through supporting WOFVA Chapter members in effective outreach to the community with successful presentations.

Guidelines for Presentations

WOFVA Chapter will make available to members a list of existing presentations, and develop multiple new presentations on topics that support the mission. Presentations will be tailored toward specific audience knowledge/experience levels.

New presentations will be reviewed and vetted by at least two Board members. Existing presentations will be reviewed and updated periodically by a Board member.

When possible, a list of “FAQs” asked by audiences will be created to accompany each presentation, with suggested answers.

Presentations will include current Wild Ones Fox Valley Area logo and will be

copyrighted by WOFVA, though author name may also be included.

Members who wish to deliver an existing presentation to the public should contact a Board member to make arrangements. Presenters should have some public speaking experience and feel comfortable speaking before a group. The speaker will meet with at least one Board member for an orientation to the presentation and required technology beforehand.

Speakers should take appropriate brochures and promotional materials to share with the audience.

Speaker Reimbursement and Recognition

Speakers should be aware that mileage resulting from a volunteer expense is a tax-deductible expense (currently \$0.14/mi) and keep records accordingly.

Speakers are encouraged to make their time and mileage a donation to the Chapter. This donation will be acknowledged in the newsletter or at an appropriate event. Speakers may request a stipend of \$12/hr from the Chapter when a presentation requires travel more than 40 miles from their home.

Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

February 1 | Saturday | Grant Applications Due

Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grants are a great opportunity for schools and organizations who want to enhance the environment through native plantings. Refer to the webpage <http://foxvalleyareawildones.org> resources for application forms and details.

February 26 | Thursday | 6-8 PM | WILD Center | Annual Chapter Membership Meeting & Potluck Dinner

March 26 | Thursday | 6:30 pm | WILD Center

Restoration in the Anthropocene: a tangled path to new norms? Mathew Dornbush, Assoc. Prof. of Ecology, Dept. of Natural & Applied Science, UW-Green Bay will discuss challenges to restoring native communities in an era of rapid and widespread environmental change.

President's Message

You are invited to attend the Annual Membership Meeting held in February at the WILD Center. In many ways this meeting is our time to review the year past, acknowledge the highlights and successes, and take a look at what is in store for 2015. This February meeting follows the apex of every Fox Valley Area Chapter season, the annual conference. The Toward Harmony with Nature Conference brings people from all over the Midwest together to learn more about improving the environment using native plants. Thank you to the experienced planning committee who works throughout the year to ensure that we will have an informative, meaningful and smooth-running conference. Thanks to their hard work, this year was, again, a wonderful success.

Monthly programs and tours have been the educational staple of Wild Ones and this year was no exception. We had six educational programs, one conducted on-site, and five tours exploring very different native plant landscapes at homes throughout the area, including two residences co-hosted with the Green Bay Chapter. Again, it was a year filled with activity and interest.

Our impressive traveling display doubled its presence in the community this year, by making a show at 15 locations. Our granting committee gifted more grant monies than ever before and created a new brochure. Joy Perry opened 2014 as the new Vice-president, thereby filling a very important Board position. Two new chairs and committees were added to the organization: Speakers' Bureau, and Mentoring. More information will be coming about these two new programs as we seek participation from the membership in these offerings. We had solid publicity for our event, six fabulous newsletters, website and social media messaging, two successful plant sales, great digs and special monarch moments. The year ended 265 members strong, with 38 new members joining in 2014. We continue to be the National Wild Ones organization's largest chapter.

I encourage you to join in on Feb. 26th as we gather together as a membership, for camaraderie, great food (pot-luck), and a twenty-year look back. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Fox Valley Area Wild Ones. It is sure to be fun...and yummy, as we highlight our Chapter's 20th year anniversary with a birthday cake!



— Loris Damerow
President, Wild Ones
Fox Valley Area

2015 Programs & Tours

Feb 26 | Thr | 6 pm | WILD Center

- **Annual Membership Meeting, Potluck Dinner, 20th Anniversary Celebration** – Come and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the WOFVA Chapter with a potluck meal, some bits of history, recollections, and acknowledgements of the “first members”.

March 26 | Thr | 6:30 pm | WILD Center

- **Restoration in the Anthropocene: a tangled path to new norms?** – *Mathew Dornbush*, Assoc. Prof. of Ecology, Dept. of Natural & Applied Science, UW-Green Bay will discuss challenges to restoring native communities in an era of rapid and widespread environmental change, focusing on lessons learned from his and other research programs investigating the direct and indirect effects of invasive species, herbivores, and landscape change on native plant biodiversity.

April 23 | Thr | 6:30 pm | WILD Center

- **Invasive Plants and Worms in the Fox Valley Area** – *Kelly Kearns*, Invasive Plant Coordinator for the Natural Heritage Conservation Program of the Wisconsin DNR, will be discussing identification, control and disposal of invasives. She has worked with a team since 2004 to develop and implement the comprehensive invasive species rule, NR 40, which is currently being revised.

May 9 | Sat | 9-11 am | WILD Center

- **Native Plant Sale & Order Pick-Up** (Order form in Feb/March newsletter & webpage) Contact: *Sharon Ziebert* (920) 410-6932

May 28 | Thr | 6pm | High Cliff State Park, Sherwood

- **Tour Spring at High Cliff** – *Cynthia Mueller*, High Cliff State Park Naturalist, and a member of the Friends of High Cliff Board of Directors invite you to join them on a tour of the park highlighting their successful partnerships on recent projects. See where trees were planted with the Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow grant in 2014. Stroll by *Elmer's Prairie*, honoring *Elmer Kruschinske* (longtime Wild Ones member) to view the Purple Martin colony he supported.

June 13 | Sat | Door County

- **Bus Tour Full day tour to Door County** – Door Landscape & Nursery of Egg Harbor will present a short program on designing with native plants followed by a tour of the nursery and time to shop. Lunch at Bistro42 with wine tasting. Then tour a Door County chapter member's yard. (Registration information will appear in the April/May newsletter and webpage.)



July 23 | Thr | 5-8 pm | Oshkosh

- **Tour Eiden's Property** – Winnebago Audubon and WOFVA host an “open yard” highlighting bird friendly practices.

August 14-16 | Fri-Sun | WILD Center

- **Wild Ones (national) Annual Conference Weekend** – All members welcome

Sept 19 | Sat | Cedarburg

- **Bus Tour Extraordinary 30-year restoration of 20 acre farm field to a tall-grass prairie** – See how owner, *Ben Arnold*, provided habitat for birds, insects & animals. The tour continues to the Cedarburg Bog where a naturalist will lead us through a string bog, via a boardwalk. We will see seven different plant communities, some insectivorous. (Time & Registration information will appear in the June/July newsletter and webpage.)

Sept 26 | Sat | 9-11 am | WILD Center

- **Native Tree & Shrub Sale** – pre-order pick-up only (Order form in August/September newsletter & webpage) Contact: *Sharon Ziebert* (920) 410-6932.

Sept 27-Oct 3 | Sun-Sat

- **Seed Gathering** at selected members' properties. (Locations in August/September newsletter & webpage)



Oct 22 | Thr | 6:30 pm | WILD Center

- **Man and Plants** – *Traditional Uses*, *Jackie Johnson*, ND of Planhigion Herbal Learning Center, will talk about how man utilized plants both wild and naturalized as food, medicine, dyes and for magic! Tips and recipes will be available as we demonstrate and sample uses that have carried on to the present.

Nov 19 | Thr | 6:30 pm | Evergreen Retirement Community

- **Banning DDT: How Citizen Activists in Wisconsin Led the Way** – *Bill Berry*, author, tells of the hunters and fishers, bird watchers, and garden club ladies like *Lorrie Otto*, who drew attention to the harmful effects of the “the miracle pesticide” DDT, which was being used to control Dutch elm disease. Joint meeting with Winnebago Audubon.

Dec | No Meeting

Jan 30 | Sat | 2016 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference

- Programs/tours are free (unless a fee is indicated) and open to the public.
- More details about programs and tours will appear in Chapter newsletter & on Chapter webpage.



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November 1, 1994:
Fox Valley Area became chartered as a Wild Ones chapter

Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

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Eco-friendly Support from Half Price Books

Last April, Half Price Books at 281 N. Casaloma Drive in Appleton designated the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter as the recipient of their “B(eco)me Bagless” campaign in 2014. They offered their customers the option to decline a plastic bag, as part of their company’s national initiative. For every plastic bag declined, five cents was donated to an environmental organization. This program reached its goal of 1.2 million bags (nationwide) declined and recently \$500 was donated to Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter. Both the environment and Wild Ones benefited from this clever campaign. Thank you, Half Price Books.



Newsletter Online?

Would you like to receive only the online (color) version of the newsletter? Reducing the number of issues to be mailed helps to lower printing and mailing costs. If you are interested in doing this, please contact newsletter Editor Joan Rudolph at wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.



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A Wild Ones household membership is \$37 per year. Entire membership fee is tax-deductible. Join Wild Ones by sending your name, address and phone number to:

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