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As part of national Wild Ones, the Chapter, established in 1994, encourages, supports and promotes natural landscaping using native plants throughout the Fox Valley area. Chapter members receive the bi-monthly Chapter newsletter, national Wild Ones *Journal*, and have access to many resources related to sustainable landscaping practices.

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#### Wild Ones National

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes, founded in 1979, is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization. Wild Ones National Headquarters, the WILD Center (Wild Ones Institute for Learning and Development) is a 16-acre ecology center on the west shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts in Neenah, Wisconsin. It is an educational facility for sustainable landscaping practices, and open to the public. The Chapter uses the WILD Center as its home base.



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# 2016 Programs & Tours



Public Welcome

Illustration courtesy of Rosemary Eiden.

# **2016 Programs & Tours**

#### Feb 25 | Thr | 6pm | WILD Center

Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner
 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

#### March 31 | Thr | 6:30pm Social | 7pm Program | Evergreen RC

 Designing a Native Planting Using Drifts of Color 1130 N Westfield St. Oshkosh, WI 54902

Rosemary Eiden, former landscape designer for McKay Nursery, describes how to design your native garden planting using drifts of color, an alternative to the in-formal prairie meadow look. Explore the concept of using multiple plants in groupings of color and texture in your yard.

#### April 2 | Sat | 10:30am-12pm | Evergreen RC

 Workshop / Designing Your Native Planting Using Drifts of Color 1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Rosemary Eiden will help you create a design for your yard. Bring the following information about the area you wish to plan: dimensions, permanent features (buildings, fences, trees, etc.), sun and shade areas. Register by contacting Rosemary at 920-233-1327 or rosi5632@att.net - \$15 materials fee. \*March 31st design talk a prerequisite.

#### April 28 | Thr | 6:30pm Social | 7pm Program | Evergreen RC

Shoreline Restoration

1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

**Chad Casper**, *Winnebago Co. Land & Water Resource Conservationist*, and **Melanie Leet**, *Conservation Technician*, will speak about designing shoreline buffers and their environmental benefits.

#### May 14 | Thr | 9-11am | WILD Center

Native Plant Sale & Order Pick-Up

2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

Order form in February/March newsletter or go to foxvalleyarea.wildones.org. Contact: Sharon Ziebert (920) 410-6932

#### May 21 | Sat | Racine/Kenosha Area

Full day tour will include a stop at the Chiwaukee Prairie, a recently
designated International Wetland of Importance. We hope to see shooting
stars in bloom and the endangered Blandings Turtle. Lunch at Infisimos,
a popular Italian restaurant in Racine, and then a stop at Northwind
Perennial Farm for a tour and shopping. Registration information will
appear in the April/May newsletter.

# June 23 | Thr | 6:30 pm Social | 7pm Program | WILD Center

Shrub and Tree ID at the Wild Center

2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

**Ben French** from *Johnson's Nursery*, will walk the grounds of the Wild Center for shrub & tree identification, followed by a slide show of native trees and shrubs for your landscape.)

### July 28 | Thr | 6–7:30<sub>pm</sub> | Fremont

Tour Langner Property

N414 Winchester Rd, Fremont, Town of Dale

Four acres of rolling prairie surround a small pond. This 15-yr-old planting has much diversity and beauty. *Master Gardner*, **Kay Langner**, will lead us on a quided tour of her grounds.

#### Aug 19–21 | Fri-Sun | WILD Center

 Wild Ones (national) Annual Conference Weekend 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956
 All members welcome.

#### Aug 25 | Thr | 6-7:30pm | Oshkosh

 Show Me, Tell Me - Rebecca Eyer &Tom Swaya Property 5040 Island View Dr. Oshkosh, WI 54901

Connie Ramthun, owner of Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping and garden design consultant, will "show" us the gardens and "tell" ways to improve the native habitat and design. This long, narrow residential lot on Lake Winnebago has been transformed into a more-native landscape with emphasis on reducing turf and attracting butterflies.

#### Sept 22 | Thr | 6pm | Sullivan's Woods/Utica

• Tour Sullivan's Woods & Prairie 6342 Hay Rd, Town of Utica

Friends of Sullivan's Woods will show an introductory DVD followed by a tour of the property. (Map to appear in August/September newsletter)

#### Sept 24 | Sat | 9-11am | WILD Center

Native Tree & Shrub Sale

2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

Pre-order pick-up only (Order form in August/September newsletter and on webpage). Contact: Tim McKeag tmckeag@firstbusiness.com

#### Sept 28–Oct. 8 Fox Valley Area

 Seed gathering at selected locations. See August/September newsletter for locations.

#### Oct 27 | Thr | 7pm | WILD Center

 Natural Dying Using Native Plant Material 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

**Loris Damerow** will share some of the history and methods of natural dying. Participants will create a dyed silk scarf to take home. *Materials cost is \$5*.

#### Nov 17 | Thr | 6:30pm | Evergreen RC

Audubon Partner Meeting

1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Native Plants & Birds, "Stopover Initiative" Kim Grveles will discuss the work of the Wisconsin Stopover Initiative including: Migratory birds and why stopover habitats are important to their survival; the significance of the Great Lakes region, particularly Wisconsin's Lake Michigan basin; helpful backyard habitat features, as well as easy contributions you can make to benefit migratory birds.

#### Dec No Meeting

Happy Holidays!

#### Jan 28 | Sat | 8am-4:15pm | 21st Annual Conference

2017 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference —
Watch for information in Chapter newsletter and on conference
web site TowardHarmonywithNature.org.

- Programs/tours are free (unless a fee is indicated) and open to the public.
- Meetings held on the 4th Thursday of the month unless indicated differently;
   6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program.
- More details about programs and tours will appear in Chapter newsletter & on Chapter webpage.



#### **Meeting Location Directions:**

#### WILD Center

2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd. Neenah, WI 54956 (Town of Menasha)

From Hwy 41, take Exit 136, drive east on BB to right on Northern Rd, then left onto Stroebe Rd. Off Stroebe, turn right onto Butte des Morts Beach Rd.

# Evergreen Retirement Community

1130 N. Westfield Street Oshkosh, WI 54902

From Hwy 41, take Exit 119 (Hwy 21) and drive east. Turn right onto N. Westfield.

#### **Standing Programs:**

#### Natural Landscapes For Tomorrow Grant Program

Chapter funds are awarded to qualifying groups, such as schools, houses of worship, and other public and nonprofit organizations in its range area (see map on website) for natural landscapes using native plants. Application deadline February 1 with grants awarded March 1. Grant application available on Chapter webpage or call (920) 749-7807 to request a mailed copy.

#### **Plant Rescue**

Chapter members rescue native plants from sites slated for excavation. If you are aware of a construction site that may contain native plant species, please contact the Chapter Dig Coordinator, Donna VanBuecken at (920) 749-7807 or e-mail dvanbuecken@new.rr.com.



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