

New Members

Our native plots are blossoming and so is our Chapter! **Welcome to these newest members:**

Cheryl Anderson, Appleton
Roger Brey, Oshkosh
Patricia Deimer-Steineke, Omro
Beverley Gudex, Fond du Lac
Charles Mitchell, Appleton
Justin Nooker, Green Bay
Jan Smith, Neenah
Jeff and Cindy Van Dyn Hoven, Kaukauna
Marijke Van Roojen, Neenah
Heather Westley, Menasha

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 Stroebel Rd. From Stroebel, turn right onto Butte des Morts Beach Rd.

Hours

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

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Why Should You “Get on the Map”?

by Shannon Davis-Foust

As a Wild Ones member, you know there are profound reasons for keeping native plants on your property. It's not just about the plants. You would love to watch dozens of colorful butterflies sipping nectar from a field of blazing stars. You'd stop to observe the assortment of little native bees collecting pollen and nectar, buzzing from flower to flower in a prairie on a sunny afternoon. You'd look up to see nuthatches hunting insects or hiding seeds in the furrows of a red pine, or use binoculars to search for the goldfinches nesting up in a nearby spruce tree. You notice and appreciate wild things that many others do not.

Wild Ones strives to influence people to live in harmony with nature by changing perceptions of land management practices. The “Get on the Map” initiative allows us to SEE how the membership is linked to each other and how we are working to create actual corridors of natural environment. This Geographic Information Systems (GIS) project will provide to others, a more visible bandwagon to jump on. WOFVA engaged Ken Sanderson, a UW Oshkosh student, to get our first map up and going. We developed a questionnaire with the option to upload photos and invited a few members to try it out. Ken then took the information from the questionnaire and put it into Google Maps for us. We are pleased to announce that our pilot map and data are now available for public viewing.



There are tremendous potential benefits with the “Get on the Map” initiative. First, it will help us visualize who we are and how we are interconnected. Second, it helps us share information with each other and our knowledge with the public. When zoomed out, this easy-to-use map allows you to see the arrangement of wildlife corridors we have collectively created. If you want to know more about a property, all you need to do is zoom in and click on the rough outline of the planting. A pop-up will tell you about the property, including community composition, size of planting, habitat type, wildlife enhancements, sources of seeds, photos and other special notes. Ultimately, this map and the information it provides will boost the cohesiveness of Wild Ones members and provide a more visible conduit for sharing our program and our successes with the public.

We invite the WOFVA membership to the “Get on the Map” project. You know it is critical to protect, restore, and maintain the few native habitat fragments that still exist today. As each little patch of wildlife habitat holds the key to survival for a population of critters, you are nothing short of a hero by simply maintaining your native planting. Every small patch of habitat is invaluable as it helps increase regional biodiversity. By sharing information about your native land management practices, you can influence other's perceptions – and perhaps even convince them to go native. To “Get on the Map” follow the link on the home page foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

August 14–16 | Fri–Sun | WILD Center | Wild Ones (National) Annual Conference Weekend (All members are welcome)

September 19 | Sat | Ben Arnold Prairie, Mequon & Cedarburg Bog Bus Tour (RSVP due by **Sept 5, 2015**; For more information see tour insert)

September 11 | Fri | 2015 Native Tree & Shrub Sale — Orders Due (See order form insert)

September 26 | Fri | 2015 Native Tree & Shrub Sale — Orders Pickup

September 27–October 3 | Fri–Sun | Seed Gathering at selected members' properties (Locations on webpage)



President's Message

Have you been WILD this summer? Our Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter has enjoyed a busy season of deepening our knowledge and enjoyment of native plants and natural habitats. Hopefully, your own yard and gardens have been enhanced with plants and grasses from our sale last spring and now you are thinking about adding some native shrub possibilities for the fall. The Native Tree & Shrub Sale orders are due by Friday, September 11. Perhaps you were inspired by the bird friendly yard tour at the Eiden property, co-sponsored by Winnebago Audubon, and are ready for a High Bush Cranberry, *Viburnum trilobum*, for bird cover, berries and color in your back yard. Our June trip to Door County held plenty of delights as we wandered through the numerous native gardens on display. Sign up now for the September bus tour to visit a private prairie in Mequon and take the Cedarburg bog walk. My landscape does not yet sport five different species of milkweed but you can see them, plus some insectivorous plants, on the September tour.

Our Wild Ones Fox Valley Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/180948755395322> continues to be a cache of articles and encouragement on the benefits of natives. Feel free to join this local forum with many national links. Our newly active speaker's bureau and mentoring program continues to spread sustainable landscape information and support to the membership, and beyond. This summer, over 200 people visited the WILD Center, as part of the Homeless Connections' annual garden tour. Many first time visitors were amazed to discover our national headquarters, as well as hear about our important environmental mission. Now, at the peak of summer, the surrounding prairie is in full bloom. As many of you are aware, Executive Director, Donna VanBuecken is retiring this year. Come out to visit Donna while viewing the prairie splendor. The annual Wild Ones membership meeting, August 14, 15, and 16, at the WILD Center is the perfect opportunity!

Thank you to all of the WOFVA board and committee members who are working hard throughout the year. Our 20th annual conference in January will be a big event! Joan Rudolph, editor of our WOFVA newsletter, has retired from her position at the WILD Center, but will continue to offer her innumerable skills in compiling this bi-monthly newsletter. Thank you, Joan. Enjoy the glory of summer and go a little WILD!



— Loris Damerow
President, Wild
Ones Fox
Valley Area

Coming and Going at the WILD Center

Last month there was a changing of the guard at the WILD Center. If you are used to seeing Joan at the desk to the left when you enter the front door, she has been replaced by Jessie Cain. Joan has happily retired from WILD Ones. However she will still be an active member of the Board in editing the newsletter and in the Chapter at meetings and activities.



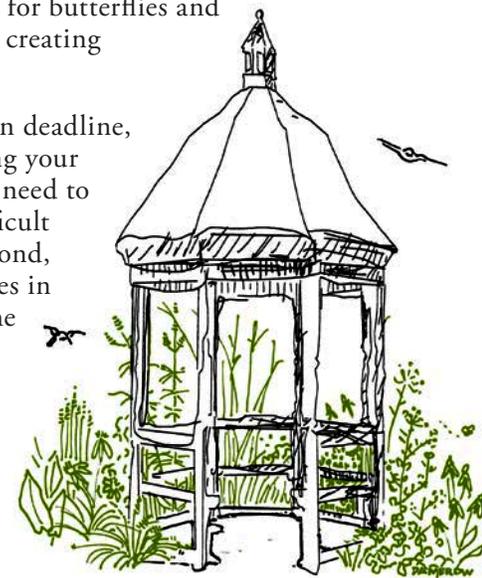
Jessie, Jamie, Joan, Kim

It's Not Too Early to Apply...

Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter announces its 2016 Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant program. Non-profit agencies residing within 15 miles of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, and Winnebago Counties are eligible to apply. Up to \$500 can be awarded for purchase of native forbs, shrubs, trees, or seeds to enhance the environment and educate the public on the importance of native landscaping in creating a healthy ecosystem. Past projects have included the development of rain gardens, prairies, pollinator gardens for butterflies and bees, as well as landscaping projects creating bird habitat.

While February 1st is the application deadline, it is not too early to begin developing your landscape project. For one, pictures need to be taken of project areas; this is difficult to do with snow on the ground. Second, planning early provides opportunities in late summer and early fall to visit the Wild Center (2285 Butte des Morts Beach Road, Neenah) to become inspired by the beauty of native landscaping and learn about the variety of native plant species ideal for rain gardens, woodlands, and prairies.



Please share this grant opportunity with non-profit groups in your area. Do your part in creating awareness that natural landscaping is healthier for our environment and is beneficial to pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.

Start planning now. Take advantage of this opportunity to receive funds needed to create a healthier environment for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. Visit foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/resources for application forms and details.

Book Report

Provided by Rosemary Eiden

Wisdom for a Livable Planet

by Carl N McDaniel

Published 2005 by Trinity University Press

A great summer read for those that are looking for solutions to a green future, this book has that and more. Very thought-provoking!

Each chapter is written by an expert in his or her field.

- **Clean air:** Terry Swearingen and toxic waste
- **Restoring home:** Dave Foreman and preserving biodiversity
- **Healthy farms:** Wes Jackson and agriculture
- **Living locally:** Helena Norberg-Hodge and globalization
- **Be fruitful and few:** Werner Fornos and population
- **Living in a finite world:** Herman Daly and economics
- **Accepting uncertainty:** Stephen Schneider and global climate change
Ecological design: David Orr and education

CAN WE CHANGE, WILL WE CHANGE?

Catastrophic natural disasters remind us that we are part of nature and at the mercy of nature, yet we assume that everyday environmental disorders won't affect our lives. Not so, says biologist McDaniel and the eight inspired activists, educators, and scientists he profiles. McDaniel uses the groundbreaking work of the visionaries he portrays as starting points for clarifying reports on concerns ranging from climate change to the need for re-wilding to restore biodiversity.

But it is the personal element that makes each issue resonate in this engaging, often moving group portrait. McDaniel spends time with all of the innovative thinkers as he tells the inside stories of their callings and the adversity they face.

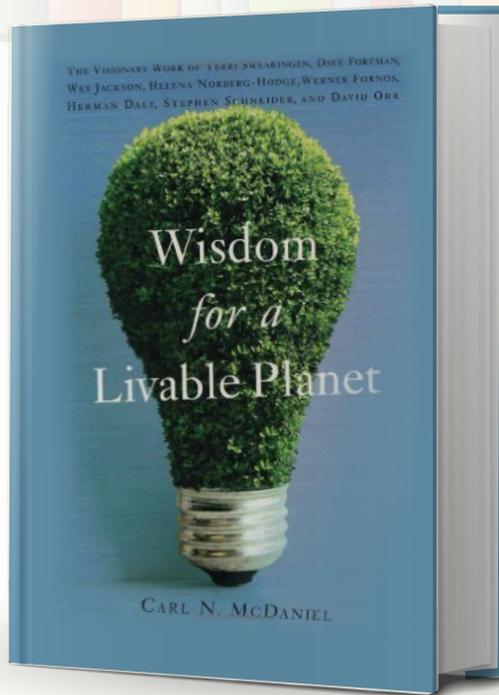
McDaniel (coauthor, *Paradise for Sale*) certainly covers his ecological bases: his subjects are prominent in the areas of hazardous waste incineration, biodiversity, sustainable agriculture, appropriate technology, population control, rational economic planning, climate concerns and environmental education.

The portrait of Teri Swearingen is the most accessible: for two decades, the West Virginia nurse and mother fought construction of a toxic-waste incinerator near an elementary school. The portrait of Wes Jackson is the most inspirational: for almost three decades, the geneticist's Land Institute in Kansas has worked to spread the word about farming practices that preserve good soil rather than poison it.

And the portrait of David Orr is perhaps the most forward looking: the professor of environmental studies at Oberlin College believes that Earth's future lies in developing "culture-transforming" environmental education. The stories of these eight ecological warriors are profoundly appealing in that they show the diverse ways that people can commit to a common cause.

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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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Wild Ones Annual Conference: Chapter Volunteers Needed

WOFVA members, it's that time of year again when our Chapter is the onsite host at the Wild Center for this national event. We need your help, so please consider coming to not only enjoy the program but to volunteer for two or more hours to help make it run smoothly. Our time will count towards our yearly required volunteer hours for using the WILD Center as our home base.

Your support in past years has been greatly appreciated at this event and we ask that you help to continue the tradition of hosting this program. No one knows the Center better than you do, so come and welcome members from other chapters, help with set-up needs for the receptions, dinners and workshops and keep the grounds and the Center clean and organized. The WILD Center staff is anticipating our support and assistance.

Please look at the schedule and let Kris Kauth, Chapter Host Coordinator, know when you could help. Contact her at kkauth@sbcglobal.net. Daily hosts will be: Joy Perry on Friday; Sue Mings on Saturday; and Loris Damerow on Sunday. We need volunteers throughout all three days. More specific information on times will be in the upcoming Chapter e-newsletter.



Become A Wild Ones Member

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:

Wild Ones
P.O. Box 1274
Appleton WI 54912-1274

Business memberships and student memberships are also available. Call Wild Ones National at (877) 394-9453 for an application form or check out our website:

wildones.org

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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2015 Native Tree & Shrub Sale

✓ **Orders Due: Friday, Sept. 11** ✓ **Pick up: Saturday, Sept. 26 (9–11 am)**

WILD Center, 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956 (in the Town of Menasha)

Common Name	Latin Name	1 or 2 Gallon Pot	Price	Qty	Total	Code
American fly Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera canadensis</i>	#1 Shrub	\$12.75			327
Bush Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	#2 Shrub	\$18.75			309
Buttonbush	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	#1 Shrub	\$12.75			302
Common Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	#2 Shrub	\$20.75			295
Meadowsweet	<i>Spiraea alba</i>	#2 Shrub	\$24.50			329
Nannyberry Viburnum	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	#1 Shrub	\$12.75			284
Rafinesque Viburnum	<i>Viburnum rafinesquianum</i>	#3 Shrub	\$29.00			286
Smooth Sumac	<i>Rhus glabra</i>	#2 Shrub	\$20.25			311
Swamp fly Honeysuckle	<i>Lonicera oblongifolia</i>	#1 Shrub	\$12.75			277
Thimbleberry	<i>Rubus parviflorus</i>	#2 Shrub	\$20.25			174
Witherod Viburnum	<i>Viburnum cassinoides</i>	#1 Shrub	\$13.00			285
American Plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>	#2 Tree	\$21.75			153
Blackhaw Viburnum	<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	#3 Tree	\$34.25			285
Bog Birch	<i>Betula glandulifera</i>	#1 Tree	\$13.50			274
Common Hackberry	<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	#1 Tree	\$14.25			317
Ironwood	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	#1 Tree	\$14.25			291
Mountain Maple	<i>Acer spicatum</i>	#1 Tree	\$15.75			287
Musclewood	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	#1 Tree	\$14.25			271
Showy Mountainash	<i>Sorbus decora</i>	#1 Tree	\$15.75			180
Staghorn Sumac	<i>Rhus typhina</i>	#2 Tree	\$20.25			328
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum</i>	#1 Tree	\$15.75			262

TOTAL

PRE-ORDERS ONLY - no trees or shrubs available for purchase the day of pickup. Make **check payable to Wild Ones Fox Valley** and send completed form (please make a copy for your records) to WILD Center address above. Trees and shrubs are not guaranteed¹. For tree information go to: www.johnsonsnursery.com/Native_Plants_of_Wisconsin.aspx.

Questions call Sharon Ziebert at (920) 410-6932

Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

¹The Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter makes no warranty on merchantability or other warranties express or implied. All material is sold as being true to form and species, and it is in good condition. All orders are subject to crop conditions. The order is void should injury befall the nursery stock from natural events, inventory error, or other cause beyond our control prior to pick-up. In this case, purchaser may choose other species of equal value or request a refund.

Visit us online at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org



Members and Non-members Welcome

2015 Ben Arnold Prairie, Mequon & Cedarburg Bog, Saukville, WI Bus Tour

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Cost: \$30/person (Paid RSVP due by Sept 5, 2015)

Carol & Bob Niendorf highly recommend the Prairie tour saying "It is an extraordinary example of a 30-year restoration from a 20-acre farm field to a tall-grass prairie with native plants, ponds, mudflats and trees."

In contrast the boardwalk into the Cedarburg string bog will take you through seven different plant communities allowing you to see a number of insectivorous plants.

- 6:45 a.m. Bus leaves: WILD Center, 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd., Neenah, 54956 — Depart 6:55 a.m.
- 7:20 a.m. Bus leaves: Festival Foods, Oshkosh parking lot (Use outer perimeter for parking, just off Hwy. 21) — Depart 7:30 a.m.
- 7:55 a.m. Bus leaves: Schreiner's Restaurant, Fond du Lac parking lot (Use outer perimeter for parking, Johnson St.) — Depart 8::05 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. Guided Tour: Ben Arnold property (Bring your lunch & beverage, area provided to eat lunch outdoors) — Depart 12:15 p.m.
- 1:00 p.m. Guided Tour: Cedarburg string bog — Depart 3:30 p.m.
- 3:45 p.m. Wayne's Drive-in, Cedarburg (time permitting, ice cream treats) — Depart 4:15 p.m.
- 4:40 p.m. Return to: Schreiner's Restaurant, Fond du Lac
- 5:05 p.m. Return to: Festival Foods, Oshkosh
- 5:35 p.m. Return to: WILD Center



Ben Arnold Property



Cedarburg String Bog

Note:	Transportation by Kobussen 27 passenger coach bus with restroom and other amenities.	Times may change based on registration and pick-up sites.	Participants will receive final details about a week before trip.
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Checks are payable to: Wild Ones Fox Valley (Fees will be refunded if we do not have a minimum of 20 reservations.)

Mail to: Lucy Valitchka, N2695 Meade St., Appleton, WI 54913 Phone: (920) 733-0568 Email: Lmvalitchka@new.rr.com

Name(s): _____

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Phone: Home (____) _____ Mobile (____) _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$30 per person)

Email (registration confirmation): _____ Pick-up: FDL Oshkosh Wild Center