

New Members

New Fox Valley Area Chapter members:

Lester Abel, Kaukauna
Joseph Martin, Appleton
Candace Meyer, Appleton
Sandy Morrissey, Oshkosh
Mary Jo Ruleau, Peshtigo

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

Annual WOFVA Membership Meeting

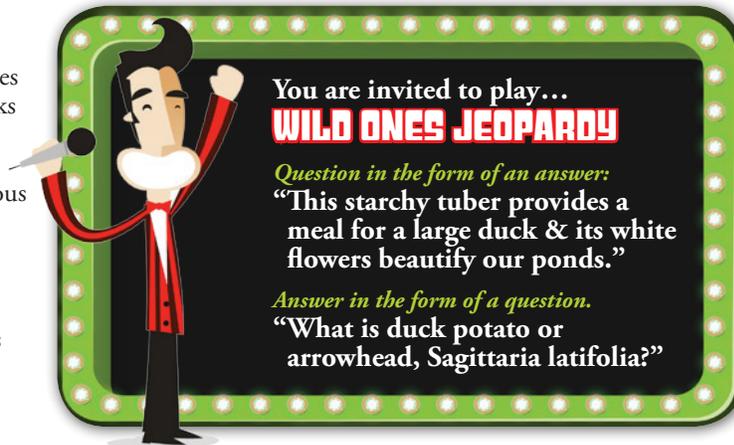
Thursday | February 25, 2016 | Wild Center | POT LUCK | 6 pm

Every year in February, the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter holds its annual membership meeting at the Wild Center. We gather to acknowledge the work that has been accomplished throughout the year and celebrate the wonderful volunteers who have contributed to the success of our mission. The earth is a more diverse and greener place because of our efforts to promote the use of native plants. 2015 has been a year of great activity and this will be a night to celebrate and share.

We will be sharing SEEDS. Bring native seeds that you may have collected throughout the year, either from your own yard or from our membership sites last fall. No seed? Come prepared to take some home. There is always plenty.

We will be sharing FUN. Upon completing the business portion, we will divide into two teams to answer native plant questions in wacky Jeopardy style.

We will be sharing FOOD. Wild Ones folks are great cooks and we love to eat. There are always healthy and delicious offerings...sweet treats too. Bring a dish to pass and a place setting for yourself. Beverages will be provided.



Which team, the Rattlesnake Masters or the Virginia Creepers will prevail in this war of wits, Wild Ones style?

Come prepared to be silly and learn a thing or two.

Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

February 25 | Thr | Potluck Dinner 6pm | Wild Center
Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner
2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

March 31 | Thr | Social 6:30pm | Program 7pm | Evergreen RC
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1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

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

Please see page 3 for additional event details

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

wildones.org



President's Message

Greetings to the membership!

It was very satisfying to see so many of you at the Toward Harmony with Nature conference. Always an informative event, this year's 20th anniversary conference was particularly stimulating.

The Wild Ones Fox Valley Area membership is large in number and in geography. Spread out over eight counties in northeastern Wisconsin it isn't likely that any one person would know all 270 of us. Yet there are many ways to connect with the mission and with the membership.

The program committee has just published the programs and tours brochure for 2016 and there are many educational opportunities there. Besides our fourth Thursday of the month meetings, we have two all-day tours scheduled that are sure to be of interest. Volunteering at the Wild Center grounds or working on a committee is a great way to connect with others of like mind. Serving on the WOFVA board provides an opportunity to gather every month to connect with some very dedicated and interesting people.

Another way to stay connected is on the Wild Ones Fox Valley Facebook group page, check it out. There you can post pictures of your own habitat as well as share articles of environmental interest. Add your home yard to the corridor of native plantings compiled with fellow members by 'Getting on the Map'. That tab can be found on the WOFVA website at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org. Our website, mastered by Shannon Davis-Foust, offers you a chance to browse through the plant sale list for spring, review past newsletters, note real estate postings and anticipate upcoming events. As president, I try and keep in touch with everyone through the monthly electronic e-blast of area events. *Did you know that 90% of our membership now is e-mail active?*

There are many options for 'staying connected' throughout 2016. I hope you will connect with at least one of them.



Loris Damerow
President, Wild Ones
Fox Valley Area

2016 Programs & Tours

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- **Shoreline Restoration**
1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

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

May 14 | Sat | 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 | 6–7:30pm | 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. Kay Langner, will lead us on a guided 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, 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.

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 Tim McKeag

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.

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!**

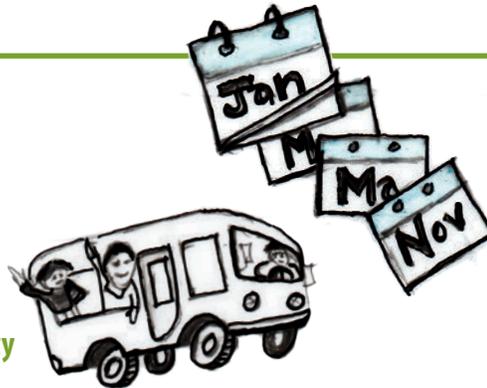
Jan 28 | Sat | 8am–4:15pm | 21st Annual Conference

• **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.
- 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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Guidelines for Seed Exchange on February 25th

At the February 25 annual meeting members are invited to bring native seed to share. Bring seeds sorted and labeled. You might want to include where it was gathered, and any tips on growing conditions.

If you want to take, bring envelopes or small bags and a marker. Take only the quantity you want to plant this year. Extra seeds can be donated. If there is a small amount of seed, leave some for others. Some seeds are very small and a little goes a long way if conditions are right.



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:

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