

New Members

We hope to see these new members at our upcoming tours and programs:

Richard Johnson, Appleton
Sharon Harwood, Appleton
Tom and Toni Young, Waupaca
Miriam Douglass, Appleton
Kim Walbrun, Neenah
Bob and Judy Mickelson, Neenah
Louise Ebben, Appleton
Margaret Alexander, Neenah
Jim Hanson, Appleton
Dave and Sue Tebo, Appleton
Thomas B. Ginke, Neenah

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

wildones.org

It's Happening Here And It's Great!

With the Annual Conference celebrating Wild Ones 35th Anniversary right here in the valley we have a great opportunity to see and hear some wonderful speakers. Put in some volunteer time that will count toward our chapter rent of the Center and enjoy the company of members from many other chapters.

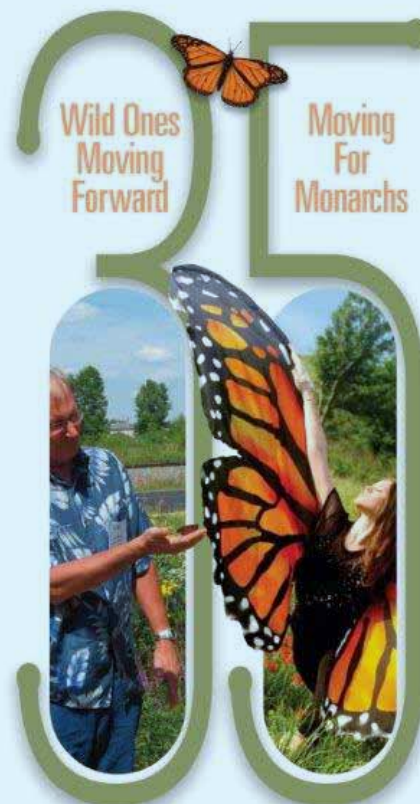
Friday 7:00 pm—Speaker UW-Milwaukee Cedarburg Bog Field Station Director Jim Reinartz, PhD, will present “Development of the Pre-settlement Plant Communities of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Region”

Saturday 2:30 pm—Speaker Rob Zimmer, Yard MD Columnist for Gannett Wisconsin Media, will present a “WILD Beauty.”

Saturday 7:00 pm—Speaker Wild Ones Honorary Director Tom Barnes, PhD, will present “A Native Habitat Garden.”

Sunday 11:00 am—Founder and Director Chip Taylor, PhD, of Monarch Watch will present “A Monarch Butterfly Recovery Plan” followed by children's monarch festival events and filming of the dance of the monarchs.

Come Celebrate



with Us!

Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

August 9 | Saturday | 10 AM De Pere | 1 PM Green Bay

Tour: Our Chapter has invited the Green Bay Chapter to join us for two exceptional tours highlighting trees and shrubs.

LaLuzerne Property, 4238 Pouwels Ct, De Pere, WI 54115, 4 miles south of East De Pere.

Mead Property, 3283 West Point Rd, Green Bay, WI 54313. A 7 acre property on west edge of Green Bay with a 2-acre prairie.

August 15-17 | Friday–Sunday | WILD Center
35th Year Celebration and Annual Conference

September 25 | Thursday 6:30 | Oshkosh

Evergreen Retirement Community
Plants in Winter: Surviving the Big Chill
Dr. Jim Reinartz, plant ecologist and Director of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station

September 27 | Saturday | WILD Center
Native Tree and Shrub Sale

Pre-order pick-up only (Order form in this newsletter and on webpage) Contact: Sharon Ziebert (920-410-6932)

President's Message

In a few weeks, Wild Ones members from all over the Midwest and beyond will be gathering in our Fox Valley for the 35th anniversary celebration and annual conference of the national Wild Ones organization. It only took nine people, attending a natural landscaping workshop with Lorrie Otto in 1977 to germinate the seed for a national not-for-profit organization. On June 8, 1990, Wild Ones was organized in the state of Wisconsin as a non-stock corporation with a mission of sharing information at a 'plant roots' level, about natives, biodiversity and environmentally sound landscape practices. Now, 35 years later, 3795 members strong, and with 50 chapters across the United States, the relevancy of this ecologically focused organization is even more imperative. Here in Wisconsin, the last 150 years have brought many changes to our natural environment, yet, Wild Ones continues to make a difference, rescuing and reeducating communities about the importance of native plants, one yard at a time.

For members of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area you do not need a road trip to be where the action is. Right here, at the WILD Center, under the big top canopy, in the middle of the restored prairie, August 15-17th, we will be recharging our collective batteries at the annual conference. With mission driven speakers, nature loving entertainers, and other like-minded folks to celebrate, we will share information and ideas about the future of the Wild Ones. If you have been so lucky as to see a monarch flitting about your yard this summer, take it as your cue to register today at the wildones.org web site. In addition to hosting the weekend of informational activities, our Wild Ones Fox Valley Area will be hosts of the grand finale community monarch event, Monarch Moves Dance n' Plant Festival, on Sunday starting at 11am. Amidst the beauty of the prairie, join us and let your imagination soar into the next 35 years and beyond.

Loris Damerow
President, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area



Thank You To A Great Volunteer

This WOFVA newsletter was laid out by Linda Grishaber who has served as our volunteer layout designer for the last six years. That is over 896 hours of volunteering! Since 2005, Linda also helped with design work for national Wild Ones. We thank you Linda for your generous giving of your time and skills to Wild Ones Fox Valley Area.

— Loris Damerow, President

Attention Non-profits

Time is fast approaching for the Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant Program. Non-profits wishing to enhance wildlife through the restoration and establishment of native plant gardens while educating the public and youth, time is fast approaching. Start planning your native gardens now. Successful applicants can receive up to \$500. Grant deadline is February 15th. Visit <http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/> for more details.

Volunteers Needed For Wild Ones 35th Celebration

Chapter members come and enjoy the upcoming Wild Ones 35th Anniversary Celebration and volunteer for two or more hours to help make the event run smoothly. Our Chapter will be the onsite hosts at the WILD Center. The Illinois chapters are co-hosts, making generous monetary donations toward the event.

This year, since more people are expected to attend, all food (lunches and dinners) will be catered and refreshment breaks will be kept simple. Our only job will be to make sure the snack bowls are filled and the sun tea is plentiful. The other functions we will help with are: welcoming other chapter members, making them feel at home (since the Center is their national headquarters or home too); making sure the event runs smoothly by helping with any set-up needs for the workshops or main presentations; and keeping the grounds and Center clean looking.

Please check your calendars, consider volunteering during the event and attend one or more of the outstanding presentations. Listings of the times volunteers will be needed will be in upcoming emails. Remember, every hour you work counts toward meeting our yearly required 300 volunteer hours at the Center.

If you have any questions or wish to confirm times you can volunteer - Friday morning/afternoon/evening; Saturday morning/afternoon/evening; Sunday morning/afternoon - please contact Kris Kauth at kkauth@sbcglobal.net. Kris Kauth, past president and Loris Damerow, president, are the volunteer coordinators for this event.

Be Woods Wise By Learning At Heckrodt Nature Center

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area's June program, Be Woods Wise (Managing Your Native Woodland), was a talk and tour led by Tracey Koenig, Executive Director of Heckrodt Wetland Reserve. Heckrodt, in Menasha, is a 76-acre urban nature reserve with forested wetland, cattail marsh, open water, created prairie, open field, and upland forest habitats.



Heckrodt's mission is to enhance, restore, and preserve the Reserve and educate all people in the importance of conserving our natural resources while promoting the Reserve's many recreational opportunities.

Tracey recommends consulting The Wildlife and Your Land series, designed by the Wisconsin DNR, for suggestions for private landowners on how to manage for wildlife. <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/yourland.html>.

Monarch Moves And Dance N' Plant Festival

The Moving for Monarchs crew will be filming their second segment "Dance of Life" at the WILD Center on Sunday, August 17th. Plan to be there by 11am to hear Dr. Chip Taylor kick off the Monarch Move and Dance n' Plant Festival with his update on the plan for the monarch butterfly migration recovery. Then stay for the fun, the dance and the interaction as the film crew finalizes scenes for their latest video and talks with festival participants. Wear a butterfly costume and compete for prizes for the best costume. Hosted by Wild Ones Fox Valley Area, and besides the many games and other fun activities, there will be a dance review and an instructional session on dancing for monarchs. At the end of the festival, everyone will come together and move for monarchs while the crew films the action.

Newsletter Online?

Would you like to receive only the online (color) version of the newsletter? If you like the option of reading the newsletter online and/or downloading it instead of receiving a mailed paper copy we would appreciate hearing from you. Although we will continue to mail out copies, reducing the number of issues to be mailed would help 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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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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On Saturday June 21 four Chapter members participated in the Butterfly Festival at Appleton's City Park. Although rain was threatening, the event had a record number of children with their parents. One thousand Painted Lady butterflies were released simultaneously by those in attendance. The Chapter display was set up on our table and Barb Gossen had a couple of her monarch caterpillars on display. She did a lot of explaining about the life of a monarch butterfly. Meanwhile, Kris Kauth and Joan Rudolph helped children make butterflies to take home. Their butterflies were decorated with colorful stickers and given pipe cleaner legs. What fun!



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
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