

## New Members

Fall is in the air as we welcome these new Chapter members:

Karl Brekke, Fond du Lac  
Pat and Dick Filzen, Appleton  
Joseph Jares, Neenah  
Lawanda Jungwirth, Neenah  
Teri Whitman, Greenleaf

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

## Lessons from Leopold to be Featured at January Conference

We're proud to announce that **Dr. Stanley Temple**, who for 32 years held the UW academic position once held by Aldo Leopold, will be the keynote speaker at our 19<sup>th</sup> annual "*Toward Harmony With Nature*" conference at the Oshkosh Convention Center. You'll want to take special note of the date: **January 24**, NOT the last Saturday in January this year.



Photo courtesy of the Department of Forest and Wildlife Ecology, Madison, WI

Dr. Temple, who now serves as a Senior Research Fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation, will explain how Leopold's daily journal observations and those carried on by others who have followed him can help us understand how climate change is affecting our ecological community. As you know, this is a timely and vitally important issue, so be sure to invite your friends and family. And if you've been intending to read or reread Leopold's "*A Sand County Almanac*," now is a good time to do it!

Following the keynote address you will be able to choose from nine breakout session speakers on a full range of topics that will inspire and inform you on how you can plan, plant, and care for native plants on your own property. As Leopold said in "Almanac," "What better expresses land than the plants that originally grew on it?"

There will also be many native plants exhibitors and vendors, networking opportunities, a silent auction, a buffet luncheon, a book table, and Wild Ones merchandise.

You should receive a conference brochure and registration form in November. A full schedule of the conference speakers will also appear in the next issue of the Chapter newsletter and will be posted on the conference website at [towardharmonywithnature.org](http://towardharmonywithnature.org).



## 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](http://wildones.org)

## Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

**October 23 | Thursday | 6:30 PM | WILD Center**

**Holiday Decorating with Native Plants** – Loris Damerow, Chapter president, will lead this hands-on session. Create a swag for your home using native evergreens with prairie forbs and grasses. This program was enjoyed by many members last year. It has a little different accent on plants this year.

**November 20 | Thursday | 6:30 pm | Evergreen Retirement Community**

**The Story of Growing Oshkosh, Non-profit, Organic Urban Farm** – Dani Stolley, Founder/Farmer and CEO of Growing Oshkosh will present the story of how Growing Oshkosh came to be and share the successes (and some failures) from their first year of existence. (Joint program with Winnebago Audubon)

**December | No Meeting**

**January 24 | Saturday | 2015 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference in Oshkosh**

## President's Message

This growing season, I embarked on the strategic dissolution of turf grass in my front yard. This project has been a few years in the making after our American elm succumbed to disease and was removed. Something was needed to replace it.

I live in downtown Appleton, on a main thoroughfare, 507 W. Prospect Ave. The loss of the big tree was mitigated by having SUN for prairie plants.

Sand and dirt mix was piled for mounded island beds. I planted with abandon; asters, goldenrods, cone flowers, rudbeckias, grasses. I went crazy. Everything grew. It is now autumn and I am reaping the harvest of these beautiful plants with lots of bloom, texture, birds and buzzing life.

The abandon of the New England aster and cup plant, yes, even in the front yard, is being tempered by strategic pruning and deadheading.

I am discovering that the brilliant red of cardinal flower, *lobelia cardinalis*, lasts for such a long time and the sweet mounding habit of prairie petunia, *ruellia humilis*, makes a green and periwinkle cascade along the edge of a path.

My 30 x 20 foot front yard will never be a real prairie, but using native plants in my urban landscape is exciting and restorative, and this is only the first season.

What an adventure it is to be in relationship with our living landscape and to learn what each plant contributes to the tapestry. WILD ONES, healing me and the earth, one yard at a time.

Loris Damerow  
President, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area



## Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant – It's Not Too Early to Apply

Non-profits wishing to enhance the environment through native plantings have an opportunity to apply for the *Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant*. Up to \$500 can be awarded to successful applicants for purchase of plants or seeds needed to restore habitat or create outdoor classrooms.

While **February 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline**, it is not too early to begin developing your landscape project. "For one," points out grant chair, Cheryl Root, "pictures need to be taken of areas to be developed. This is difficult to do with snow on the ground. It is also easier to become inspired as images of flowerbeds in full bloom are a recent memory."

"Another reason for beginning the application process early," added long time grant evaluator and Senior Lecturer Emeritus of Biological Sciences at UW Fox Valley, Joy Perry, "is that it will only seem like minutes pass after the holidays and the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline will be here. We also are anxious to receive requests to fund well-developed native landscape projects."

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





# 2014 Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant Recipients Report Success

Despite cool temperatures and rainy conditions, 2014 *Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant* recipients report success. This year's conditions were in sharp contrast to the dry, hot conditions of the previous year. David Roisum from Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Church said, "If I had known we would have so much rain, I would not have installed the temporary sprinkler that we used only about twice in the first month and then not again." There was only a 10% casualty rate out of 360 plants added to their pollinator garden. "Many bloomed in their first season and several are now three feet tall." Cindy Mueller, Wildlife Naturalist at High Cliff State Park, said her staff was pleasantly surprised at the success rate of their Arbor Day tree planting.



**High Cliff:** Kimberly Clark Environmental Sustainability Team who helped mulch after the trees were planted.

Grant money enabled High Cliff to plant 500 small trees comprised of white oak, hickory, maple, and birch. "The cool and damp weather this year," said Cindy, "helped the trees establish strong roots. Of course the trees have not endured winter conditions and winter deer browse as yet!"

While wet conditions posed no threat to High Cliff, the wet spring did cause some issues for the sugar bush planting at

Bubolz Nature Center. "Even though this is an upland site," reported Executive Director, Randy Tuma, "we had to wait for the water to recede prior to planting and mulching." Eventually the waters receded and the ten ten-foot sugar maple trees were planted. "These trees," reports Tuma, "will help repopulate our upland hardwood forest and serve as Sugar Bush trees for children to tap in the future."

Louise Marum, Assistant Naturalist at Ledgeview Nature Center also reports favorable comments from Friends Group Members and visitors about their Arboretum Expansion. Grant money was not used to purchase trees but thirty different species of wildflowers to be added to their woodland area. "On May 10<sup>th</sup> Boy Scouts from a number of different troops learned about the importance of native plants and helped us plant the wildflowers into the plots," said Marum. Eventually plant labels will be added to help visitors learn to identify plant species.

All of the 2014 grant recipients expressed appreciation and thanks for the *Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant* program. The grant provided support for these non-profits to expand and support native habitats while educating young and old alike about native plants as the foundation for supporting birds, pollinators, and other wildlife.

**Ledgeview:** Boy Scout troop helps in native planting.



## Newsletter Online?

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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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## Wow! What a Conference!

The celebration of the 35<sup>th</sup> Wild Ones Annual Conference was a great success! It was special to have Chip Taylor, Executive Director of Monarch Watch talk about the Monarch butterfly. Gwynedd's dance in the prairie that followed was beautiful. Face-painting and costumes entertained the children.



## *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:

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