

Fox
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Area
NEWSLETTER

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Wild Ones

Welcome, New Members!

We look forward to meeting you:

Ron and Nancy Jones,
Appleton

Bruce VanEnkvert,
Appleton

Sam and Sara Theabo,
Omro

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

Articles for the December/January
newsletter, must be submitted
to the Newsletter Editor at
jrudolph53@hotmail.com by **Friday,**
November 15, 2013.



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. Off Stroebe, turn right onto Butte des Morts Beach Rd.



Do Butterflies Have Grandparents?



Wild Ones Fox Valley Area had a small but fun turnout for our first Monarch program with children. The kids enjoyed all of the activities from making butterfly rings to butterfly cookies. We had a butterfly chalk mural on the driveway in front of the WILD Center. Lots of winged fantasies were created. A story was read about how a monarch grows. It was fascinating when Tracey Koenig took a monarch out of an envelope, tagged it and released it. Off it flew into the sky! Then the children tagged the butterfly rings they had made.



Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

September 29 to October 5 • Sunday through Saturday
Seed Gathering at selected members' properties. Look for
follow-up emails for locations and on webpage.

October 24 • Thursday • 6:30 PM • WILD Center
Seasonal Decorating with Native Plants

WOFVA members Loris Damerow and Rebecca Eyer will help
you bring the beauty of the prairie to your table by creating a
dried arrangement to take home.

November 21 • Thursday • 6:30 PM
Evergreen Retirement Community, Oshkosh

What's buzzin' in your backyard? Honey bees or Mason Bees?
Andy Kueger, a local beekeeper and gardener, will explain
the benefits of bees and beekeeping. She will tell us why we
need to help bees. Joint program with Winnebago Audubon.

President's Message

Greetings Everyone,

As you will read in this issue, the Annual Conference Planning Committee is bringing in Doug Tallamy as keynote speaker for our conference in January! Don't miss this event. I have heard him speak twice over the last three years and he is an awe-inspiring speaker on the need to restore native plants in our yards for sustaining the biodiversity of our ecosystem. The photographs he has taken in his own naturally landscaped yard of the variety of pollinators (insects, caterpillars, butterflies and birds) and the native plants they depend upon are absolutely incredible. His main message is that every yard counts, no matter the size. We can each make a difference almost immediately by planting a native species in our yards. I encourage you to not only come yourself but to bring a friend or neighbor or both, to help spread the word about the importance of restoring native plants in our gardens. This truly is the next grassroots conservation movement that we can all take part in, right in our own yards.

Once again in August, we hosted the national Wild Ones Annual Membership Meeting at the WILD Center. Many thanks to our members who volunteered over the 3-day event, ensuring everything went smoothly. Many compliments were received from the 60+ attendees.

In September, the newly formed Wild for Monarchs Ad Hoc Committee held a great educational and fun filled event for children and adults, helping to get the word out about monarchs and the need to plant milkweed. Way to go!

Board Action

A donation of \$500 was made to the Lori Otto Endowment Fund for the national Seeds for Education grant program.

The Chapter has a new website, which we know you are going to like. Many thanks to Jamie Fuerst, Wild Ones Marketing Assistant, who developed the new user friendly chapter web page template for all chapters to use. Shannon Davis-Foust, our Web Chair, has been entering and updating our material to the new site. Loris Damerow, V-P, has been taking pictures, which includes photos of our board members. Now you can put a face to a name. Just go to foxvalleyarea.wildones.org. Soon to come, a Facebook organizational page for the Chapter. A big thank you to them for working on this!

Happy fall everyone.

Kristin Kauth, President

Our *Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow* grants program supports schools, houses of worship, and other public and nonprofit organizations in the Fox Valley Area of Wisconsin for projects involving the creation of natural landscapes and outdoor classrooms using native plants. Grants awarded range from \$100 to \$500 and support purchase of native flowers and forbs, grasses, trees, shrubs, and native plant seed. The required grant application is due February 15, 2014 and can be found at the WOFVA website: <http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/resources>.

2013 Grant Recipients Work to Make Gardens Grow

How does their garden grow? Cold spring temperatures did not hinder Horace Mann High School in Fond du Lac and Omro Middle School from finally getting their gardens planted. While the current drought also is not a help, recipients report that plants are surviving and they look forward to using them as part of their educational program in years to come.

Says Horace Mann Science teacher, Dixie Jarchow, "We are grateful that Wild Ones gave us the grant to make our garden a wonderful, learning place for all. She adds, "Science club is going to provide lesson plans this year for each grade so the garden can be most fully utilized."

While not a school, Holly Boettcher, from Greenville is really excited about the grant given to spice up their rain gardens. Despite the drought she says, "Wait 'til next year; it is really going to pop."

We congratulate our recipients and their efforts to educate youth and the community.

Photo, top:

Ivan Fillilobos – blue

Jacob McDonald – red

Jared Angell – green

Austin Davis – gray

Photo, below:

Ciera Tucker – green jacket

John Geffers (teacher) gray sweater

Stevie Holt – pink pants

Casey Buchanan – orange hat



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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 2013 Annual Conference and Workshops were once again an enjoyable event. As part of the General Meeting, we received an update on the Wild For Monarchs program. Thanks to Pam Wolfe, eight newly emerged monarchs were released at the WILD Center. The Council Ring was used for the first time with a warming campfire.



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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Your mailing label is date coded with your membership **renewal**. Please pay your dues by that date. Send your check, **\$37.00** per household, made out to Wild Ones Fox Valley to: **Wild Ones PO Box 1274, Appleton, WI 54912**. Thank you.

Nationally Recognized Environmental Speaker And Award-Winning Author Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy To Open 18th Annual Toward Harmony With Nature Conference

January 25, 2014 – Oshkosh Convention Center

With great excitement, the Conference Planning Committee announces that Dr. Douglas W. Tallamy will give the opening keynote, "The Vital New Role of the Suburban/Urban Garden" at our annual conference. Chances are most people have never thought of their gardens or yards, no matter the size, as our last chance for sustaining native plants, insects and animals to preserve our nation's biodiversity. His book, "Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens," has stimulated a national discussion about the need to share our living and working spaces with the biodiversity that runs our ecosystems and sustains our lives. As Professor and current Chair of the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and Director of the Center for Managed Ecosystems, he is a sought-out speaker, giving 80-100 talks yearly.

Dr. Tallamy's in-depth and thought-provoking presentation will be given in two parts during the morning: Part I – The value of having native plants in our yards, and Part II – Creating healthy, biodiverse neighborhood corridors.

The afternoon will feature two breakout sessions with six expert speakers on native plants and natural landscapes. There will be breaks for visiting exhibitors, vendors and silent auction tables and networking with other conference attendees.

The conference is open to the public. For more details see our conference website, towardharmonywithnature.org. **SAVE THE DATE!**

In the past we have not designed gardens that play a critical ecological role in the landscape, but we must do so in the future. The importance of our doing this cannot be overstated. (Doug Tallamy, "Gardening for Life" in Wild Ones Journal Vol. 22, No. 2)

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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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

