

## New Members

Welcome Spring and new Wild Ones members:

Laurie Case, Neenah  
Ron and Bev Haag, Van Dyne  
Anne Kirk, Berlin  
Jeff Levenhagen, Appleton  
Judith Pfrang, Menasha  
Beth Shambeau, Beaver Dam  
Cindy Verzal, Oshkosh

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

## How Much Experience Do You Have?

More and more people are becoming interested in native plants but many are at a loss as to where to begin. Your experience as a WOFVA member can be invaluable to someone just starting out. If you have already incorporated native plants into your landscape or have rehabbed an abandoned patch of ground, you know the challenges involved. Your experience as a native gardener can be a boon to a home-owner, school or neighborhood, just starting out. WOFVA is seeking members interested in helping others make a difference in their yards by serving as a mentor in our mentoring program.

*New members, would you like some additional help with planning your yard or garden?* Perhaps you have a new project you would like to tackle but are not sure about right plant for the right place. Asking for help from a Wild Ones mentor may help ensure success.

Rosemary Eiden has stepped forward as the chairperson of this new standing committee that was approved by the Board in the fall of 2014. Mentoring guidelines are already in place, outlining the scope of the mentor role. As mentor, you will be meeting with the mentee, on site, to discuss goals for the landscape project, large or small and guide the mentee in making decisions about native plants, lay out, sustainable landscaping practices,

and directing the mentee to information and resources for their yard or garden. Your role is one of adviser, not laborer. Mentors do not provide physical work. Mentoring is about education and support. There is an array of information: books, articles, written materials and resources, available through the Wild Ones website and library at your disposal. Information on everything from managing invasives to establishing a rain garden is available to you as you work with your mentee to meet their goals. As chairperson of this committee, Rosemary will work to pair you with a mentee who is a good match for your experience.

Rosemary continues to tailor information and gather resources as we move into spring with our mentoring program.

During the months of April and May, there will be mentoring meetings to orient you to the mentor role, complete paperwork and review resources material. As we move into the summer season, with our goal of 10 mentor/mentee pairs by the end of the year, we encourage you to offer your experience or ask for help by becoming a mentor or a mentee.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or a mentee (*Mentees must be a member of WOFVA to participate in the program*) contact **Rosemary Eiden**, mentor Chairperson, at: [rosi5632@att.net](mailto:rosi5632@att.net) or call 920-233-1327.



## 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

**April 2 | Thursday | WILD Center | First Thursday**  
**April 18 | Saturday | 9 am & 11 am | WILD Center | Rain Barrel Workshop**  
**April 22 | Wednesday | Noon, UW-Fox Valley & 3 pm WILD Center | Fox Cities Book Festival**  
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**April 23 | Thursday | 6:30 pm | WILD Center | Invasive Plants and Worms in the Fox Valley Area**  
**April 24 | Friday | 5:30 pm | WILD Center | Rain Barrel Workshop**  
**April 25 | Saturday | 6 pm | WILD Center Council Ring | Sing-A-Long**  
**May 9 | Saturday | 9–11 am | WILD Center | Native Plant Sale & Order Pick-Up**  
**May 28 | Thursday | 6 pm | High Cliff State Park, Sherwood | Tour Spring at High Cliff**  
**Jun 13 | Saturday | All day | Door County Tour** (please see registration sheet insert)

Please see page 3 for additional event details

## President's Message

Spring is bursting out all over. As the earth is revving up for another season, so is Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter, as it offers many opportunities to promote the use of native plants.

As a member, perhaps you are going to get your hands on some natives at our annual spring plant sale. Even if you have no more space in your yard to squeeze in a zig-zag goldenrod or a milkweed, perhaps you are volunteering to carry flats or inspect seedlings. Maybe you attended the program on invasive worms and are now looking at the ground outside your window with a whole new perspective. This month, I hope you are thinking about walking through the woods at High Cliff State Park and breathing in the air of spring on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Certainly you have marked your calendar for our field trip to Door Landscape & Nursery of Egg Harbor, lunch at Bistro42 and wine tasting.

There are so many good ways to enjoy our Wild Ones organization and I invite you to share in the growth and learning with two new programs this year, our Mentoring and Speaker's Bureau.

Our Chapter, with its 20 year history, has a lot of expertise and experience within its membership. Please consider becoming a mentor to someone just starting out discovering the beauty and importance of native plants. You do not have to have all of the answers, but knowing buckthorn from box elder could really give someone a leg up in improving their landscape.

We have a growing array of slides and talking points for Speaker's Bureau presenters to take out into the community. You don't have to be a scientist to share the word about making a difference one yard at a time.

Our newly updated display board is being seen by more people every month and we need volunteers to chat with folks about the benefits of natives. You know why YOU are a member of this organization and that qualifies you to speak to others about it.

Our Board and committees are working hard to make volunteering easy, with wonderful resources and engaging presentations. Do contact us by phone, (877) 394-9453 or e-mail: [wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com) if you are interested in reaching out to others with the opportunities to grow and learn.

In working together we can promote, with confidence, the importance and satisfaction of working with native plants.



— Loris Damerow  
President, Wild  
Ones Fox  
Valley Area

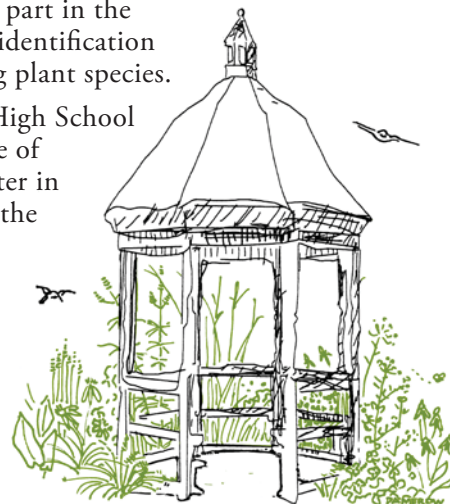
## 2015 Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant Recipients Announced

Committee members Rich Fischer, Zaiga Freivalds, Tracey Koenig, Joy Perry, and Cheryl Root announce the 2015 Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant recipients.

Two organizations, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve and High Cliff State Park, were awarded \$500 in support of their projects. Heckrodt will be using the funds to create a sensory garden of native grasses that will be part of their newly constructed World Beneath Their Feet play area and educational programming. High Cliff will use its award to beautify the welcoming center and park entrance. A scout group will take part in the High Cliff project by planting plants, and identification signs will help educate the public regarding plant species.

A third organization, St. Mary's Catholic High School was awarded a \$250 certificate for purchase of woodland plants to help manage storm water in Jane's Woods, a two acre parcel located on the east end of their property. Middle School students from Seton Middle School will also be involved in this project.

We commend these organizations on their projects and look forward to the fruits of their efforts as they work to create more sustainable habits for the benefit of birds, insects and other wildlife – people, too!



## Educational Enrichment Subsidies Available for WOFVA Members

There is so much to learn about native plants, sustainable landscaping and the complex interplay of natural eco-systems. In addition to our information packed annual conference, held each January, and our diverse monthly educational programs, WOFVA encourages the membership to seek further educational enrichment as it relates to the Wild Ones mission.

In an effort to promote learning, the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter Board has set aside \$500 annually for educational stipends. \$250 per person is available for approved conference, workshop, or leadership trainings. These funds can be used toward registration fees, lodging, travel, or meal expenses.

Once a WOFVA board member, committee member or member-at-large, identifies a suitable educational opportunity they would like to pursue, funds can be applied toward these purposes. Applications can be obtained on the website, [wildonesfoxvalley.com](http://wildonesfoxvalley.com) under GRANTS/Application for Monetary Support for Members to Attend Educational Programs.

All applications must be submitted to a Chapter Board meeting prior to the event for approval. Chapter Board meetings are usually held on the first Monday of every month. Upon approval, the recipient of the award will be expected to make a formal presentation to the Board and/or the membership, through an article in the Chapter newsletter or presentation at a membership meeting.

This is a new benefit of WOFVA membership, one that we hope members will consider in the coming year. This policy is in accordance with the Chapter's Financial Guidelines - Fund education motivators such as scholarships to teachers or members to attend workshops which will further their knowledge about topics consistent with our long-range goals.



# Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

## First Thursday

April 2 – November 5 | Thursday | WILD Center

April 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the WILD Center's First Thursday for 2015. Plan to join volunteers as we spruce up the WILD Center site in anticipation of action-packed warm weather seasons. We already have many events planned. And mark your calendar with First Thursdays for the rest of the summer through November.

## Rain Barrel Workshops Coming in April & May

April 18, Saturday, 9 am and 11 am | April 24, Friday, 5:30 pm | WILD Center

Rain barrel workshops will again be held at the WILD Center on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am and 11am and also at 5:30pm on April 24<sup>th</sup>. To register go to [wildones.org/rainbarrel-workshops](http://wildones.org/rainbarrel-workshops) or stop by the WILD Center. \$45/member or \$50/non-members includes all materials and equipment necessary to make one rain barrel.

WILD Center will need Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter volunteer assistance with all these activities. Please contact Kim at [communications@wildones.org](mailto:communications@wildones.org) or at (920) 730-3986 or stop by the WILD Center and sign-up.

## Fox Cities Book Festival

April 22, Wednesday | April 23, Thursday | Noon, UW-Fox Valley | 3 pm, WILD Center

WILD Center is hosting Bill Berry author of *Banning DDT* – how citizen activists in Wisconsin led the way on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon at the UW-Fox Valley and at 3:00pm at the WILD Center. If it hadn't been for Lorrie Otto and this gang of Wisconsin rebels, DDT may never have been banned nationally and Earth Day likely would not be celebrated. Folksinger Steve Hazell will also be one of the authors this year talking about his book *The Kindred Path* on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information go to [foxcitiesbookfestival.org](http://foxcitiesbookfestival.org)



## Invasive Plants and Worms in the Fox Valley Area

April 23 | Thursday | 6:30 pm | WILD Center

Kelly Kearns, Invasive Plant Coordinator for the Natural Heritage Conservation Program of the Wisconsin DNR, will discuss identification, control and disposal of invasives. She has worked with a team since 2004 to develop and implement the comprehensive invasive species rule, NR 40, which is currently being revised.

## Sing-A-Long at Council Ring

April 25 | Saturday | 6 pm | WILD Center Council Ring

In celebration of Earth Day week, folksinger Steve Hazell will be our guest at a sing-a-long at the WILD Center Council Ring on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Plan to join us and bring your friends and family members for some fun, roasting marshmallows and lots of song around the old campfire.

## Native Plant Sale & Order Pick-Up

May 9 | Saturday | 9–11 am | WILD Center

Order form on webpage. Contact: Sharon Ziebert (920) 410-6932.

## Tour Spring at High Cliff

May 28 | Thursday | 6 pm | High Cliff State Park, Sherwood

Cynthia Mueller, High Cliff State Park Naturalist and a member of the Friends of High Cliff Board of Directors will give a tour of the park highlighting their successful project partnerships.

## Door County Tour

Jun 13 | Saturday | All day (please see registration sheet insert)



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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 Fox Valley Chapter Area Annual Meeting a Celebration of 20 Years

On the evening of February 26<sup>th</sup> about 30 Chapter members attended a potluck dinner and celebrated twenty years of the existence of the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter. Awards were given to founding members who are still Chapter members.



### 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](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com).



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



Members and Non-members Welcome

## 2015 Door County Bus Tour

**Egg Harbor, Saturday, June 13 (8 am – 7 pm)**  
Cost: \$46/person (Includes Lunch)

- 8 am Bus leaves Schreiners, FDL parking lot.  
(Use outer perimeter for parking)
- 8:30 am Bus leaves Festival Foods, Oshkosh parking lot.  
(Use outer perimeter for parking)
- 9 am Bus leaves Wild Center, Neenah.
- 11 am Arrive Door Landscape Nursery, Egg Harbor.  
Tour Nursery.
- 12 pm Shop for plants.
- 1 pm Lunch at Bistro 42. (See pre-order form below)
- 2 pm Wine-tasting and shopping at Wine Cellars.
- 3 pm Back on the bus to leave for tour of  
Cofrin Prairie, UW-Green Bay.
- 5 pm Leave for Fox Valley.
- 5:45 pm Return to Wild Center, Neenah.
- 6:30 pm Return to Festival Foods parking lot, Oshkosh.
- 7:15 pm Return to Schreiner's parking lot, FDL.



DoorLandscapeNursery.com

### LUNCH at Bistro 42 (Please indicate option on registration form below)

**Turkey Club Panini:** Oven roasted turkey, apple bacon, lettuce, roma tomato, red onion, & cranberry Dijon sauce.

**Bistro Burger Sliders:** Two Angus ground beef sliders with aged cheddar, sundried tomato aioli, lettuce, tomato & onion.

**Caesar Salad:** Crisp romaine, garlic croutons, parmesan, & tomatoes.  
**Add:** ☐ Chicken ☐ Shrimp  
☐ Neither

**\*Checks are payable to:** Wild Ones Fox Valley (Fees will be refunded if we do not have a minimum of 20 reservations.)

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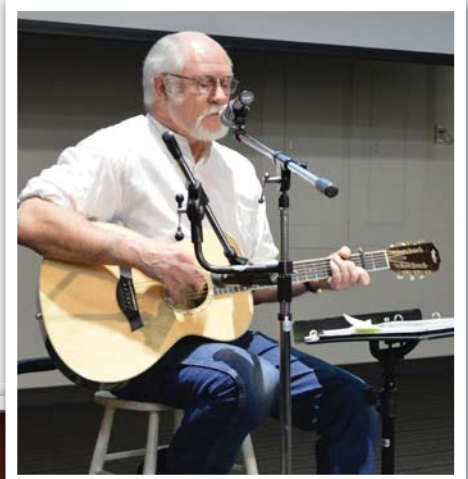
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## 2015 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference



The 2015 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference was again well attended and a great learning event with a variety of speakers.



Watch for announcements about the 2016 conference.



Thank-you to our 2015 speakers. The committee has already booked an excellent keynote speaker.

