

New Members

New Fox Valley Area Chapter members:

Gail Gerhardt, Kimberly
Ann Marie and Eric Godfrey, Ripon
Dawn Kile, Appleton
Charles and Sharon Martin, Appleton
Bob and Sue Marx, Appleton

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

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Chapter Tour Reflections

Saturday, September 19, 2015, Cedarburg area

Due to just 11 participants for our tour we changed plans from a bus to three people who kindly provided car transportation for us. It was a busy, but educational day for all who attended. Our tour began at Ben Arnold's extraordinary 30-year restoration of a 20 acre farm field to a tall-grass prairie.

After a sack lunch at Ben's we continued our tour to the Cedarburg Bog where Kate Redmond, a volunteer naturalist, led us through a string bog via a boardwalk.

Thanks to Dick Nikolai and Janet Carlson who provided the following comments about both tours.

I have to say I really enjoyed both tours. They were both so different. Our guides were so passionate about nature and their properties. It was interesting to learn about the anaerobic properties of the bog (fen). How it affected the growth of the tamaracks and how there are no tap roots on the trees. You might want to mention the bogfriends.org which lists other bog tours in case anyone is interested.

Ben's property was great. I like that he had those little wet holes where he rescued the little turtles before the snappers got them.

— Janet Carlson

Thanks for setting up the tour near the Cedarburg area. We had great discussions driving as well as at both of the sites. Ben was truly an enthusiastic person over his learning through time and his restorations. It was not only about plants but the whole intricate establishment of plants working with all forms of life along with the landscape to create an environment friendly for life to exist.

His recognition of how all is related and what he views as important in the SE portion of the state keeps the love of restoration highlighted for its results on mind, body and soul.

Cedarburg Bog was every bit a welcome of its diversity. I was glad to hear of the problems being encountered from simple deer problems to invasives to human problems creating a loss or a different direction for studying value of an enclosure. Our guide was truly an inspiration in her insights and values. It is always of value to see other restorations, natural areas and hear of others concerns for it adds to my scope of ethics and constant learning of our changing world.

— Dick Nikolai



Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

December | No Meeting

January 30 | Saturday | [Oshkosh Convention Center](#) | 2016 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference

To be inspired by and to create parks and gardens out of the beauty and composition of our native landscape is a much higher accomplishment than to form a garden with varieties of plants that have no intimate association with each other or with us...

Siftings

— Jens Jensen



President's Message

The fall cerulean sky color and 70 degree temperatures conspired to make this late October day in 2008 perfect. My husband and I had traveled to Storm King, an open-air museum in Mountainville, New York, just an hour outside of Manhattan. The 500 acre site is the home to some monumental 20th century sculpture. We like art; we like outdoors. Walking around this spectacular setting was a magical experience. It was all about 'the place'. Looking deeper, it was clear that someone had been designing BIG, crafting each setting to make the most of the space, the flow and the placement of form and the nature itself.

Now, in 2015, the WOFVA conference committee has been busy planning for the 20th anniversary Toward Harmony with Nature. When it was announced that Darrel Morrison, Ph.D. would be our keynote speaker, I did some homework and found, "The celebrated landscape architect Darrel Morrison is best known for designing wide-open prairie-inspired gardens like his landscapes at Storm King Art Center and the Native Plants Garden at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum." These words took me back to that October day. I was excited and impressed. This is indeed going to be a stunning conference.

If you regularly attend our January conference, then you know what an information packed day it is, coming in the dead of winter when we all could use the lift which plants and nature bring. If you have not attended, consider doing so this year, and bring a friend to share our cause. Everything you need to register is provided in this newsletter edition. See you there!

Loris Damerow
President, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area



Toward Harmony with Nature

Jan. 30, 2016 • 8 am – 4:15 pm

Register online at TowardHarmonyWithNature.org

Members will receive the conference brochure with registration form mid-December.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION (9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)

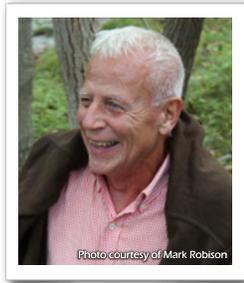
"Rivers and Drifts: Natural Processes and Patterns in Designed Places"

DARREL MORRISON, Ph.D., Senior Landscape Designer

In celebration of our 20th Toward Harmony with Nature conference, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter is pleased to present Dr. Darrel Morrison, one of our country's most distinguished native landscape designers and educators. He was senior designer of a number of our country's most admired native landscapes, including the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin, Texas, and the Native Plants Garden at the University of Wisconsin Arboretum in Madison.

Dr. Morrison's keynote address, "Rivers and Drifts: Natural Processes in Designed Places," will provide us with a wealth of inspiration and information we can take home to our own yards and habitats. He will explore the complementary nature of biotic diversity and aesthetic richness in landscapes ranging from the tiny "native woodland garden" at New York University in the heart of the West Village, to Storm King Art Center, a 500-acre sculpture park an hour north of Manhattan.

Dr. Morrison is a longtime advocate of the use of native plants, native plant communities, and natural processes in the design of landscapes. He has taught Landscape Architecture at the University of Wisconsin, the University of Georgia, and Columbia University. He is a two-time recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award from the Council of Educators in Landscape Architecture, and of both the national Teaching Award and the Landscape Design Award from the American Horticultural Society.



CONCURRENT SESSION I (10:30 – 11:45 am) Choose one of the three speakers below:

"35 Years of Restoring Ecosystems at the International Crane Foundation"

JEB BARZEN, Research Associate, International Crane Foundation

Jeb tells us that the International Crane Foundation's prairie has matured and flourished with no negative sign of aging since the first seed was sown there in 1980. Come and learn from the lessons that are to be taught about restoration ecology from that growth and development.

Jeb directed the Field Ecology Department at the International Crane Foundation (ICF) for over 27 years and is now a Research Associate with ICF. Major projects during his tenure included ecosystem restoration in Wisconsin, Southeast Asia and China as well as 25 years of research with sandhill cranes and 5 years of directing research for the whooping crane reintroduction efforts in the eastern half of the U.S. Throughout his tenure, restoration of wetland, savanna and prairie ecosystems at ICF has informed his work at home and abroad.



"Plants for Part Sun/Part Shade"

MOLLY FIFIELD-MURRAY, Outreach and Education Manager, UW Madison Arboretum

Native landscape designers look to the historic plant community as a reference. Using savannas, oak woods, and Pine Barrens as examples, Molly will talk about which plants are suited for our partially shaded home landscapes.

Molly is the outreach and education manager at the UW-Madison Arboretum. She has a master's degree in landscape architecture, studying with Darrel Morrison. She has taught landscape restoration and design including rain gardening, savanna restoration, landscaping for birds, and gardening for pollinators.



"Bringing a Home Landscape to Life with Native Plants"

MARY LOU QUALLER,

Removing invasives from a 1 ½ acre lot, homeowners Jim and Mary Lou Qualler created a habitat for pollinators and birds. They will give you practical applications and encouragement for the establishment of your welcoming native yard.

Mary Lou and her husband have developed native yards wherever they have lived. Gardening in the Kettle Moraine area has been the biggest challenge with an overabundance of deer and invasives. Her yard has been featured in the Prairie Nursery catalog, and has been on tour for the local symphony and the Kettle Moraine Wild Ones. A Master Gardener, she volunteers as a plant health advisor for the UW-Extension, Waukesha County.



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CONCURRENT SESSION II (1:15 – 2:30 pm) Choose one of the three speakers below:

“Pollinator Conservation in Your Garden and Beyond”

SUSAN CARPENTER, Senior Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Arboretum

Susan will illustrate pollinator-friendly gardens and trace the progress of the bumblebee conservation project at the Wisconsin Native Plant Garden at the UW Arboretum. You will learn how to support and document pollinators in your garden and community.

Susan has been the native plant gardener at the UW Arboretum for 12 years. With background and experience in plant ecology, ecological restoration and science education, she especially enjoys monitoring pollinators with students and community volunteers. She leads a citizen science photography project that documents native bumblebees, including the rare rusty-patched bumblebee, *Bombus affinis*, which lives at the Arboretum.

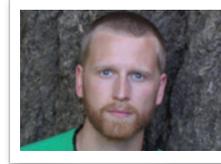


“The Balance of Design and Nature”

MICHAEL HERRENBRUCK, Co-owner, Eco Harmony Landscape & Design LLC

Mike will discuss the importance of design and the replication of nature in the urban setting. He tells us that good design brings back harmonious aspects to the natural landscape.

Michael A. Herrenbruck grew up in rural Port Washington, WI, where, surrounded by the natural world, he inevitably gravitated toward a career related to nature. Having an Associates Degree in Landscape Horticulture from MATC and ten years' experience in the landscape horticultural field, he is Co-owner of Eco Harmony Landscape & Design, LLC. In his spare time he enjoys taking advantage of all the natural areas surrounding the Metro Milwaukee area through hiking, photography, and exploring inspirational ecosystems in order to achieve continued success implementing natural design.



“Wetlands and Urban Forest at St. Francis Convent”

SR. HELENE MERTES, OSF

The campus of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi is located on 26 acres on the south side of Milwaukee adjacent to Lake Michigan. In October 2009 an Environmental Resource Assessment was conducted to determine how the land could be used in a sustainable way at present and into the future. Sr. Helene will share what is being done to develop a biodiverse urban forest and restore a 2.5-acre wetland.

As a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Sr. Helene spent 50 years of ministry in various roles, including food production and grounds and garden management. She earned a bachelor's degree in horticulture from the UW-Madison. For the past five years she has devoted her time to the land restoration projects on the grounds of St. Francis Convent. She has worked to build a biodiverse urban forest, has greatly enlarged the vegetable garden areas, and continues to work on the restoration of the 2.5 acres of designated wetlands on the property.



CONCURRENT SESSION III (3 – 4:15 pm) Choose one of the three speakers below:

“The Exotic Invasion of our Native Landscape: How Does it Happen & What are We Doing About it?”

JILL HAPNER, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium

Jill will define “invasive species” and describe how they change our evolutionary landscape. She will also address conflicting reports and describe what is being done globally, nationally, locally and individually to combat the problem.

Jill earned her B.S. in Biological Sciences at Concordia University and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Wetland Science/Landscape Ecology at the University of Wisconsin. Owner of GeoBotany Systems Consulting Services, she has worked for various government and nongovernment agencies. Jill is co-founder, Past President, and Executive Director of the Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, Inc.



“Wisconsin’s Wild Edibles: How to Have Your Native Garden and Eat it Too”

JUDY KINGSBURY, Edible Restoration, LLC

Hear from Judy how to combine your love of native plants with your love of eating. Learn about Wisconsin native plants which can bring both flavor and beauty to your yard and your table. Judy will share ideas for wild edible landscaping of yards both large and small, sunny and shady.

Judy has a Bachelor's Degree in horticulture and biological aspects of conservation, a permaculture design certificate, and has spent the past 15 years bringing together native plant gardening and native plant eating in her own garden and kitchen. She has worked as a naturalist with children and adults at Friendship Center of Dodgeville and the UW-Madison Arboretum.



“Native Woody Plants for Fox Valley Landscapes”

DARRELL KROMM, Owner, Reeseville Ridge Nursery

Darrell will discuss trees, shrubs, vines and groundcovers for various situations. He will illustrate formal and wild border plantings, ornamental and wildlife preferences. His presentation will show seasonal interest and highlight some natural sites in our region.

Darrell has a lifelong interest in eastern U.S. ecosystems with lots of hands-on exploration and study. He was formally educated in horticulture at UW-Madison with a background in botany, soils and genetics. He is the owner of Reeseville Ridge Nursery in southeastern Wisconsin, growing woody plants from most of the eastern U.S.



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Silent Auction Items Needed

An important part of the 2016 Toward Harmony with Nature Conference will again be the Silent Auction. Past donations (*shown on right*) have included birdhouses and feeders, quilted wall hangings, nature art, handmade soaps, stepping stones, photos, native plant seeds, gift certificates, handmade cards, sculptures, scarves, garden tools, gloves, and any items related to nature, native plants or natural landscaping.

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