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New Members

Welcome to these new members who joined our Chapter through January 5, 2019:

- Richard and Kathy Dorn, Appleton
- Ellen Helgren, Beaver Dam
- Darcia Keplin, Fond du Lac
- Linda Kirk, Fond du Lac
- Matt Mutz, Oshkosh
- Rob Riley, Appleton
- Ronna Swift, Appleton

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
Neenah, WI

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

Monday–Friday, 10 am–3 pm
Grounds Accessible & Always Open

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Events of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter

Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck Dinner

Feb. 28 | Thursday | 6 pm | Evergreen Retirement Community | 1130 N Westfield St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

Do you know the top four benefits of belonging to Wild Ones, according to our member survey? Is your favorite Wild Ones Fox Valley Area (WOFVA) activity among the top three most popular activities? Join us for our annual membership meeting this year in Oshkosh at the Evergreen Retirement Center, 1130 N Westfield Street, to find out. We'll have a brief year-end review and elect new Chapter officers. Then we'll discuss the results of the membership survey. Do you agree with the answers? We want to hear your feedback. Bring a dish to pass. Beverages, plates, and utensils will be provided. We'll meet in the Howard and Ruth Rolland rooms.

Native Bees and Bee House Construction

April 25 | Thr | 7 pm | Program/Workshop | WILD Center | 2285 W Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

Josh Jensen and Emily Lukacs of J & E Apiary in Clintonville will present on the benefits of native bees and how to encourage their presence in the gardens and fields we depend on. Make a mason bee "home" to install in your own yard.

Native Plant Sale & Order Pick-Up

May 18 | Sat | 9 am – 2 pm | Sale | WILD Center | 2285 W Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956

The annual WOFVA plant sale offers regionally sourced native forbs, grasses, shrubs and trees at reasonable prices. Proceeds from the sale go to further the environmental mission of the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter. See Order form inserted in this newsletter or visit <http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/spring-native-plant-sale>. Orders are due **Monday, April 1, 2019**. Pick up orders **Saturday, May 18, 2019** from 9 am–2 pm.

Native Orchids with Rob Zimmer

June 1 | Sat | 9 – 11 am | Tour | Navarino Nature Center | W5646 Lindsten Road, Shiocton, WI 54170

Naturalist, photographer, and writer, **Rob Zimmer** will lead us on a hunt for native orchids and other unusual bog plants through portions of the 15,000 acre Navarino Wildlife Area. Gather outside the Navarino Nature Center at 9 to begin the tour. For car-pooling information call WOFVA 920-572-9540.

Nagan Pond and Garden

June 27 | Thr | 6 – 7:30 pm | Tour | Nagan Yard | 2812 Schaefer Circle, Appleton, WI 54914

Tour the property with homeowner, **Dennis Nagan**, who transformed his city lot, with the help of Wild Ones mentors, into a wildlife habitat for attracting bird, bees, and butterflies. Dennis will outline the transformation process which included much learning and hard work, including installing a pond water feature.

For a full list of events please see Programs and Tours brochure inserted in this newsletter or go to <http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/programs-and-tours>



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Vice President

The Vice-President shall assist the President as necessary and assume the President's duties when necessary. Responsibilities include being familiar with all aspects of Chapter functions. It is assumed the Vice-President will become President at the end of the current President's term. If interested, please contact Barb Cattani at wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be the principal financial officer of the Chapter. The Treasurer is expected to maintain the Chapter checking account and make disbursements as required for conduct of Chapter business, record all income and expenses, and prepare reports for monthly board meetings and the annual Chapter report to the national Wild Ones organization. Familiarity with Quicken or Quickbooks is helpful. If interested, please contact Barb Cattani at wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.

Newsletter Editor

Responsibilities: Solicit articles with associated photos for quarterly Chapter newsletter, edit and submit copy to selected members for editing, send final draft with photos to layout designer, coordinate printing and mailing of newsletter, monitor complimentary mailing lists and costs associated with newsletter. Current newsletter editor will assist in transition to new editor. If interested, please contact Barb Cattani at wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.

Assistant to the Tree & Shrubs Sales Supervisor

Everett Grosskopf, Tree and Shrub Sales Supervisor, needs assistance setting up and sorting the tree and shrub orders. If you're interested in helping with this once a year task, please contact Everett at 920-730-8436 or wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Silver Anniversary!

By Barb Cattani

Did you know that the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter came into being on Nov. 1, 1994? That means this year is our 25th Anniversary!



I'd like to thank those thoughtful and visionary people for creating our local Chapter of Wild Ones. Their commitment has changed our landscapes in many positive ways. Several founding members are still active and continue to contribute to the success of the organization, strengthening the continuity of the Chapter.

In 2018, the Board spent time planning for the future including a survey sent to Chapter members this fall. Thank you to everyone who responded. A review of our membership list showed our Chapter covers 11 counties, mostly near or touching Lake Winnebago. That's a big area! More than half of our members live in Winnebago County and points south. Survey comments helped us understand some issues for members, such as difficulty attending meetings at the WILD Center because they live outside the Appleton-Neenah area and that attending an evening meeting can be a challenge.

With those comments in mind, the Program Committee looked at what we could do differently this year. I think you'll find the 2019 program schedule reflects your input from the survey, starting with our Annual Membership Meeting on Feb. 28. This year, the Annual Membership Meeting will be held at the Evergreen Retirement Center in Oshkosh.

The survey responses also confirmed that garden tours are very popular events. In addition to some program meetings on Thursday nights, we have several tours planned for the year and many are scheduled for Saturday mornings. Check out the enclosed program brochure for the full list of activities.

One new approach to garden visits is our "Pop-Up Tours." It's hard to predict when and where we might find an interesting field trip opportunity! This year, we'll be announcing times and places of two tours within a week or two of the events, to take advantage of good weather and peak plant interest. Because the "Pop-Up Tours" will be set up on short notice, you'll hear about them through our email blasts, on Facebook, and our website.

You spoke and we listened! For more details, join us on Feb. 28 for a discussion of what else we learned from the survey results. Please take this opportunity to share your ideas for the next 25 years of our Chapter's journey.

23rd Annual Toward Harmony with Nature Conference Big Success

THANK YOU to the Toward Harmony with Nature (THWN) Conference Planning Committee members, as well as, all the Chapter volunteers that helped during the day of the conference. This yearly educational event could not take place without the dedication of so many people. As always, the conference was well received. And now, we go forward planning for the 24th conference on **January 25, 2020!**



Thank You!

It takes a lot of work from lots of people to make our Chapter programs so successful. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and energy during 2018:

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2018 Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow Grant Award Recipient



Congratulations to Isaac Gabler, winner of a 2018 Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow grant. Isaac's grant was used to place native plants at a rain water runoff swale at High Cliff State Park. Isaac was working on his Eagle Scout award. A permanent marker recognizing WOFVA's support of the project will be placed near the new swale.

Become A Wild Ones Member

Wild Ones household membership is \$40 per year. Entire membership fee is tax-deductible. Join Wild Ones by sending your name, address and phone number to the national office:

Wild Ones
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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 go to national website:

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