

## New Members

A warm Wild Ones welcome to these new members:

Marcia Macdonald, Neenah

Tom Shambeau, Appleton

Cindy Schaefer Kemps, Menasha

We're so glad you joined Wild Ones!

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Thanks, and we'll look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

— Bob Niendorf &  
Carol Niendorf,  
Membership Co-chairs

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## Select Plants for your Landscape Type and Desires

by Rebecca Eyer

We know the benefits of creating a native plant garden: beauty, better environment, less maintenance, less turf, and fewer resources used such as water, chemicals, and effort. Most importantly, we create wildlife habitat especially for pollinators, butterflies, and birds, less turf, and many more.

I have been using native plants for many years, BUT I have learned that not all native plants work in every setting. I haven't always been satisfied, because some natives are renegades, creeping into other gardens, and even into my neighbor's vegetable garden under a fence. Sometimes, the gardens look too wild, unkempt and messy for my desires in a suburban landscape.



In 2014, I participated in my first Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter (WOFVA) Plant Rescue. It was fascinating to watch other members identify and dig native plants at Einstein Middle School in Appleton to plant in their gardens or to donate to non-profit groups

that support our environmental mission. There was also a dig at Webster-Stanley Middle School in Oshkosh that spring. In the end, I brought home a variety of large and smaller, beautiful native plants, many with rhizomes. Now, I'm learning which work well in my landscape and how to manage them. To that end, I volunteered to have Connie Ramthun, native plant expert and

owner of Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping, come to our property on Lake Winnebago for the August, 2016 Walk and Talk WOFVA meeting.

Connie made several suggestions, many of which I have followed or will in the future. Our gardens have been undergoing a transition since 2010, when we bought the property, toward an even more "native"

property with focus on attracting butterflies. It is still a work in progress. After Connie's visit, I dug out these aggressive native plants: Canadian Goldenrod (*Solidago Canadensis*), Jerusalem artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus L.*), Sweet Grass (*Hierochloa odorata*), Calico

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## Events – Summer 2017 of Wild Ones Fox Valley Area

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# Monetary Support Available for Chapter Members to Attend Educational Programs

by Kristin Kauth

Each year the Chapter sets aside \$500 for the purpose of approving up to a total of \$250 per person to be used toward registration fees, lodging, travel, or meal expenses for a board member, committee member or member-at-large participating in an approved non-WOFVA Chapter program (conference, workshop, leadership training). The program must support the Chapter's mission. All applications are to be submitted before a Chapter Board meeting prior to the event. A recipient of the award will be expected to make a formal presentation, following the program, to the Board and the membership - the latter through an article in the Chapter newsletter and/or at the Annual Membership Meeting in February. Interested members can request an application form by contacting the Chapter board at: [wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com).

## Opportunities to Serve: Silent Auction Chair Needed for Chapter's Annual Conference

by Kristin Kauth

The Conference Planning Committee for our annual Toward Harmony with Nature Conference, held the last Saturday in January, needs a new chair or co-chairs to head up the Silent Auction at the event. This entails two committee meetings per year, requesting silent auction items several months before the conference through the Chapter newsletter and web site, recruiting several volunteers to help at the event and supervising the silent auction at the conference. Guidelines and forms for this activity are available. Lucy Valitchka, past chair, will be available to meet with the new chair to go over the process. If you would like to be part of a dedicated group of people, volunteer for a yearly activity that requires a limited amount of time and is an important educational program sponsored by the Chapter, please contact Committee Chair, Kristin Kauth at [wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com)

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Garden in 2011

Aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*) and non-natives, such as Ligularia (*Ligularia 'The Rocket'*), most of the Lamb's Ear (*Stachys byzantine*), Miscanthus grass (*Sinensis purpurascens*), Artemisia Silver Mounda (*Artemisia schmidtiana*) and Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*). I also moved and divided a Carolina Rose (*Rosa carolina L.*) and reduced the number of Coneflowers (*Echinacea 'PowWow Wild Berry'*). After shopping at the WOFVA Plant Sale Trail in May, I bought and added more showy goldenrod types, Stiff Goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*), Riddell's Goldenrod (*Solidago riddellii*), plus Rough Blazing Star (*Liatrix aspera*), New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*), Purple Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrate*), Lanceleaf Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolate*), Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*), Royal Catchfly (*Silene regia*) and Hoary verbain (*Verbena stricta*), all identified to attract butterflies. Having knowledgeable members and a wide variety of native plants at the WOFVA Plant Sale Trail helped in my selection, plus I had done some research before going.

I have not yet replaced a Veronica cultivar with Cream False Indigo (*Baptisia bracteata*), or removed Russian Sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*), three Knock-out Roses (*Rosa 'Radrazz' Knock-out*), a cultivar of Turtlehead (*Chelone*), or Karl Foerster grass (*Calamagrostis acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'*). Connie recommended that I move Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*) or Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) to provide more room for them to show and grow. She discussed mulching all plants, but suggested that it is best to use shredded bark, not fresh-cut wood mulch as the nitrogen requirements from the material breakdown may take nitrogen from plants. She also suggested a way to manage mammoth plants, such as Ironweed (*Veronica fasciculata*), by tying them to the fence.



Garden now

I have learned to be aware of plants offered from friends and acquaintances who may not be fully informed about the plants. I accepted Creeping Bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*) from a friend and am now digging it out from my gardens after finding that it is a very invasive non-native.

### Connie's Recommendations

- [minnesotawildflowers.info/flower/creeping-bellflower](http://minnesotawildflowers.info/flower/creeping-bellflower) or [accentnatural.com/creeping-bellflower-sneaky-invasive](http://accentnatural.com/creeping-bellflower-sneaky-invasive)
- *Prairie Moon Nursery catalog - Winona, MN, prairiemoon.com*
- *Manual of Vascular Plants of Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada*, by Henry A. Gleason and Arthur Cronquist
- *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide*, by Lawrence Newcomb
- **A magnifying loop for identification**
- **Steel metal landscape edging** 1014 for structure around beds – available in 8' and 10' lengths at Carlin Sales, 8170 North Granville Woods Road, Milwaukee

In future newsletters, I plan to provide additional information on soil conditions, water requirements, root structure, maintenance, and other issues related to selecting native plants for a suburban landscape. Also, members of this organization can have questions answered by taking advantage of the WOFVA Mentor program, detailed in this newsletter.

If you'd like to learn more from Connie Ramthun, come to the October 21<sup>st</sup> WOFVA meeting. See details in Upcoming Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter Events in this newsletter.

# Mistflower (*Eupatorium coelestinum*) is NOT a Native

by Michael Bognar

In the last WOFVA Chapter newsletter (Vol. 25 No. 2), under “Good Picks for Pollinators” there is a list of late season blooming plants. I would like to address the *Eupatorium* species listed. Wisconsin has six native *Eupatorium* species - *Eupatorium coelestinum* is NOT one of them.

Mistflower (*Eupatorium coelestinum*) is native to the central, eastern, and southeastern part of the United States with the bulk of its distribution confined to the lower half of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri, extending down toward the Gulf of Mexico and east to the Atlantic Ocean. The species is even found in the West Indies. Of course where conditions are favorable, it has been known to occupy areas north and west of the bulk of its range. These conditions are often low-lying wetland areas along streams, rivers, ponds, and wet woodlands (*Steiermark*).

I have two reasons for bringing this species to the attention of Wild Ones members. The first is because it is an advantageous plant; easily spread by rhizome and seed. Vegetation with these characteristics can quickly outcompete some of our slower growing more conservative plants, thus degrading the integrity of a natural area. The other is because we have six wonderful native *Eupatorium* species that can easily take *Eupatorium coelestinum*'s place!

Our native species are comprised of Spotted Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*), Sweet Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium Purpureum*), Common Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*), Tall Boneset (*Eupatorium altissimum*), Upland Boneset (*Eupatorium sessilifolium*), and White Snakeroot (*Eupatorium rugosum*).

It should be noted when searching for these species at nurseries or seed distributors that there is some disagreement between botanists in regards to the Latin name *Eutrochium* and *Eupatorium*.

The Chicago Botanic Garden notes, “*Eupatorium*, a formerly large genus in the aster family (*Asteraceae*), has been split up in recent years resulting in species being reclassified under genera such as *Eutrochium*, *Conoclinium*, and *Ageratina*”. In our state *Eutrochium* refers to the whorl-leaved Joe Pyes whereas *Eupatorium*

refers to their opposite-leaved cousins the Bonesets. Remember our friend the Mistflower? It is referred to as both *Eupatorium coelestinum* and *Conoclinium coelestinum*.

From streambanks, river edges, ponds and wetlands to woodlands, forest edges, and savannas, Wisconsin's Joe Pyes thrive in ecosystems where shade and moisture abound. The taller Joe Pye (*E. maculatum*) can reach a striking 6 feet tall and tolerates wet to wet-mesic conditions found in our lowlands. It holds itself with strong stems and does not require staking. The smaller of the two (*E. purpureum*) reaches 4-6 feet and tolerates drier conditions found in savannas and woodlands. Both feature fragrant clusters of flowers in pink hues stretching toward the sky.



White Snakeroot (*E. rugosum*) and the Bonesets (*perfoliatum*, *sessilifolium*, & *sessilifolium*) all feature strikingly white flowers and generally grow shorter than their whorl-leaved cousins. White Snakeroot (*E. rugosum*) is the shortest of the white-flowering *Eupatorium*s, growing 2-3 feet in nearly all soil moistures dry mesic to wet. It is a great addition to a savanna/woodland complex. Common Boneset (*E. perfoliatum*) is the next tallest, reaching 4 feet. It is found in nearly every county of Wisconsin, thriving in full sun to part shade, sandy or loamy soils to wet. Tall Boneset (*E. altissimum*) comes in a little taller than the Common Boneset at about 3-6 feet and only occupies the lower 3rd of the State of Wisconsin. With a little drier soil requirements this species thrives in our savannas and woodlands. Upland Boneset has

the least geographic range in the state, confined to the counties in the southwest corner. It tolerates the same sunlight and moisture requirements as the other Bonesets, reaching 5 feet tall.

But why are *Eupatorium*s important? Besides the added benefit of moisture retention of other vegetation from the shadows they cast, their ability to thrive in shade, their adaptability to wet soils, and their notable presence in our natural areas - They are insect magnets! Their height and striking blooms leave no question of where to find them. While there are no known butterflies that use the *Eupatorium* as a host plant, their nectar attracts woodland, wetland and prairie butterfly species large and small. In fact, in 2008 Dr. Dave Warners gathered a list of butterfly species he observed nectaring on his *Eupatorium*s in Michigan - 22 total; and that was just on his Joe Pyes!

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*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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## Thanks and Farewell

by Donna VanBuecken

In 2006, Sharon Raimann took over supervising the native plant sale and has been doing it admirably ever since. Sharon is leaving us, however, moving to Arizona to be closer to family and hot, dry weather. We can truly say we will miss her. Sharon organized the plant sale process to be the smooth running program it is today. Thank you Sharon so very much for all your efforts and for making the Wild Ones Plant Sale so enjoyable to produce.



Sharon Raimann

## Opportunities to Serve: Manage Chapter Native Plant Sale

by Donna VanBuecken

We are looking for a Native Plant Sale supervisor(s). It should be relatively easy for someone to take over for 2018 because of Sharon Raimann's excellent groundwork. If you are interested in taking over the Native Plant Sale or the Native Tree and Shrub Sale supervisor role, please contact Tim McKeag, WOFVA Chapter President or Donna VanBuecken, WOFVA Chapter Plant Sale Coordinator at: [wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com). They will be happy to send complete guidelines and answer any of your questions.

## Opportunities to Serve: Write an Article

by Rebecca Eyer

Is there something about native plants, the environment, a specific plant, invasive species, eradicating invasive species or other topic of interest to you? If you want to know more, chances are great that our newsletter readers would like to know more too. Please write an article. It is an excellent opportunity to dig deeper into a subject, do some research, ask questions of experts, and then to share and educate others with your learning and experiences. Remember the Wild Ones mission: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promote environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Complete articles in Century Gothic, font size 12 and submit to Rebecca Eyer at: [reyer520@msn.com](mailto:reyer520@msn.com). Thank you.

## The Joy of Cooking with Native Plants

by Rebecca Eyer

On May 25, our own WOFV member, Joy Perry, shared unexpectedly tasty dishes made from those nasty invasive plants that we hate in our landscape, as well as completely wonderful landscape plants that we don't consider when preparing family meals. She completed research on edible plants in our landscape and tested recipes to share with us. The dishes were amazing! We tasted Tabbouleh Gone Wild made with apple mint, wild Bergamot, dandelion leaves, violet leaves and flowers, daylily leaves, shoots and tips, and blanched ostrich fern fiddleheads with homemade vinaigrette dressing. We tried Strawberry-Rhubarb Terrine made with apple mint leaves, and layered pesto cheese spread using garlic mustard in the pesto. We also tasted dandelion leaves, and blanched ostrich fern fiddleheads on their own. What a healthy menu!



Joy Perry with prepared dishes

Joy also shared best practices for foraging and cooking with wild plants: where to collect plant parts, conservation practices, identifying edible wild plants, resources for identification and uses of edible wild plants as well as the recipes she used to prepare the dishes. Thank you, Joy for sharing your research, prepared foods, and recipes. What an opportunity you provided to attendees!



Steamed ostrich fern fiddleheads



Tabbouleh Gone Wild

## Janet Wissink Honored

Janet Wissink (*left*) was honored recently with national Audubon's Great Egret Award. The award, given to individuals who have made significant, long-term contributions to Audubon and to conservation, was presented along with a print of the Great Egret from the Winnebago Audubon Chapter by Anita Carpenter (*right*), Janet brings this same commitment to the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter. Thank you, Janet, for all you do for Audubon and Wild Ones. Congratulations!



# The American Garden – A Life or Death Situation

Neil Diboll, Conference Keynote Speaker | Saturday, January 27

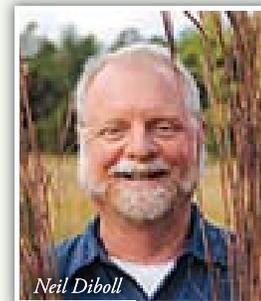
by Carol Neindorf

Neil Diboll, who is recognized internationally as an expert in ecological and natural landscape design, will be the keynote speaker at our Chapter's 22<sup>nd</sup> annual *Toward Harmony with Nature* conference. The all-day conference will be held Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Oshkosh Convention Center.

Diboll, President of Prairie Nursery, a Westfield, WI company, and a longtime friend of our Chapter, will focus on the evolution of the American Garden from a creation solely for the enjoyment of its owners and tenders, to becoming a biodiverse refuge for the native plants and animals with which we share the planet. This has become critically important, because the wholesale conversion of our wild places to chemically soaked farm crops, industrial parks, commercial centers, and housing for humans has supplanted the once-diverse native plant communities.

Neil says our gardens and landscapes need to serve as refuge for pollinators, birds, butterflies and other creatures as their former habitats disappear. He will discuss how creating native landscapes that require few if any chemicals and toxins are the future landscapes of necessity, as "Joint Ventures with Nature" in our cities and suburbs. Our very survival will depend upon it.

Diboll has 30 years of experience in research, design, and installation of native plant communities for prairies, wetlands, savannas and woodlands. He has developed seed and plant mixes that integrate people, plants and wildlife. He is the author of numerous articles on designing and landscaping with native plants and has been a featured speaker all around the United States, as well as in England, Sweden, Switzerland, and Germany.



The conference will also feature nine breakout session speakers on the full range of natural landscaping and native plant topics for habitats of all sizes and types. It will have information for beginner through experienced native plant gardeners. A full schedule of the conference will be published in the fall issue of this newsletter. Members will receive a conference brochure by mail in December. The schedule and registration form will also be available online after October 15 at: [towardharmonywithnature.org](http://towardharmonywithnature.org).

For now, mark your calendar for **Saturday, January 27!**

## Beneficial Baskets Native Plants Project

by Lucy Valitchka, *Member Paper Valley Garden Club and Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter (WOFVA)*

In 2016 the Paper Valley Garden Club decided to promote native plants to home owners. The club members thought that new Habitat for Humanity (HFH) home owners would be a good place to start. Three types of native plants were given to two home owners. As this project continued into 2017 we wanted to increase the number of plants for two HFH home owners. WOFVA was asked to match the number of plants we donated. They agreed to our request and each home owner received three each of the following plants: Smooth Penstemon (*Penstemon Digitalis*) for spring, Purple Coneflower (*Enchinacea purpurea*) for summer, and Prairie Dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) for fall color.

To help the HFH homeowners be successful with planting and maintaining these native plants, each family was given a Prairie Nursery catalog showing cultural care and photos of each of the plants, a Paper Valley Garden Club membership flyer, a club business card, and the 2017 WOFVA program brochure.

Our goal is to continue this project for 2018, and we hope the WOFVA will join us again to help spread the good news about growing native plants.



Jacques, HFH homeowner, is shown with a tray of her plants.

## Facebook Group Page: "Wild Ones Fox Valley"

by Loris Damerow

[facebook.com/search/top?q=wild%20ones%20fox%20valley](https://facebook.com/search/top?q=wild%20ones%20fox%20valley)

Our WOFVA Facebook (Fb) 'group' page is looking for more members. By joining, you can post pictures of your yard, related articles from other environmental websites, or ask questions about local plants. This WOFVA group page has been in existence since 2014 and currently has 88 members. We welcome your postings and conversations!

The first step is to find us on Facebook by logging onto your own page and entering 'Wild Ones Fox Valley' into the search bar at the top of your page. The Wild Ones Fox Valley 'group' page option should present, with a circular photo in a rectangular box. Press the 'join' button in the right corner of that box. This will send your request to our page administrators who will, in short order, admit you to the group. You will receive notification that you have been admitted. You can then post your comments or photos. There is no time limit on your Fb group membership. Fb is a fun way for us to share what is happening in our own backyards. Invite your friends to join our group. You do not need to be a WOFVA Chapter member to join our Fb group, just passionate about native plants and the environment. Post what is blooming in your landscape!

*WOFVA also has a 'cause' page, which is only populated by our official WOFVA Fb administrators. You can find that page by typing in 'Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter' in your Fb search box.*

## Membership Benefit:

# Mentoring – Share Knowledge and/or Receive Help

by Loris Damerow

Your experience as a Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter (WOFVA) member can be invaluable to someone new to the natural landscape mission. If you have incorporated native plants into your landscape, you know the challenges of keeping invasive plants OUT, and native plants IN, to create a sustainable habitat. Your experience as a native gardener can be a boon to a homeowner who is just embarking on a prairie restoration, a native shade garden, or is adding natives to an existing landscape.

WOFVA currently has four members serving as mentors that help others develop their native gardens. We would like to have more mentors available to help our mentees, those who are looking for help. As a mentor, you will meet with your assigned mentee on their site to discuss goals for the landscape project, large or small. You can help 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. You do not need to know everything. There is an array of information available through the Wild Ones website and library. Information on everything from managing invasive plants to establishing a rain garden is available to you as you work with your mentee to meet their goals.

New to Wild Ones or not sure how to identify plants in your landscape? Perhaps you have a new project you would like to tackle? Getting help from a Wild Ones mentor may make the job easier.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or a mentee, contact Loris Damerow, Mentor Coordinator, at [lorisleaf@yahoo.com](mailto:lorisleaf@yahoo.com), or contact Wild Ones Fox Valley, PO Box 385, Appleton, WI 54912, 920-572-9540, [wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com). Mentees and mentors must be members of WOFVA to participate in the program. Help us heal the earth, one yard at a time.

# Plant Sale Trail

by Donna VanBuecken & Sharon Raimann

As you know, this year we held our first Plant Sale Trail in conjunction with the Outagamie County Master Gardener Association and the Paper Valley Garden Club. Each plant sale site offered a different plant focus (native plants, vegetables and non-native plants), so the organizations complemented each other nicely. The weather cooperated beautifully and the WOFVA Chapter had many shoppers from which we received many compliments on the selection and quality of plants.

Besides inviting other non-profits to join us in the Trail, we tried a couple of other new things this year. First, we moved up the due date for pre-orders. This allowed us to submit our order to the nursery earlier and reduced some of the “out of stock” responses we’ve gotten in the past few years. This meant fewer substitutions of pre-ordered plants.

Second, we received the plants a couple of days earlier in the week allowing us more flexibility in unloading, sorting and regrouping around any “out of stock” items.

Finally, we rented tables to get the plants off the ground, so it was easier for volunteers to sort the orders. Wow! Got lots of compliments for that!! Having extra tables and more tents also helped the flow of shoppers move more smoothly on plant pick-up/sale day.

## TOP SELLERS

The most sought-after plants this year were the shade native plants - Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*) and Large Flower Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*), and the mesic prairie plant Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*). Seems appropriate since the Fox Valley was predominantly forest in pre-settlement time, and the Chapter is currently emphasizing creation of habitat for monarch butterflies.

All in all, it was a great success, and we feel pretty certain we will do a Plant Sale Trail again next year. It was good to overhear people talking about having come from or being on their way to other local plant sales, knowing that they may have gotten their first experience with native plants.



# Plants in Danger

by Donna VanBuecken, WOFVA Chapter Plant Rescue Coordinator

We were fortunate recently to have someone from outside our Chapter contact us about a wooded area to be destroyed due to road construction in the Clintonville area. Thank you very much, Sarah. Many of you participated in salvaging plants not only for yourselves but also for local non-profit organizations. If you become aware of plants in danger because of development or construction, please let one of our plant rescue supervisors or Donna VanBuecken, plant rescue coordinator, know. Contact her at: [wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com](mailto:wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com).

## SHARING

Remember, rescuing native plants from destruction is a benefit of membership in Wild Ones. Dig site locations are not to be shared with non-Wild Ones members. If you are aware of a non-profit organization that is in need of native plants for a learning center, however, they are welcome to participate in or to be the recipient of rescued plants.

Please let Donna VanBuecken know the contact information for the non-profit so they can be included in future plant rescue notice e-mails. All participants must sign the Waiver of Liability form.

See common questions on page 8.



# Upcoming Programs & Tours

## Tour, Native Shrub and Plant Identification – Ben French, Propagator at Johnson Nursery

9:00 am | Saturday, July 22, 2017 | UW-Oshkosh Alumni Welcome & Conference Center, Meeting Room 209, 625 Pearl Ave. Oshkosh, WI

- 9-10 a.m. Indoor Program - Shrub & Tree ID, UW-Oshkosh,
- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Outdoor Program - Shrub & Tree ID, around Welcome Center buildings
- 12:00 noon Shopping for native plants at *Stuart's Landscaping & Garden Center, 2957 Brooks Rd., Oshkosh.* They have over 50 species of native plants. A Stuart's staff member will discuss uses for the native plants available at the center.

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3606 Dyer Lake Rd., Burlington, WI 53105

To host this conference, the Wild Ones national is partnering with the Seno K/RLT (Kenosha/Racine Land Trust) Conservancy, located on 131 acres of woodlands, prairie and wetlands in beautiful southeastern Wisconsin. This location, between Burlington and Lake Geneva, is conveniently close to major airports and to Wild Ones chapters in Wisconsin and Illinois.

[senokrllt.org/visit-seno-krllt-conservancy](http://senokrllt.org/visit-seno-krllt-conservancy)

The 2017 conference theme, "Root to Rise," is inspired by the yoga practice of gaining strength to rise and grow from firmly established roots. The national Wild Ones goal is to celebrate the roots of our organization and rise to meet the challenges of the future.

[wildones.org/events/wild-ones-conference-annual-meeting](http://wildones.org/events/wild-ones-conference-annual-meeting)

## Damerow Property – Walk and Talk

6:30 p.m. | Thursday, August 24 | 507 W. Prospect Ave., Appleton, WI

Visit the Damerow property home of our most recent past-president, Loris Damerow. Parts of this historic third of an acre home site were demolished in 2015 to create a city bridge. See how it has been transformed into a landscape featuring native plants. *Parking is available on State Street or below, at the Paper Discovery Center, 425 W Water St, Appleton, WI 54911 (in front of the mural).* Just walk up the pedestrian stairs to Prospect Ave above.

## Garden Design - meeting change to be announced

Thursday, September 28, 2017

## Seed Collecting Workshop Pre-Registration

9 a.m.-12 p.m. | Saturday, October 21, 2017 | WILD Center, 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd., Neenah, WI

Connie Ramthun, native plant expert and owner of Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping, will teach how to collect, store, and plant native wildflowers and grasses.

The workshop is *free*, however because of hands-on-guidance provided, only 20 registrations will be accepted in this class. A minimum of 10 is required to hold class because of preparations Connie must do.

### Two ways to pre-register for Seed Collecting Workshop by October 8, 2017. Choose one of the following:

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## Plants In Danger Questions?

Some of the questions we get from native plant newbies are:

### Will these plants that I rescue survive in my soil?

The pristine wooded area in the Clintonville plant rescue was typical humus soil found in Wisconsin forests. The plants were growing in rich black dirt. The caller lived in Waupaca County where it is primarily sandy loose soil. My response to her was to salvage as much black dirt with the plants as she could so they had a better chance to adapt to their new conditions. Since the plants were going to be destroyed anyway, it was sure worth a try. If it worked, it would be a win-win outcome.

### I don't have a child's toboggan, will a wheelbarrow work? Yes.

### Why use plastic bags to store and transport rescued plants?

#### I have lots of plastic pots. Can I use them instead?

You can use any kind of container you wish. However, we encourage you to use plastic bags because they are flexible and can more easily form around the plant. You can also water them knowing the water will stay contained in the bag. And, finally, if you don't get the plants transplanted right away, they serve as a mini-greenhouse.

### How do I transplant the rescued plants?

Read the narrative under "Plant Rescues" at: **wildones.org/learn/native-plants-natural-landscaping/gathering-rescuing-and-propagating/plant-rescues**, and then for further info, click on the link for "Transplanting Wildflowers."

*For more information see Plants In Danger article on page 6.*



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