Wild Ones Fox Valley Area
As part of national Wild Ones, the Chapter, established in 1994, encourages, supports and promotes natural landscaping using native plants throughout the Fox Valley area. Chapter members receive the quarterly Chapter newsletter, national Wild Ones Journal, and have access to many resources related to sustainable landscaping practices.

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Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes, founded in 1979, is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization. Wild Ones National Headquarters, the WILD Center (Wild Ones Institute for Learning and Development) is a 16-acre ecology center on the west shore of Little Lake Butte des Morts in Neenah, Wisconsin. It is an educational facility for sustainable landscaping practices, and open to the public. The Chapter uses the WILD Center as its home base.
2020 Programs & Tours

Jan 25 | Sat | Meeting | Oshkosh Convention Center
• Annual Membership Business Meeting
(to be held during the Toward Harmony with Nature Conference)
2 N Main Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901
The 15-minute business meeting of the membership will include a vote on changes to WOFVA bylaws and confirmation of new board members. Members not attending the conference will be able to vote online in early January.

Feb & March | No Program

April 23 | Thr | 6:30pm Social | 7pm Program | WILD Center
• Spring Ephemerals: Short-Lived Beauty
2285 W Butte des Morts Beach Rd, Neenah, WI 54956
Join author, columnist, and radio host Rob Zimmer for a closer look at the spectacular ephemeral wildflowers of spring. Rob will share some of his favorites from around the state, offering intimate portraits of this fascinating group of native beauties.

May 16 | Sat | 8am–2pm | Sale | WILD Center
• Native Plant Sale & order Pick-Up
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. For inquiries contact:
- Spring Plant Sales: Pat & Dick Filzen (920) 754-4235 psf4fiber@gmail.com
- Spring Tree & Shrub Sales: Everett Grosskopf (920) 470-6325 everettgrosskopf@gmail.com
- Order form in the WOFVA winter newsletter & on website: http://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/spring-native-plant-sale
- Pre-Orders are due Monday, March 30, 2020.

May 23 | Sat | 2:30-4pm | Tour | Stone Silo Prairie Gardens
• Stone Silo Prairie Gardens Tour
2325 Oak Ridge Circle, De Pere, WI 54115
Owner Justin Kroening with lead us on a tour of his nursery greenhouses to learn first-hand about the propagation of native plants from seed. Stone Silo Prairie Gardens has been providing the area with native plants since 2004. Plant sales available after the tour.

June 27 | Sat | 10am-12noon | Tour | Dorthy’s Prairie
• Dorothy’s Prairie Tour & Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum
76 Stone Castle Dr, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935
With approval from the city of Fond Du Lac, Dorothy Messner started a prairie near her home near Camelot Pond in 2015. The site is now flourishing as a habitat for birds, pollinators and wildlife. Dorothy will guide us on a tour of the prairie and share the steps she took to bring this project to fruition. Park near Dorothy’s home on Stone Castle Drive. The prairie is adjacent. Afterwards, drive over to the UW Fond du Lac campus and take a ramble at the Gottfried Prairie and Arboretum.

Aug 1 | Sat | 9am-10:30pm | Tour & Workshop | Davis-Foust Property
• Davis-Foust Prairie Tour and Drawing Nature Workshop
4946 Broderick Road, Omo, WI 54638
Biologist and educator, Shannon Davis-Foust, will walk us through her rural property highlighting the blend of agrarian and re-wilding efforts. At the tour’s conclusion, artist Rachel Anderson Schuh will be on hand to instruct us in capturing natural landscapes and drawing plants close-up. Bring a sketchpad and drawing utensils.

Aug 27 | Thr | 5pm | Nagar Yard
• Nagar Pond & Garden Tour
2812 Schaefer Circle, Appleton WI 54914,
Back by popular demand, tour the property with homeowner, Dennis Nagan, who transformed his city lot into a wildlife habitat for attracting birds, bees and butterflies. Dennis will outline the work of installing a large pond feature on his suburban lot. His covered shelter will come in handy in case of rain.

Sept 24 | Thr | 5pm | Tour | Meyer Property
• Bernie Meyer Garden Tour
116 Armstrong St, Neenah, WI 54956
Bernie Meyer, the Barefoot Gardener, will tour us around the 16-acre slice of the family farm that she began to cultivate in 1978. She began with only a row of red pines and wild roses at the end of their private road in rural Neenah. It is now a natural garden oasis blooming with autumn color, texture, and inviting water habitat.

Oct 10 | Sat | 10am | Tour | LaLuzerne Property
• Jim LaLuzerne Garden Tour
4238 Pouwels Court, De Pere, WI 54115
Built around a small lake, other water features, and interesting structures, this country garden sports one of the largest private collections of native plants in the state. It began over 40 years ago as a corn field and is now a beautiful mix of wild places and human spaces. Bring a lunch and Jim will provide beverages and a place to picnic on his 23-acre property four miles south of De Pere.

Nov 19 | Thr | 6:30pm Social | 7pm Program | Evergreen Retirement Community
• Audubon Partner Meeting / Grow a Birdfeeder with Rob Zimmer
1130 N. Westfield Street, Oshkosh, WI 54902
Nature writer, photographer, and radio host, Rob Zimmer will dazzle with stunning photos of birds and native plantings. Learn how to grow a welcoming bird habitat, creating safety and forage for our feathered friends.

Dec | No Program | Happy Holidays!

Jan 30, 2021 | Sat | 8am-4pm | Oshkosh Convention Center
• 25th Annual Toward Harmony with Nature Conference
2 N Main St, Oshkosh, WI 54901
Watch for information in chapter newsletter and on conference web site TowardHarmonywithNature.org.

Meeting Location Directions:

WILD Center
2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd.
Neenah, WI 54956
(Town of Fox Crossing)
From Hwy 41, take Exit 136, drive east on BB to right on Northern Rd, then left onto Stroebel Rd. Off Stroebel, turn right onto Butte des Morts Beach Rd.

Evergreen Retirement Community
1130 N. Westfield Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902
From Hwy 41, take Exit 119 (Hwy 21) and drive east. Turn right onto N. Westfield.

Standing Programs:
Natural Landscapes For Tomorrow Grant Program
Chapter funds are awarded to qualifying groups, such as schools, churches, houses of worship, and other public and nonprofit organizations in its range area (see map on website) for natural landscapes using native plants. Application deadline February 1 with grants awarded March 1. Grant application available on Chapter webpage or call (920) 572-9540 to request a mailed copy.

Plant Rescue
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• Programs/tours are free (unless a fee is indicated) and open to the public.
• Programs are usually held on the fourth Thursday of the month unless indicated differently; 6:30 pm Social, 7:00 pm Program.
• More details about programs and tours will appear in Chapter newsletter & on Chapter webpage.
• For questions about programming call (920) 572-9540.