

PROGRAMS/TOURS

- 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 and any updates will appear in the Chapter newsletter, on our webpage and on our Facebook page.

MEETING LOCATIONS

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 Stroebe Rd. Off Stroebe, turn right onto Butte des Morts Beach Rd.

Evergreen Retirement Community

1130 N. Westfield St., 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:

Chapter funds are awarded to qualifying groups, such as schools, 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 is available on the Chapter webpage or email Ron Jones, rjones3155@gmail.com to request a mailed copy.

Plant Rescue: Chapter members rescue native plants from sites slated for excavation. If you are aware of a construction site that may contain native plant species, please contact the Plant Rescue Coordinator, **Donna VanBuecken** at (920) 749-7807 or e-mail dvanbuecken@new.rr.com.

Join us by visiting wildones.org/join

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.

COME GROW WITH US!

Our Native Plant Education program is off and running, and we are excited to be offering more classes in 2023. Find more information on our Chapter website: foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

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2023 Programs & Tours



Public Welcome

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Fox Valley Area Chapter Annual Meeting

Feb 18 | Sat | 1-3 pm | Meeting | WILD Center

Meet other members for snacks and beverages as we update you on our 2022 accomplishments and plans for 2023. Afterwards, **Shannon Davis-Foust**, Chapter President, will present, *From Mowing to Growing: Putting Society on the Path to Ecoliteracy*. While many realize the importance of growing native landscapes, the social norm of mowing lawn for landscape beautification persists. Join us for an afternoon of discussion and inspiration on how we can gently remind society of the many benefits of native landscapes. We will cover both educational and communication strategies.

Field Trip to Tellock's Hill Woods State Natural Area

May 13 | Sat | 10 am-12 noon | Tour
Shady Lane Rd. | Clintonville, WI

Take a naturalist-led walk to search for spring ephemerals at Tellocks Woods State Natural Area in Waupaca County, southwest of Clintonville. Enjoy the beauty of these spring-blooming native plants, which take advantage of early season sunlight before the tree canopy leafs out. Our group leader is **Mike Hibbard**, director of Mosquito Hill Nature Center. He'll share tips for plant identification; bring your field guide to follow along. We'll meet at the parking area located on Shady Lane Road. Contact us for assistance with directions.

Native Plant Sale Order Pickup

May 20 | Sat | 9 am Start | Sale | WILD Center

Pre-order your plants for the best choice of grasses, ferns, forbs, sedges, vines, trees, and shrubs. The order form will be available February 2023. Deadline to place your order is March 31. Download an order form from foxvalleyarea.wildones.org

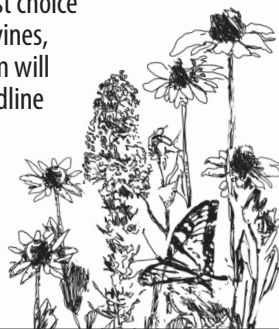


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Tour the Griebenow Hobby Farm

Aug 12 | Sat | 10 am-12 noon | Tour
N1022 Midway Rd. | Hortonville, WI

Our host, **Alicia Griebenow**, is a long-time member and annual conference volunteer. Enjoy the gardens in the front, side and backyards of the home which incorporate native plants into the garden design. We'll also see distinctive art pieces, and a newly installed rain garden. The yard is a fantastic example of how to create native plantings for any size yard to support pollinators. The tour contains a bonus of visiting an unusual variety of animals, including 6 alpacas.

Tour the Perry Property

Sept 21 | Thur | 5:30 -7 pm | Tour
5157 N Loop Rd. | Larsen, WI

Chapter member and former board member **Joy Perry** will take us walking on mowed paths through two prairies seeded in 1995 (20 acres total) with typical forbs and grasses, but now also with relentlessly spreading invasives such as reed canary grass and buckthorn. We'll think aloud about the realities of controlling invasive species and how best to maintain native communities, whether planted or natural.

Terrestrial Invasive Species Mapping Along NE Wisconsin Roadways

Sept 28 | Thur | 6:30 pm Start | WILD Center

Join us as we dive into the invasive species mapping project taking place in Northeast Wisconsin. To confront the landscape-level impacts of invasive species, the only solution is through coordinated efforts being implemented through partnerships with Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance, Stantec, Glacierland RC&D, and others. Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator **Chris Acy** will give updates on the multi-partner project mapping phragmites, teasel, and Japanese knotweed.

Seed Collection Workshop at Gottfried Prairie

Oct 14 | Sat | 9 am-12 noon | Workshop
400 University Dr. | Fond du Lac, WI

Rain Date | Sun | Oct 15

Gottfried prairie is a hidden gem: a successful 50-acre prairie restoration adjacent to the UW-Fond du Lac campus. Most of the species originated from the last remaining prairie remnants around Fond du Lac County. This workshop is for landowners who wish to collect prairie wildflower and grass seed for planting on their own property. Bring small paper bags, small snips, light gloves, and a sharpie marker. A limited number of supplies will be available. This is a free event sponsored by Gottfried Prairie & Arboretum and Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Chapter and led by **Margie Winter and Shannon Davis-Foust**.

Buckthorn Workday

Oct 21 | Sat | 9-11 am | WILD Center

Plan on helping eradicate the ever-present buckthorn and honeysuckle from the WILD Center grounds. October is the prime time to tackle buckthorn since it is the last to lose its leaves before winter. Coffee and snacks will be provided by the FVA chapter, so please let us know if you have a couple hours to help that day. Bring your gloves and favorite buckthorn-busting tools. The WILD Center also has a few hand tools.

Audubon Partner Meeting: Pollinators: From Plants to Produce to People

Nov 16 | Thur | 6:30 pm Social | 7 pm Program
Evergreen Retirement Community | Oshkosh, WI

If you've ever eaten a vegetable, fruit, or nut, you can thank a pollinator. While we most associate pollination with bees, we mustn't forget the unsung heroes like butterflies, moths, birds, bats, wasps and beetles. Naturalist **Jessica Miller** from Mosquito Hill Nature Center will teach us about pollination and why habitat protection is crucial. Jessica is an active member of the Wisconsin Monarch Collaborative, focused on increasing native milkweed and nectar plants to offset the drastic decline of monarchs and other native pollinators.