

PROGRAMS/TOURS

- Programs and tours are free (unless a fee is indicated) and open to the public.
- Programs and tours are subject to change. Please refer to Chapter newsletters, web page and Facebook page for updates, locations, cancellations, etc.
- Programming questions?
Email wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com

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 available on Chapter webpage or email us at wildonesfoxvalley@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, David Langner** at wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.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!

We offer a variety of courses related to native plants. As an option, you can earn a Wisconsin Native Plant Certificate. Please find more details on our webpage at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

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2024 Programs & Tours



Fox Valley Area

Public Welcome

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Toward Harmony with Nature Fair

Jan 27 | Sat | 8 am–4 pm

UW Oshkosh | Culver Family Welcome Center

We're rolling out a new format for our annual January event. Highlights include an inspiring keynote address by Emily Stone, thought-provoking mini sessions, a vendor showcase, and networking opportunities. Registration information at <https://foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/thwn-fair-2>

Wild Ones Fox Valley Area Annual Meeting

Feb 24 | Sat | 1–3 pm | WILD Center

This year we are celebrating our Chapter's 30th anniversary. Join us as we recognize the retirement of **Donna VanBuecken** and **Susan Forbes**. Both are founding members of our chapter. Donna served as Executive Director of National Wild Ones for 17 years. Susan has spoken to many groups on our behalf and served as mentoring chair. The meeting is open to all members. We'll lift a glass to our chapter and its founders following a brief, but required, business meeting.

An Evening with Robin Wall Kimmerer

Mar 19 | Tue | 5–7 pm | UW Oshkosh | Reeve Union

Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer is the acclaimed author of *Braiding Sweetgrass* and will speak on Indigenous wisdom, and the relationship between humans and nature. Online ticket purchase will be available in February. Wild Ones members receive a discount: \$14 in advance or \$21 at the door. More information will be available in future E-Blasts and FVAC monthly newsletters.

Native Plant Sale Order Pickup

May 18 | Sat | Location to be determined*

Pre-order your plants for the best choice of grasses, ferns, forbs, sedges, vines, trees, and shrubs. The order form will be available February 2024. Deadline to place your order is March 31. Download an order form: foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

**The WILD Center, our traditional pick-up location, may not be available. Plant purchasers will be notified of pick-up location when confirmed.*

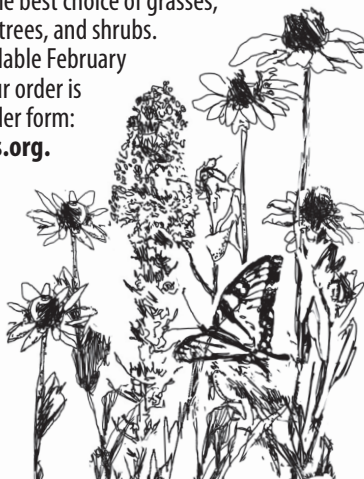


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Tour the AriensCo Conservation Property Trailhead

June 22 | Sat | 10 am–12 noon | W850 Center Rd | Brillion

Ariens Company manages 200+ acres on its company campus for native habitat conservation. Their efforts have resulted in an abundance of native wildlife on the once neglected property including 100+ birds, 40+ butterflies and 11 of Wisconsin's bumble bee species including the Rusty Patch bumblebee.

Ann Stilp, Executive Program Manager, and **Rachel Padour**, Conservation Technician, will introduce us to the successes and failures preserving and establishing prairie, forest, and forested wetlands and show us the restoration in progress. (Park in the lot by the silo.)

Plant Hike with Naturalist Anita Carpenter

July 13 | Sat | 9–11 am | Wiouwash Trl | Winnebago Cty

Join chapter members and guests for a stroll along a State Natural Area located on the Wiouwash Trail in Winnebago County. Led by naturalist **Anita Carpenter**, the focus of this field trip is to discover the plants, birds, trees, insects and more in this remnant prairie. Directions from I-41 and Hwy 76: go north on Hwy. 76 for 5 miles. Turn left on Oakridge Rd. Travel west for 4 miles until you see the sign for the recreation trail. Park in the small lot on your right.

Monarch Butterflies: Their Amazing Life Cycle, Migration, and How We can Help Them Flourish

July 25 | Thu | 7–9 pm | Location to be determined*

Artist and Monarch enthusiast **Randy Peterson** presents a fascinating look at the monarch life cycle. Using large and lifelike sculptures he has created, Randy will present many little-known facts about these beloved insects. Geared for all ages, Randy's presentation will include successful techniques for planting milkweed and flowers that will help fuel the monarchs for their great migration.

Hartel Property Tour

Aug 10 | Sat | 9–10:30 am | W141 Welsch Rd | Winneconne

After a few years of wanting a natural area rather than grass to mow, **Dana Hartel and her husband** tilled a couple acres and planted a variety of native seeds. Many years later, in 2019, they started tackling the reed canary grass by removing plants physically. To their delight, a population of native sedges was uncovered. Dana will give us a tour of their property, sharing highlights and challenges.

Native Planting Tour

Aug 15 | Thu | 5–7 pm

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We are invited to tour a native planting on a berm along Sawyer Creek behind Evergreen in Oshkosh. In October 2020, FVA chapter members **Carol and Bob Niendorf** and **Ed Potempa**, with help from several Evergreen residents, completed the first planting of short- to medium-height native plants, followed by the second phase in May 2021 and the third phase in May 2022. The plantings were funded by grants.

Seed Collection Workshop at Gottfried Prairie

Oct 19 | 9–12 noon | 400 University Dr | Fond du Lac

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**. Rain Date: Sunday, October 20.

Audubon Partner Meeting

Nov 21 | Thu | 6:30 pm Social | 7:00 Program

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Watch for more details in Chapter e-blasts and monthly newsletters.



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