

Toward Harmony with Nature

Saturday • Feb. 8, 2025 • 8 am – 4:30 pm

Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center • 1000 Cameron Way • Neenah, WI 54956

Schedule

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration & Coffee
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome & Announcement – Shannon Davis-Foust, President, Wild Ones Fox Valley Area
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Address – Heather Holm, “ <i>Creating and Managing Landscapes for Native Bees</i> ”
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Break – Exhibits, Silent Auction
10:45 am – 11:45 am	Plenary Address – Rob Zimmer, “ <i>Native Orchids of Wisconsin</i> ”
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break Snacks Provided
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Session 1 – Rich Fischer, “ <i>Going Native 101</i> ” or Lisa Mick, “ <i>The Changing Climate and Native Plants</i> ”
1:45 pm – 2:10 pm	Break – Exhibits, Silent Auction
2:10 pm – 2:55 pm	Session 2 – Susan Carpenter, “ <i>Practical Tips for Creating and Enhancing Resilient Native Plant Gardens</i> ” or Patricia Trochlell, “ <i>The Extraordinary World of Sedges and Grasses</i> ”
2:55 pm – 3:25 pm	Break – Exhibits, Conclusion of Silent Auction
3:25 pm – 4:10 pm	Session 3 – Dr. Bridie Fanning, “ <i>The Key Steps for a Prairie and Woodland Restoration</i> ” or Katie Reed, PhD, “ <i>Connecting Land and Water: Native Plants Benefitting Water Quality</i> ”
4:30 pm	Closing Conference – Closing and Silent Auction Announcement

Keynote Address (9:00 am – 10:00 am)

“*Creating and Managing Landscapes for Native Bees*”

HEATHER HOLM

When creating and managing thriving habitats for native bees, many factors such as seasonal phenology, nesting strategies, and flower preferences must be considered—and with approximately 3,600 species in North America (north of Mexico), there are many unique aspects to keep in mind when managing successful landscapes for bees.

Join pollinator conservationist and author Heather Holm as she explores the nesting habitats, life cycles, pollen collection, brood rearing, and general characteristics of some of the most common native bees in eastern North America, while highlighting the pollination of native plants and the mutualism between native plants and native bees. Learn about pollen specialists, the presentation of floral resources, and how the physical characteristics of bees can influence their effectiveness as pollinators. Heather will also discuss ways to manage landscapes to enhance bee diversity, plant selection considerations, and ultimately how to think like a bee!



Conference Lodging:

If you need lodging, we recommend reserving a room at:

Bridgewood Resort Hotel & Conference Center
1000 Cameron Way, Neenah, WI 54956
920.720.8000

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TO PRE-REGISTER – Choose One of the Following Options.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE – We are offering a virtual option this year. All speakers will be live-streamed. To attend virtually (do NOT use this form), register on-line at [FoxValleyArea.WildOnes.org/THWN-Fair-2](https://www.foxvalleyarea.org/WildOnes.org/THWN-Fair-2) and receive a link to attend the conference in real-time. Registration deadline February 7.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE – All attendees will be seated at round tables. Keynote and Plenary addresses will be presented in one large room and the rest will be in breakout rooms. Sessions will take place in exclusive rooms, ensuring a dedicated space for presentations. We have increased break times between speakers to ensure attendees can engage in meaningful conversations with exhibitors while still enjoying the presentations. We aim to provide a comfortable space for learning and making connections. Copies of the brochure can be downloaded from this website: [FoxValleyArea.WildOnes.org/THWN-Fair-2](https://www.foxvalleyarea.org/WildOnes.org/THWN-Fair-2). Registration deadline January 28.

To ensure your attendance, register early (in-person attendance will be capped at 200).

QUESTIONS? Contact Conference Chair by email at wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE (Mail in registration MUST be postmarked by January 28).

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: online registration is required.

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE: online registration or complete and the mail form below.



Scan QR Code to Register Online

Name (please list main contact name first) _____ Additional Attendee Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email (For registration confirmation) _____ Chapter/Business/Organization (To be printed on nametag) _____

Lunch, Coffee and Tea provided (Note: State law does NOT allow you to bring your own lunch into the Conference Center).

Registration Fee (includes Lunch) - Select all that apply:

Early Bird (ends Jan 10th): \$55 Member x ___ \$65 Non-Member x ___ \$35 Student x ___

After Jan 10th: \$65 Member x ___ \$75 Non-Member x ___ \$35 Student x ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED

\$

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Sorry, no refunds.

Checks Payable To: WOFVA Chapter Mail To: WOFVA Conference Registration, PO Box 385, Appleton, WI 54912

Please bring your own re-usable bag, water bottle and writing materials.

PLENARY ADDRESS (10:45 am – 11:45 am)

“Native Orchids of Wisconsin”

ROB ZIMMER

Join Rob Zimmer for an intimate exploration of the native wild orchids of Wisconsin. Throughout the seasons, Rob will take you on a journey to the wild places of our state in search of native orchids.



SESSION 1 (1:00 pm – 1:45 pm)

“Going Native 101”

RICH FISCHER

Are you new to native plants and want to learn how you can improve your landscape with natives? Rich will inspire you by sharing his 24 year journey of adding native plants to his landscape. We will examine how you too can incorporate natives into your existing landscape and how to create a small manageable prairie. Rich has had excellent success propagating native plants via the winter sowing technique which we will also discuss.



“The Changing Climate and Native Plants”

LISA MICK

Conditions are changing at record speed and out plant and insect friends are struggling to keep up. How can we help them survive and ultimately adapt? Let’s talk about our part in the process.



SESSION 2 (2:10 pm – 2:55 pm)

“Practical Tips for Creating and Enhancing Resilient Native Plant Gardens”

SUSAN CARPENTER

Start small or go big—discover ways to successfully incorporate native plants into your gardening and landscaping. We will explore site characteristics and preparation, plant selection, garden management, and monitoring. Garden with nature!



“The Extraordinary World of Sedges and Grasses”

PATRICIA TROCHLELL

Sedges and grasses are among the largest plant families with species that can grow almost anywhere, from wetlands to prairies to forests. We will explore some of the species of sedges and grasses that grow in Wisconsin, the diverse habitats where they are found and how they interact with other species in their environment.



SESSION 3 (3:25 pm – 4:10 pm)

“The Key Steps for a Prairie and Woodland Restoration”

DR. BIRDIE FANNING

Learn the steps involved in establishing a restored prairie, woodland and savanna and the pitfalls to watch out for. Learn how to stage your conversion to native so you can manage the multi-year journey for different levels of ecological succession and your workload!



“Connecting Land and Water: Native Plants Benefitting Water Quality”

KATIE REED, PhD

Native plants on the land can help improve the water quality of our lakes, rivers, and streams. We will take a look at the water quality challenges the Fox-River Basin is facing, and how shoreline restoration plays a role in protecting our waters. We will discuss different ‘do-it-yourself’ projects using native plants to capture and filter water, which can be used upland too.



MEMBERSHIP: To renew your Wild Ones membership go to [wildones.org](https://www.wildones.org).

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