

PROGRAMS/ TOURS

- Programs/tours are free (unless a fee is indicated) and open to the public.
- More details about programs and tours will be found in Chapter newsletters, E-blasts and our Facebook page.
- Questions? E-mail wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.

MEETING LOCATIONS

With the sale of the WILD Center approaching, our programs will be scheduled at locations around our chapter area. We appreciate being able to partner with nature centers, libraries and other community centers.

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 to request a mailed copy call (920) 572-9540.

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 Lanikarask@yahoo.com or by calling (920) 205-4603.

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 new native plant education program is growing strong, and we are looking for more collaborators to team up with us. Find more information at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

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Native Plant Winter Sow Workshop

Jan. 30 | Thu | 6-7:30 pm | JP Coughlin Center
625 E. Cty Rd Y | Oshkosh

Learn about native plants and their benefits to our watershed, pollinator habitats and more and make a 'mini-greenhouse' using native seeds to take home with you. Workshop facilitator is **Katie Reed**, Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance. Seeds, tools, and soil will be provided though are in limited supply. Online registration required by **Jan. 27**. Milk jugs will be available, but participants may also bring their own.

Toward Harmony with Nature Fair

Feb 8 | Sat | 8 am-4:30 pm | Bridgewood Resort
Hotel & Conference Center | Neenah

Explore a diverse array of natural landscaping and native plant-related topics, featuring Heather Holm as our Keynote Speaker. You'll also enjoy exhibitors, vendors, speakers, and engaging discussions. Don't miss out on our silent auction—a perfect opportunity to discover unique treasures while enjoying a celebration of nature. Register at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/thwn-fair-2. A virtual attendance option is available.

Fox Valley Area Chapter Annual Meeting

Mar 1 | Sat | 1-3 pm | WILD Center

We'll gather for a brief, but required, business meeting to share our successes from the past year and let you know what's coming up in 2025. Light snacks and beverages will be provided along with a fun ice-breaker. Bring your questions and suggestions for the board. The meeting is open to all members.

Composting Basics

April 12 | Sat | 9-11:30 am | Mosquito Hill
Nature Center | New London

Are you ready to compost, but not sure where to start? Then this learning session is for you. Learn the best practices for successful composting, equipment needed, and do's and don'ts. You'll be on your way to free, non-chemical fertilizer in no time. Online registration due **April 5**.

Native Plant Sale Order Pickup

May 17 | Sat | Heckrodt Wetland Reserve
1305 Plank Rd | Menasha

Pre-order your plants for the best choice of grasses, ferns, forbs, sedges, vines, trees, and shrubs. The order form will be available February 2025. Deadline to place your order is **March 31**. Download an order form from foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

Foraging for Wild Edible Plants

May 24 | Sat | 9-11 am | Thousand Islands Nature
Center | 1000 Beaulieu Ct | Kaukauna

David Langner is a forager who has taught edible plant programs since 2015. An indoor program will be followed by a hike looking for edible plants and learning how to use them. Afterwards, sample a few plant recipes David has prepared. Online registration required by **May 17**.

Gorzek Property Tour

June 5 | Thu | 6-7:30 pm | N1221 River Dr |
Greenville

This 1.5-acre property on the Rat River has been managed for native plants since 2012. We'll view a variety of trees nestled among grasses and sedges, ramps and skunk cabbage, nettle and jewelweed, and some plantings near the house. Online registration due by **June 1**.

Tour Stone Silo Prairie Gardens

June 14 | Sat | 9-11 am | 2325 Oak Ridge Circle |
DePere

Stone Silo Prairie Gardens specializes in wildflowers and grasses native to the Upper Midwest. Our tour will be led by owner **Justin Kroening**. Come and see more than 100 varieties of plants and take home some species for your perennial planting or rain garden. Online registration required by **June 7**.

Tour the Bohn Farms Glacial Habitat Restoration Area

July 19 | Sat | 8-10 am | 9500 Cty Rd D | Winneconne

Last year, the Wisconsin DNR completed a 5-year restoration effort on this 79-acre former family farm. Now, a wealth of native plants support wildlife, including several bird species of concern. FVAC board member **Dana Hartel** will be our guide through prairie, sedge meadow and oak savanna. Waterproof footwear and insect repellent are recommended. Online registration required by **July 12**.

Fox Property Tour

Aug. 9 | Sat | 9-11 am | Fremont

We'll take an informal tour of a 15-acre property managed by owner **Charlie Fox** since 1992. This former ag area has had 1000 trees planted and we'll see a variety of prime prairie and wetland plants too, including, if we're lucky, purple-fringed orchids. Location will be provided upon registration, due **August 2**.

Leaf Mandala Workshop

Oct TBD

Expand your relationship with nature by looking for matching leaves of similar size, shape, and color to add to a mosaic the group creates- laying leaves/berries/cones/stones/etc. in a pattern on the ground. Some basic plant identification will be shared, but the approach is one of art therapy - noticing, observing, sensing, feeling and creating. Our facilitator is **Janelle Jentz**.

Seed Collecting Workshop at Gottfried Prairie

Oct 18 (Rain Date: 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 UWO-Fond du Lac campus. Most of the species originated from the last remaining prairie remnants around Fond du Lac County. 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.

Audubon Partner Meeting: TBD

Nov 20 | Thu | 6:30 pm Social | 7 pm Program
Evergreen Retirement Community | Oshkosh

Members and Friends Holiday Gathering

Dec. 7 | Sun | 1-3 pm | Location TBD

Take a break from holiday planning and join us for an afternoon seed and cookie exchange. A variety of prairie seeds will be available from our seed collecting workshop in October. And, if you care to, feel free to bring a small plate of cookies to share with others. Beverages will be provided.