

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.

Wisconsin Native Plant Certification

Fox Valley Area Wild Ones proudly offers a 50-hour certificate in WI native plants. It is designed to expand knowledge of botany, ecology, conservation, and uses of native flora in Wisconsin. Participants will get both classroom education and hands-on application to increase knowledge and skills that can be applied at home, in the community, or at work. The course setting will provide a common ground for native plant enthusiasts to meet and connect with others who share their interests. The program is designed to benefit home gardeners, landscapers, teachers, and other professionals. See our website for further detailed information regarding cost, scholarships and course overview.

Grants

Natural Landscapes for Tomorrow fund grants ranging from \$100-\$500 to our Chapter area (serving the counties of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Outagamie, Waushara, Waupaca and Winnebago) public schools, houses of worship, and other public and not-for-profit organizations who wish to create natural landscapes or outdoor classrooms using native plants. A 50% funding match is required. **Applications are due Feb 1 and notification of awards will be given in March.** See website for instructions, and application.

Plant Rescue Program

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 chapter email wildonesfoxvalley@gmail.com.

WildOnes 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.

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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Toward Harmony with Nature Fair

**Jan 24 | Sat | 8 am-4:30pm | Culver Family
Welcome Center | 625 Pearl Ave | Oshkosh**

Explore a diverse array of natural landscaping and native plant-related topics, featuring keynote speaker Neil Diboll of Prairie Nursery. You will 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. See complete itinerary and register at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org/THWN. Registration and fee are due **Jan 12**. A virtual attendance option is available.

Fox Valley Area Chapter Annual Meeting

**Feb 7 | Sat | 1-3pm | WILD Center |
2285 W Butte Des Mortes Beach Rd | Neenah**

At this important business meeting, we will gather to review our updated bylaws and elect our Board of Directors. We will also share our successes from the past year. Bring your calendars as we let you know about upcoming 2026 events. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. Bring your questions and suggestions for the Board. The meeting is open to all members.

Virtual Badger Talk: Gardening with Native Plants

**Mar 19 | Thurs | 6:30-7:30pm | Susan Carpenter |
Native Plant Curator | UW-Madison Arboretum |
Elisha D Smith Public Library | 440 1st St Menasha |
Company E Room**

We'll learn about native plants that are the basis of sustainable, diverse, and beautiful gardens supporting pollinators, beneficial insects, and wildlife. These gardens thrive without fertilizers, pesticides, mowing, or supplemental watering. Native garden examples will be shared. This is also a chance to meet other native plant gardeners and discuss plans for spring planting. Link to presenter title/bio: <http://badgertalks.wisc.edu/speaker/susan-carpenter>. Register at foxvalleyarea.wildones.org. A virtual attendance option is available.

Spring Ephemeral Tour

Apr 18 | 11am-1pm

Explore pristine land in the New London area. Bloodroot, trillium, and hepatica may be some of the species we encounter as we ramble through 164 acres of tamarack forest and wetlands. Photo buffs, bring your cameras to capture the ephemeral flowers in bloom. Boots, long pants, and insect repellent are recommended. Location will be emailed to registrants. Online registration foxvalleyarea.wildones.org due **April 11**.

Wetland Mitigation

**May 2 | Sat | 9-11am | John Gumtow |
Wetland Scientist | 3349 Brooks Rd | Oshkosh**

Tour and learn about the USACE/WDNR Wetland Program to conserve and restore wetlands in WI. In 2024, 200 acres of drained agricultural land was converted to a mosaic of restored ephemeral and perennial wetlands, including a groundwater fen and habitats to protect water quality and provide habitat for pollinators, songbirds, and waterfowl. Recommend: Boots, long pants, and insect repellent.

Native Plant Sale Order Pickup

**May 16 | 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 2026. The deadline to place your order is **March 31**. Download your order form from foxvalleyarea.wildones.org.

Full Circle Community Farm Tour with Emphasis on Pollinator Garden

**June 16 | Tues | 1-3pm | W2407 Hofa Park Rd |
Seymour**

The farm is the winner of the 2024 Aldo Leopold Conservation award. Enjoy a tour showcasing conservation and climate-friendly farming practices. Tree plantings, ponds, pollinator habitats, and bird havens will be highlighted. The location is 34 miles (45 minute drive) from the WILD Center. Carpooling is recommended.

Urban Garden Tour In Neenah

July 16 | Thurs | 5:30-7pm | Rain date: July 30

Tour the native gardens grown and cared for by a local homeowners. They will share tips and insights for naturalizing your outdoor space. Bring questions and ideas on how to best create your own more bio diverse yard. Location will be emailed to registrants. Online registration foxvalleyarea.wildones.org due **July 9**.

Private Lands Restoration

Tour: Reedsville

Aug 6 | Thurs | 5:30-7pm | Rain date: Aug 13

Visit a century farm that has converted 21 acres back to native grassland, natural pollinator areas, and a shoreline buffer along Mud Creek. Enjoy the beauty as you explore the many trails on the farm. Learn from the owner the ups and downs of managing restored agricultural land. Photo buffs, bring your cameras to capture the prairie flowers in bloom. Long pants and insect repellent are recommended. Location will be emailed to registrants. Online registration foxvalleyarea.wildones.org due **July 30**.

Monarch Tagging with Winnebago Audubon Partner

Sept 5 | Sat | 1-3pm | 4946 Broderick Rd | Omro

Winnebago Audubon is hosting its popular monarch tagging event on the prairie at Shannon Davis-Foust's home. Learn about the life cycle and migration of the monarch butterfly at the beginning of the program. Experience how to safely identify the gender, apply the tag, and record data. You will then be free to wander the prairie and net monarchs. Remember to respect the prairie and any wildlife you encounter.

Seed Collecting Workshop at Gottfried Prairie

**Oct 17 | Sat | 9-12pm | Rain date: Oct 18 |
400 University Dr | Fond du lac**

Gottfried prairie is a hidden gem: a successful 50-acre prairie restored with seeds collected from remnants of the last remaining original prairie sites in 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 and Arboretum and Wild Ones Fox Valley Chapter.

Audubon/Wild Ones Partner Meeting

**Nov 19 | Thurs | 6:30pm social | 7pm program |
Evergreen Retirement Community |
1130 N Westfield St | Oshkosh**

Please check our website under education and events: foxvalleyarea.wildones.org for further information.

Members and Friends Holiday Gathering

Date: TBD | WILD Center

Take a break from the holiday planning and join us for an afternoon seed and cookie exchange. A variety of seeds will be available from our seed collecting workshop in Oct. Feel free to bring a small plate of cookies to share with others. Beverages will be provided.