



My name is Ruth Rose, and I call myself **“The Beginner Wild One!”**

We are starting a new, developing program we call **“Grow Wild With Us!”** This is a kind, invitational, friendly, fun program that encourages all of us to **“Start Small, Think Big, and Grow No Harm”**

Our goal is to start growing organic gardens and spaces that will connect neighbors, neighborhoods, and communities. It gives us a way to connect on a non-confrontational subject. We will strive to include EVERYONE-- by encouraging even those who choose to make NO changes in their spaces or yard care to offset their footprint by making a small donation to a Nature Preservation project of their choice.

Eventually this will connect to the “Homegrown National Park™” outlined by Doug Tallamy in his many videos, and his latest book “Natures Best Hope”. Each one of us can strive to:

**“Heal the Earth, One Space at a Time”**

We expect to have Huge Successes (‘Sprouting Success!’) to celebrate, and Epic Failures (‘Growing Pains’) to laugh about, and I invite you to learn right along with me-- and be guided by knowledgeable Wild Ones members-- as I start my OWN Journey of Gardening ‘Wild’.

My parents, who are no longer with me, were asked once to list each of their four children’s best qualities. Under ‘Ruth’ they listed:

1. Adaptability
2. Flexibility
3. Willingness to laugh at mistakes and keep on trying

I hope that those characteristics will be of good service to “Grow Wild With Us!”

