

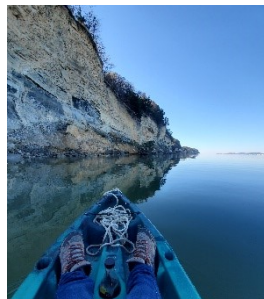
Weekly Wild Wednesday

For November 4th, 2020

Hi everyone, wow! The cold snap and snow last week was gorgeous, but made this week of warm temperatures and stunning sunny days especially welcome!



Outdoor water activities felt like a magical gift. A week to get outside and enjoy the sunshine!



Iowa Natural Heritage came to 18320 Talbot for their yearly visit, and brought a welcome addition!

The landowner and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation are working together to protect the conservation value of this land forever.
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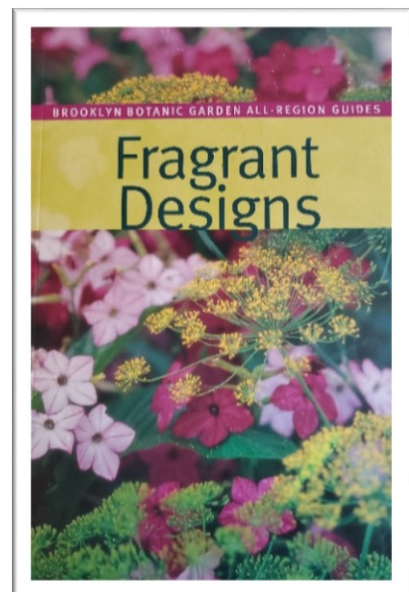
At The Flower House, Mercedes set up the log edging to see how it might look, and there are some ideas on how to secure this edging upright--but more ideas are needed for testing differing options. Also whether or not there is a preference for all the logs trimmed to a single height, or if we like the more natural look they have currently. Please comment.



At Charese's Garden, 4th Street, the Virginia Creeper trellis is installed and looks beautiful!



At "The Wild Mess" on Talbot, this newly acquired book inspired the desire to use one of the Test Garden sites as a 'Scent-sory' garden! Please send me a list of your favorite Native scented plants for designing this garden. My favorite is Wild Bergamot *Monarda fistulosa*. We will work on a design when we get a nicely sized list.



<https://homegrownnationalpark.com/>

Michelle mentioned-with statistics below- that Homegrown has taken off even faster than last week! Here's an example from her email:

Michelle: Trying to catch up...it's been a very exciting time! We have had (last I looked) over 8,000 unique web site visitors and over 16,000 page views in a little over a week. Also, over 600 followers on Instagram. There are well over 700 map data entries already!

Drum Roll...We are on the Partner page! Both programs (Homegrown National Park and Grow Wild!) are in a fun, flexible, *changeable* development phase with artwork, signage, and the Partnership Programs. Here's the commentary:

Michelle: The Partner page criteria, in all honesty, is a work-in-progress!

We are thinking it is for orgs and corps who:

- are putting our logo on their website with a live link to our site and call-to-action to "getonthemap"

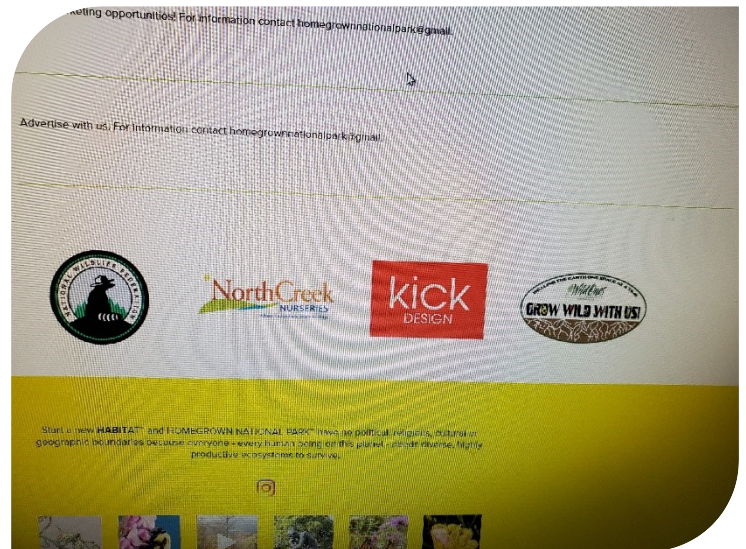
- have donated or provided services pro bono

- using our logo with link to the map page on our site with their campaign to plant native (which I think is what you intend to do for your spring campaign)?

I always look forward to your feedback and hearing from you so please don't hesitate!

Collaboration, ideas, and thoughts are welcomed and encouraged! Adjustments and improvements will be ongoing.

Such a rewarding time to be a part of a positive, newly developing nationwide transition into Growing Nature in our own spaces!



Signage: Currently we are awaiting the latest artwork from Homegrown National Park tm for Sara to add to our signage. It will be so exciting to see the updates!

