

Weekly Wild Wednesday

For September 30th, 2020

Hi everyone, what a fun and productive week! I learned a lot, with several links from Dianne and Elisa, and on location at Dotty and Bills. I had so much fun harvesting seeds—along with others—that I forgot to take any action photos!



Bill and I harvested lead plant on the terraces above the late summer Prairie Bailing in the photo. The weather was perfect.



At The Flower House, I brought some newly cut cedars from Yankton to judge different heights and sizes and see which ones might work best for edging the gardens and containing the leaves and debris for overwintering creatures.

Over on the newly named Veterans Memorial Prairie a few of us gathered and raked the cut 'hay' over to the areas where there is lawn turf and invasive Brome. Hopefully this experiment will smother the invasive grasses and seed the new grasses and forbs from the thatch. It was chock full of seeds- so we are hopeful this might work!



Down at Guarantee Roofing at Charese's, we pulled up the existing edging, reinstalled, and leveled all the edging at the three spots where the existing gardens used to be located. It turned out really nicely!



Before and after side of main building



Before and after left side of driveway.



Before, during, and after right side of driveway. The beds are ready for planting! Plants from Blooming Prairie will be going to Charese's and to The Flower House yet this Fall. Many more will be ordered from the Spring Native Plant Sale hosted by Loess Hills Wild Ones.

I am so excited about the progress on all of the local projects, the Seed Harvesting, and the upcoming Seed Exchange!

Ongoing business:

Grow Wild Signage: We are collecting evaluation data from several sources. Sara offered her outdoor fireplace area to have a get together and go over the data, so this will be scheduled shortly after the Seed Exchange. If you have any signage input, please reply to all.

Publicity: Please let me know your thoughts from several newsletters ago regarding publicity at the Seed Exchange. (Jacob Heller “Proud to be a Homegrown Farmer”)

Ongoing excitement: There is so much interest and excitement regarding all of the gardens around Siouxland. It is fun to see people visiting the various gardens, both well established and the newer projects. It is a really positive and enjoyable conversation amongst acquaintances, friends, and family.



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