

Weekly Wild Wednesday

November 18th, 2020

A mix of warm sunny days and Snow-ember this week, with a sparkling ice show in the mix. Wow!



A quick visit to Omaha to see the Pop-Up Site for Sacred Seeds, what a beautiful combination of Native plants, foods, and lovely landscaping

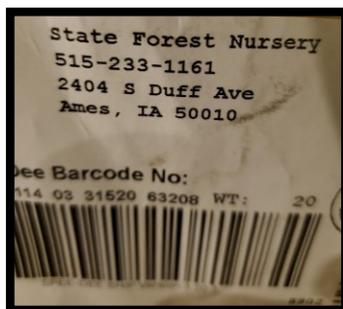


design. If you are going to be in the Old Market area for any reason, it is well worth a visit at 727 S. 13th street, Omaha NE. There are two web sites, several videos, and many articles in various forms—Well worth an internet search on an indoor day!

Then a drive to take Winter photos for the Loess Hills Wild Ones Holidays for Dotty and Jeanne. Contact Jeanne for sending information if you have some Garden or Wildlife photos you would like to share.



A surprise arrival, a forgotten order of bare root trees and shrubs for Fall planting came from the State Forest Nursery!



Anthony from the State Nursery advised me to plant these very near each other, and transplant or edit if they end up too close. The success rate on these bare roots is good, but not perfect, and the price reflects that issue—super inexpensive.



Aronia, Elderberry, and Ninebark are planted at *The Flower House*.

Serviceberry, Hazelnut, and Black Cherry are planted at *The Wild Mess in Progress*. Jeanne has Chokecherry, Hazelnut, and Black Cherry heeled into her compost pile for Agape--either a nice day this week or next Spring planting.

National Wild Ones hosted a Zoom meeting about—Zoom! There is so much to learn, and so many opportunities with this format. Lots to Zoom about regarding this format! Haha!

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Night Hiking: A Winter Suggestion came up on a podcast regarding our very early evenings. You will need a flashlight with three settings, Low, Bright, and steady red. Start with

your yard, street, or garden---and as you become more experienced, graduate to a safe and familiar trail.

A suggestion might be: Watch the sunset from a designated spot, and then walk slowly, exploring closely with your night vision until it is no longer safe to walk without additional light. Place your hand over the flashlight, and turn it on 'red'. If this is enough light for you, explore with your red light. Apparently animals do not 'see' this frequency, and you might surprise some night critters on your exploration! Please Be safe. One listener stated that she had to add tape over her flashlight to get the muted tone, so experiment! Remember to layer for sundown temperature changes.



These spheres accenting the grasses caught my eye in Siouxland, and might be just the thing for a Native Grass garden. Any defining accents would really stand out and show purposeful planting! If anyone has ideas for sourcing (free or inexpensively) items that might provide similar results, it would be so appreciated!

And...Tom is planning a Native Sedge Hugelkultur (see last week) for his garden. Citizen Scientist at Play!

Wishes for lots of outdoor activities with the coming warm week!

