

Weekly Wild Wednesday

For September 9th, 2020

Hi everyone, what a great week! So many hands-on fun project improvements! A couple of minor Growing Pains, to laugh about!

Madison came from 7:30-12 Monday for a tour, update, and 'play' day!

PILOT PROJECT:



"The Flower House"

- The non-invasive Lonicera Sempervirens researched and sourced by Dianne is planted! It is in honor of Mercedes business, matching her logo exactly. She is admiring her new baby. She was touched and honored by our thoughtfulness on this selection as it matches her logo exactly (see attachment).
- A friend of ours, Steve, volunteered and is building a trellis that matches Mercedes style and existing lattice.
- Madison, Mercedes and I discussed back yard structure plants (along the chain link) while testing some old cedars for potential edging. Installed would be NEW cedars as below but we wanted to see how they age. This would be a 'neat and tidy' area to gather leaves and yard debris for habitat.

Madison is learning about Native harvestable foods. She uses Elderberries.

Research: Elderberry, Native Grape Vines, wild strawberries, and Serviceberry--studying their suitability for this site. Sourcing: State Forestry, Ames (except strawberries, ideas?)

10 total volunteer hours with 3 of us- a lot of that was laughing and talking, not really work!

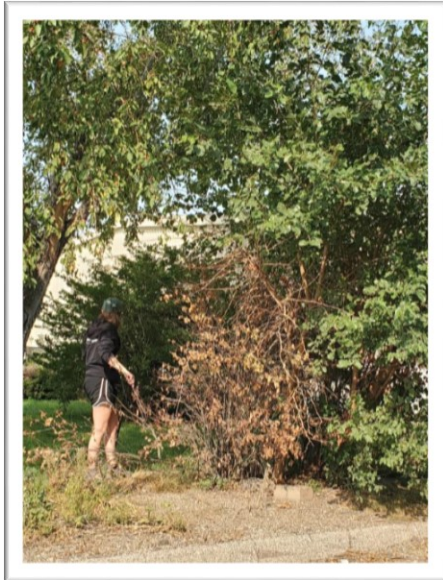


Partner Project #1

“The Friends Prairie Pocket” Our meeting was postponed until September 15th, due to the welcomed rain! Madison and I visited the site and I explained the project to her. She found a plant I had not even noticed-- and learned three Native Prairie grasses.

Partner Project #2

“The Guarantee Roofing Project” (to be named by Charese)



We then proceeded to the (to be named) Yanney Gardens. We cleaned out two more of the garden beds, see before and after above. We are both excited to see how many retaining stones are available, and also decorative rocks were carefully collected for re-use. We plan to lift, level, and reset the edging stones in the two main gardens first, then these two side gardens over the next couple of weeks.

Suggestions: Elisa is working diligently on our web page. There is an interesting “About Us” tab on the Wild Ones National page, do you think if we each do a very short bio of what we see as our role in LHWO that would be helpful? I am including the LONG VERSION that might go under a “Grow Wild” tab, NOT the face page. It is also inclusive of Homegrown National Park so will require their approval.