

Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 13th, 2021

What a Wonderful Week of exciting activities!



We have one last GORGEOUS photo from Tom and Cheri of the Fog Sculptures! Wow!

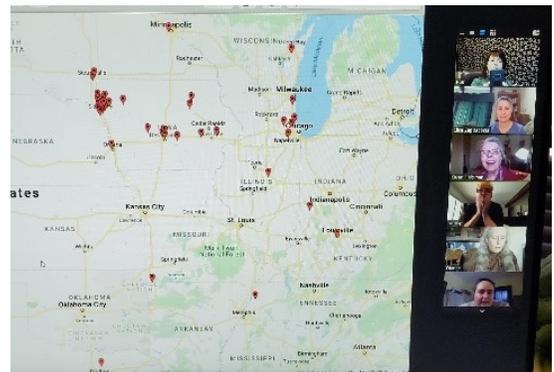
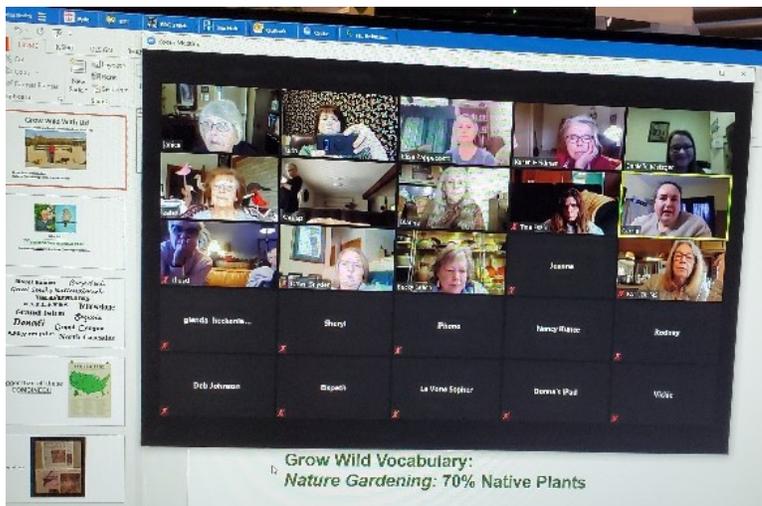
I discovered a podcast that I really like, it is three “Garden Hose” hosts, one is indoor plants, one is outdoor gardens, and one is Native Plants! Worth a listen-and they have an Insect of the Week segment!



Episode 05 Starting Seedlings

The Garden Thyme Podcast

A personal Goal this year is to actually see a REAL Pasque Flower. This stunning photo from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation is just not enough!



The Soft Launch of the Grow Wild With Us! Program--which is a local interpretation of the Homegrown National Park concept--was a huge success, thanks to Carrie's expertise with Publicity, Zoom and Hosting! Thank you, Carrie!

The next programs will showcase the **plants that will make this all work**, starting with Dianne's program of our new Native Plant Sale Offerings, and then Dotty and Dave's Feather Your Nest, plants that attract birds! Live attendance is so much FUN, but if you cannot attend, we will post our programs on our **NEW Loess Hills Wild Ones YouTube Channel!**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9VNKpC70uC0>

Also, visit our work in progress—but GREATLY improved **Loess Hills Wild Ones Website!**
Thank you Elisa! www.loesshills.wildones.org



Dotty wins for most creative Zoom Background!!
Bill made the wooden birds!

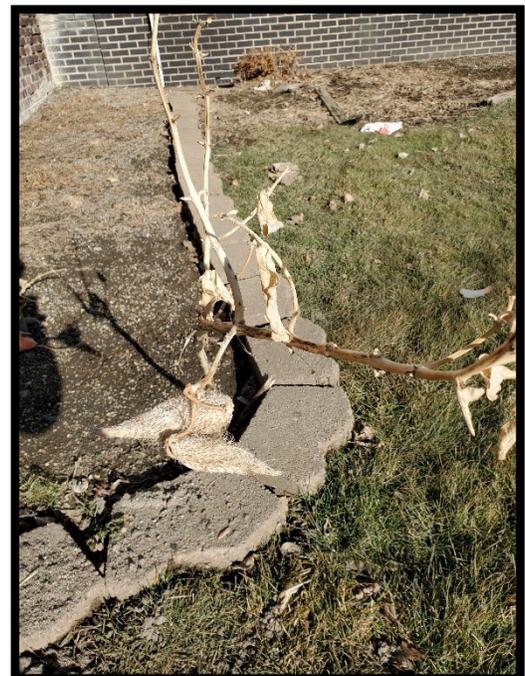


Dawn won this gorgeous pillow for correctly identifying a butterfly (id'd by Dianne and Doug Tallamy) which features our State Bird and our most recognized Prairie Flower! One of the OTHER perks of attending live is you never know when you will get treated to a gift—
Or earn a prize!



Great program!
I found it very interesting and I know where I can find a few gardens that are being done. What a great way to clean up the city. I know I have to paint the old Team Electronics building!

On to *The Yanney Gardens!* This week the weather was just stunning. Bill said "Spread Your Seeds if you haven't already! There were some Milkweed Seeds still hanging on, they went straight under Mom!"

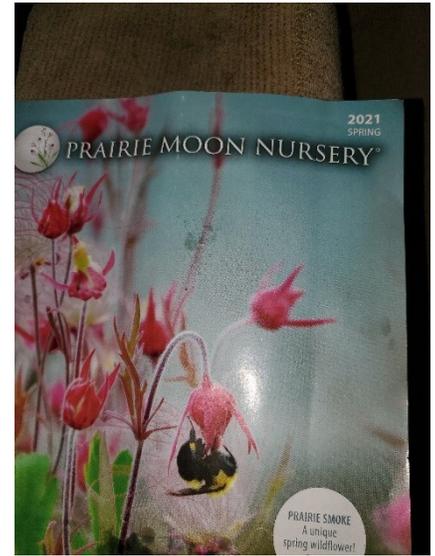


This comment from Charese, who (like Ruth) had Awkward Thumbs this week! What a compliment!

Thank you, Charese!



These were from Prairie Moon
www.prairiemoon.com



Showy Goldenrod *Solidago speciosa*
New England Aster *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*



**Also seeds from tour own
Iowa Seed Saver's
Exchange!**

www.seedsavers.org

**So interesting how the
Native common names are
changing from “Weed” to
“Flower—and getting more
and more Publicity!**



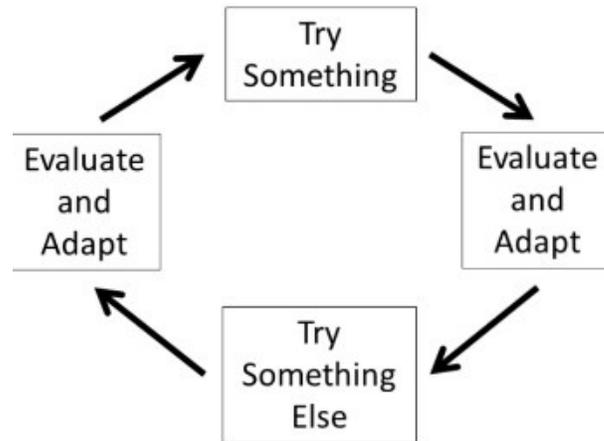
**Doug Tallamy calls
Butterfly Weed
“Monarch’s Delight”!**



**Carrie might have some
ideas for making this a
Sedge Garden Display!**

Chris Helzer has an excellent diagram with a very scientific approach that we plan to follow!

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Upcoming Events!

Do not forget the IPN January 30th Region 5 conference – you may register for it here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdRacdJpEzZf0g4rWTYhNIHhdIchN7zz6ka8mcVLqWm01g6qg/viewform>

The deadline to register is Monday January 25 – you will receive a ZOOM invitation to attend once you register.

IPN Virtual Winter Meeting
[Saturday, January 30, 2021](#)
9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Zoom

Agenda:

[9:00 - 9:05](#) Welcome, Michelle Biodrowski

[9:05 - 9:15](#) University Museums new exhibition announcement -

Compelling

Ground: Landscapes, Environments, and Peoples of Iowa, Adrienne Gennett

[9:15 - 10:15](#) Identification and Ecology of Liatris, Dr. Thomas Rosburg

[10:15 - 11:15](#) Native Seed Sourcing Amidst a Changing Climate, Laura Walter

[11:15 - 11:30](#) Break

[11:30 - 12:50](#) Iowa Wildlife Center Savanna Restoration, Marlene Ehresman

[11:50 - 12:20](#) Prairie in the Sky: Bringing Native Diversity to Downtown Des

Moines, Jon Judson

[12:20 - 12:30](#) Closing remarks, Michelle Biodrowski

Do not miss our own Dianne showcasing the upcoming Plant Sale Plants—introducing each one in detail! This is a fabulous way to **LEARN & LAUGH** together!

January 24th, 2-4PM! See you there!! Also she will be rolling out the details of this incredible Opportunity below!!

Loess Hills Wild Ones Native Plants Tray Special

As an incentive, we are offering a greatly discounted Native Plants Tray Special to any Siouxland based organization that is interested in planting a native pollinator garden. Schools, Churches, Clubs, Community Centers, and Public Gardens/Parks/Outdoor Spaces may apply

Wishes For a Week of Health and Happiness!



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