

Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 10th, 2021

What a stunning 'Outdoor Weather' Week!

Sign up SOON---Registration closes Friday for this upcoming program!

"Plant Diversity for Life!"

Online- Sunday, March 14, 2021

2 – 4 pm CST

Michelle Biodrowski, Naturalist for the Pottawattamie County Conservation Board, and President of the Iowa Prairie Network, will present "Plant Diversity for Life!". Michelle is highly enthusiastic and has many creative ways to add native plants to your yard.

[Sign up HERE for Michelle's Program!](#)



Danielle and I had so much FUN at 'The Yanney Gardens', which received a rough draft outline for ordering plants from the Spring Plant Sale—Pre-orders only- ends March 31st-- [Plant Sale HERE!](#)



Redesign to Native Plants

MAKING THE GARDENS WILDER AS A WAY TO GROW WILD WITH US!

- Gardens originally designed by Master Gardeners in 1996-98
- Morphed over the years, but generally "butterfly garden"
- Wish to renovate to include all native species
- Loess Hills Wild Ones & Homegrown National Park™
<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/resources>

"Catalyzing a collective effort of individual homeowners, property owners, land managers, farmers, and anyone with some soil to plant in...to start a new HABITAT™ by planting native plants and removing most invasive plants."

Dawn organized an awesome project! The Nature Center is re-designing the gardens to support Nature with Native Plants in two of it's large garden beds! We had a great turnout ---both on site, and by Zoom--- for this fun event! So exciting!



On a Nature Hike this week, the bird nests from last year were highly visible.



Also, this Sedge is showing up in many spots along the edge of the woods at the "Once and Future Prairie"! It is showing up where some invasive Buckthorn was removed, and previously there was bare ground! Go Nature! Does anyone know which Carex this could be?



Elizabeth Swain from [Iowa Master Naturalists](#) gave us another awe-inspiring reason to 'Leave the Leaves' in our yard over the Winter, and carefully preserve them into late Spring! Tree Frogs use the leaf litter to FREEZE SOLID all Winter long, with no heartbeat or respiration, and thaw into life in the Spring! Really! It's true! Here is a great article from Penn State! [Frogs in Winter](#)



Nature also provided these gorgeous, lace like designs on this old log. Wow! It was alive with birds-- especially large flocks of robins-- foraging around the area.

Maybe we should think about 'Leaving the Logs', too?→



The Seed Library is packaging seeds from Carrie this week in glass jars-- with tiny, recycled silicone packets to keep them dry and viable. They will be stored in a deep freezer to keep them longer and stronger! If you use these glass coffee jars, please

save them for us! Thank you in advance! →
←Also, some of these seeds were put by old telephone poles



left from an underground power relocation at the "Wild Mess In Progress! Grow, little seeds and cover these poles! We wish you well!

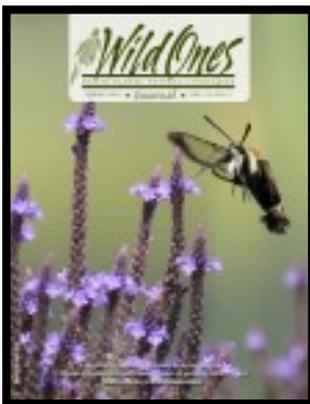
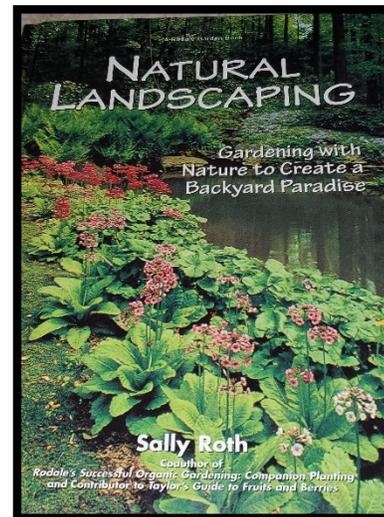


Willows—Tom and Cheri suggested a Pussy Willow for ‘The Flower House’, and wow, do they look gorgeous! Does anyone have a good regional source for Native Pussy Willows for the Siouxland Area?



Also Tom was busy hollowing out a log for his latest project! Wow!

The Lending Library received this awesome book, recommended by Becky!



And the National Wild Ones Spring Journal is HERE! Yippee!!!!

Wishing you A WARM and Fun Filled Week!

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