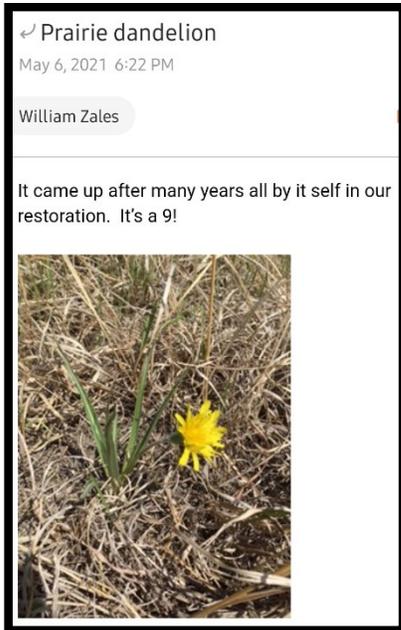


Weekly Wild Wednesday

May 12th, 2021

What a Discovery Filled Week! Bill shared his discovery of this Prairie Dandelion, which prompted a search for more of these jewels! Dawn found one on Mt. Lucia which prompted a quick hike to see the Survey Study participants and a photo of this awesome plant!

Bill, what's a 9?



Thanks, Dawn for the invite to meet these two new friends, even if it was only for 5 minutes! →

This is an ongoing study of the prairie plants on our ridge at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center that was initiated last season by AmeriCorps member Ethan Rose.

Stop out on Friday if you are interested to join.

I will be checking out part of the time, but not the entire time.

Depending on the amount of unique plants emerging the group will be here from [8am-2pm](#). Most of their surveys in the fall were 4-5 hours. There's 42 plots along the ridge, and they do a transect/zigzagging survey also.

Let me know if you have any questions!



Here's some images from [today](#). Thanks to Jamie & Garrett for coming over/down for the survey. Woodbury County Conservation Foundation board member Rich Pope (retired ISU extension agronomist) and Ruth Rose (prairie volunteer) both observed on the prairie with me.

Hoary puccoon, fringed puccoon, prairie violet, blue-eyed grass, leafy spurge, Dame's rocket, and false prairie dandelion were found in bloom on the prairie that I witnessed. Perhaps others were present as well. Of those, not sure how many were in the actual sample quadrants.

The dandelion was at Mount Lucia.



We discovered some new friends at Mercedes Pop-Up Shop! She kindly invited us to share our Grow Wild! Projects and have a sign up sheet for newsletters! Thank you, Mercedes, and [Honeysuckle Hollow!](#)

Can you see the “butterfly” she made for us out of 100% Native Plants? Wild Raspberry, Choke Cherry, and Wild Rye! →



Tom and Cheri made some very positive structural changes at “The Flower House! We can hardly wait to see how this turns out! Stay tuned! They also shared this sign they created, stunning!



←This Prairie Willow was discovered in Stone State Park! These are hard to spot! Click Photo for a Prairie Moon Description!

And This Discovery from the Iowa State Forest Nursery was a very welcomed sight! Click photo for link! Closeout Sale! →



This extensive **Bee** webinar series looks really awesome, free, and shared by Sara and Dawn!
[Click for link!](#)



←Does anyone recognize this little beauty we found on a Native Rye?



And we found many colors of blooms on the tiny Blue-eyed Grass blooming in the Friends of Stone Park Pocket Prairie!



Before and After of our Citizen Science Stress Kill Full Bloom Experiment on Leafy Spurge is underway at full speed!

[Click HERE to see Last Week for details!](#)

Click photos for information on Leafy Spurge. Bad plant!->
Next week, we may visit the “Glove of Death—Stay Tuned!



Wishing You a Wonderful Week of PLANTING WILDFLOWERS!



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