





At "The Flower House", the Design Team Layout made everything simple to install! We had so much fun placing the plants.

Buddy guarded the original plantings very closely, he was awfully worried about the Coral Honeysuckle and stayed between it and the dangerous shovel! Ha!

Cale picked out a Bur Oak, placed it, and carefully planted it and Sheet Mulched it deeply for just this season to smother the existing turf grass.

We did a photo op with "The Nature Of Oaks" by Doug Tallamy, and then gave our Oak a funny (to us) name!



Dougous tallamus looked a little lonely, so we gave our baby oak a family of Wild Strawberries, Early Sunflowers, and Black-Eyed Susans! >





Over at Morningside University, Sarah, Tom, and Cheri tucked in their tiny treasures, and Sarah is starting her study. Details to follow! Keep us posted, Sarah!



←Down at the Yanney Gardens, the original Virginia Creeper is putting on a lovely show, and thanks us for providing that gorgeous trellis! The new plants are being installed daily, and look so very happy to be in real soil, free of their tiny pots!



←Thanks Danielle, for your design help all those months ago!





And speaking of Danielle, I don't know how her family fit back into that car!



← Her new plants are all tucked into their new homes!



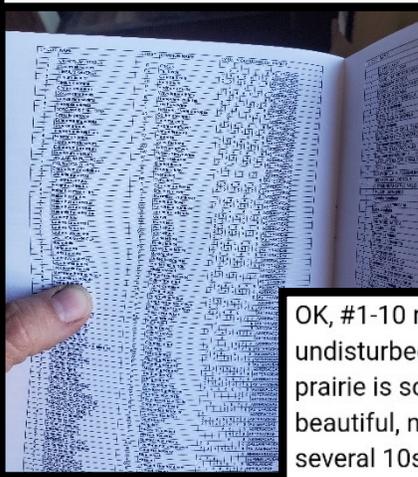
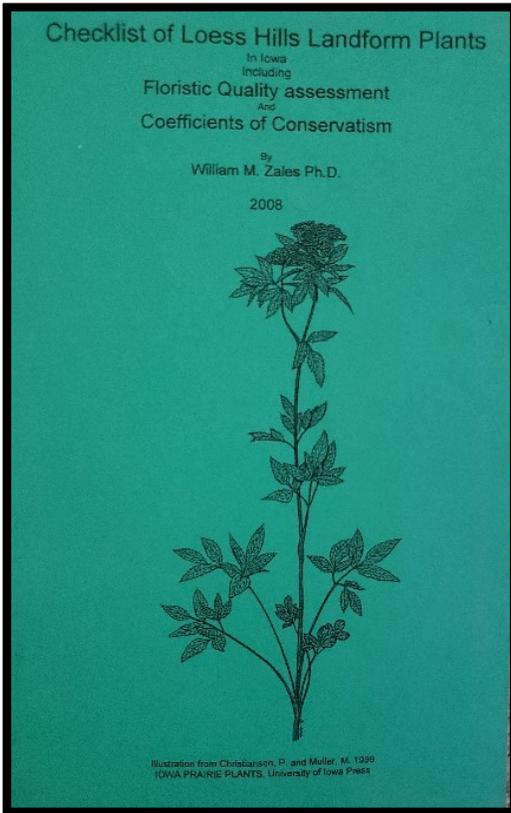
And here are some of her plantings and décor from last year to now! What a difference a year makes! Wow! Thanks, Danielle for encouraging us all to Be Patient! →



←--The Sioux City Garden Club also hosted their Annual sale with fabulous organization and such friendly and fun Volunteers! So much fun! I found this grown from seed, NOT wild harvested Jack-in-the-pulpit, some Rudbeckia hirta, (and some awesome Rhubarb for my latest new recipes!)



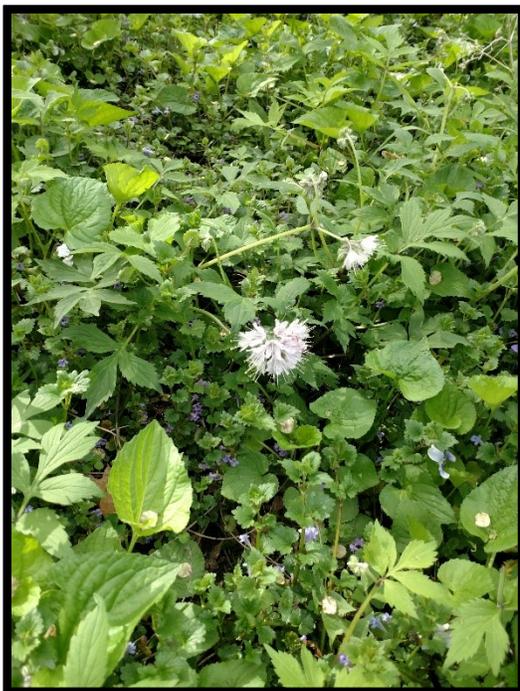
They also hosted a very interesting Garden Tour of the Morningside University! Thank you!



So what's a 9, Bill? Turns out Bill wrote the book—literally—on What's a 9! It is a guide to the overall quality of a Prairie Remnant in the Loess Hills! Bill says this:

OK, #1-10 refers to a species fidelity to native undisturbed habitats. Not how rare (although virgin prairie is so rare that most 10s are thus rare) not how beautiful, not how useful in a garden. If you find several 10s or 9s or 8s growing together you have probably found a "high" quality habitat and many other native plant and animal species will probably be present. 1s,2s,3s are "weeds" mostly non-native. The rest of the math refers to evaluating the "quality" of any specific property. Hope that helps, we need a classroom session soon.

Thanks, Bill, looking forward to that Classroom Session!

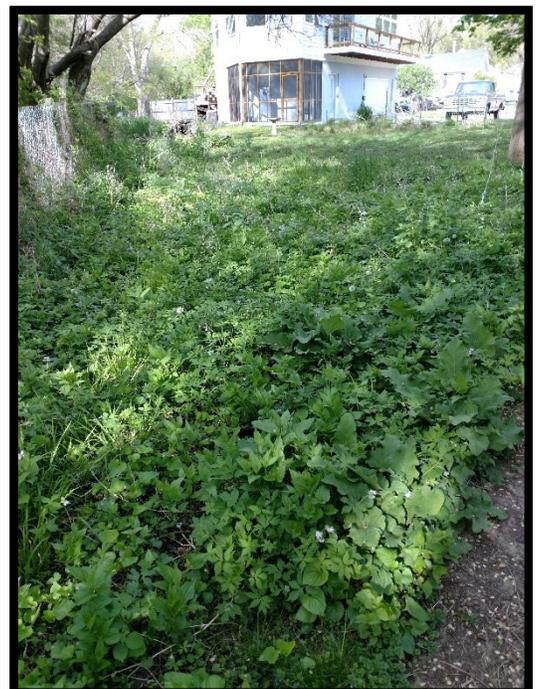


And finally, if all that is not YOUR style, you might resonate with my new friend Eric's Philosophy! Here are his words!

"In just a few years, it went from weeds to Wild by simply not mowing. My Wild portion looks like the shady areas of Stone State Park, and all I had to do was nothing but leave it alone! I think there is a lesson in that.

Best to do nothing, lazily Yours, Eric"

Eric, I love your style! It looks so happily Wild!



And lazy you are NOT, many see you hiking for HOURS --every single day!

Grow Wild, or Go Wild, it's all helping Nature!



NATIVE PLANTS, NATURAL LANDSCAPES

LOESS HILLS



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