




# Weekly Wild Wednesday


July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

What a Week of Wild Design and Discovery!



**MEET THE DESIGNERS**  
Thurs., Sept. 16, 2021 | 5-6 p.m. CDT  
Register for this FREE online event at:  
[nativegardendesigns.wildones.org](http://nativegardendesigns.wildones.org)

  
Josh Attior, Boston Native Garden Plan  
Andy Brand, Boston Native Garden Plan



**REGISTER NOW FOR THIS FREE EVENT ABOUT THE BOSTON DESIGN!**

Meet the designers who created our Boston native garden design!

Join us for a free online "Meet the Designers of Boston" webinar on Thurs., Sept. 16th, 5-6 p.m. CDT.

Wild Ones currently offers nine beautiful, professional, ecoregion specific, free, native garden designs including for Boston at [nativegardendesigns.wildones.org](http://nativegardendesigns.wildones.org).

We want to share with you how the designers of the Boston plan (Josh Attior & Andy Brand) approached this project!

[Register Now!](#)

\*\*A webinar link for this event will be emailed to registrants leading up to the event.\*\*

A recording will also be available to the public on our [YouTube channel](#) in the days following the event.

Registrants are welcome to submit their most imminent question ahead of time for the designers to answer by Friday, Sept. 10th to [bdcchair@wildones.org](mailto:bdcchair@wildones.org).

**Meet the Designers**

Boston invites you to Meet Their Designers! Locally, we also have these Native Garden Design starter guides (center) for step by step evaluation of your sites and ideas for getting started! Also, Go to the National Web Site to see the new Denver Denver/Front Range Design as well! And...shhhh...a little bird told me that Sioux City is working on their own design! Could it be? Click photos for registration for the event, or to go to the Design Site!



## WELCOME TO WILD ONES NATIVE GARDEN DESIGNS WEBSITE!

WE WANT TO HELP YOU CREATE  
• TRIKING HOME LANDSCAPES  
• HAT BENEFIT WILDLIFE AND  
• OU.



At The "Wild Mess In Progress", we worked on a Bee and Bug Wall, arranging rocks and adding a large pine log for insects and a seat to watch, and bare ground for the bees. We will Citizen Science compare this to other areas, especially to the oddity of the Wood Chip Nests that we see Bumble Bees making, against all odds!





## The Prairie Ecologist

Essays, photos, and discussion about prairie ecology, restoration, and management



### My favorite insect further endears itself to me

Posted by Chris Helzer

Longtime readers of this blog might know that my favorite insect is the camouflaged looper (which turns into the wavy-lined emerald moth). This tiny inchworm disguises itself by gluing bits of flower to its back while it feeds on the same flower. It's a brilliant strategy, and one that has probably kept me from many seeing more individuals of this species when I'm out and around.

**P.S. He has a much better camera, haha!**



←The Wild Strawberries in the Strawberry Bird Bath are doing GREAT! The runners can be easily rooted elsewhere just by letting them touch soil.

Butterflies and Bees alike love the Wild Hyssop and the Swamp Milk Weed at the "Wild Mess In Progress."



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When I woke up the next morning and checked the caterpillar, it was doing great. It had also changed its costume, though not as I'd expected. Instead of sunflower anthers or vervain petals, the little bugger had ripped up the paper towel and stuck pieces of paper to its back! It was taking advantage of its surroundings and blending in with what was there. I love it even more now.



Paper towel caterpillar!

Chris Helzer had a blogpost (Click photo) about his favorite insect, and some great photos! He inspired me to look, and in 5 minutes I found a Camouflaged Looper of my own, on a Verbena stricta! Yippeeeee!





Prairie has side oats  
and Partridge Pea,  
seeds we used from  
Zales! By the Yucca!!



Thank you Bill and  
Dotty (seeds) from  
The Friends Pocket  
Prairie!!



←The “Friends of Stone Park” Pocket Prairie is  
hosting a lot of bees on the Partridge Peas! Hey,  
that rhymes! Imagine that!

(Below) A gorgeous Sunset at the Anderson Dance  
Pavilion on a walk hosted by the Sioux City  
Garden Club, and led by Ted, City Gardener, was  
so entertaining and informative! Ted says we  
should stop using the word “Weed” in the  
common name of ANY Native plants! Grow, Ted!



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2 hours ago

### Ep. 328 - Behind the Scenes at Prairie Moon Nursery

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In this episode, we explore how a small native seed company selling native plant seeds out of their living room grew into one of the biggest native plant nurseries in the United States. Joining us is Horticulture Educator Kaitlyn O'Connor to give us a deep dive into how Prairie Moon Nursery is able to provide over 700 species of native plants for use in everything from gardens to large-scale restoration projects. Enter IDOP at checkout over at [www.prairiemoon.com](http://www.prairiemoon.com) to receive 10% off your order and some free Prairie Moon swag (Offer ends September 30th, 2021 and is limited to those living in the continental United States). This episode was produced in part by Silas, Michael, Aristia, Felicidad, Lauren, Danielle, Allie, Jeffrey, Amanda, Tommy, Marcel, C Leigh, Karma, Shelby,

←This Podcast from  
In Defense Of Plants  
not only names Wild  
Ones, it also  
mentions Doug  
Tallamy and  
Homegrown National  
Park™ in a really  
excellent behind the  
scenes description  
of Prairie Moon  
Nursery! So good!

And Nature Calls Craft Beer and Wine Tasting  
Fundraiser is now open for Tickets! They are ONLY  
doing a limited number of tickets in Advance Sales  
this year, so give them a call asap at 712-258-0838 and  
get your ticket before they sell out!

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# NATURE CALLS

## CRAFT BEER & WINE TASTING

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Hors d'oeuvres  
Nature Market Vendors  
Cash Raffles  
Charity Auction

EVENT: 6:00-10:00PM  
SAMPLING: 6:00-9:00PM

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*Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Design Ideas"!*



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