

Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 22nd, 2021 ---- *What a Wonderful Week to WELCOME AUTUMN!*

The pots from Spring continue their life as they get a new spot to Grow Wild! The Strawberries, Lance Leaf Coreopsis, and the annuals were removed from their pots with a wonderful root system ready to go into a lifetime spot elsewhere in the yard!



Next year we will use a brighter annual, but other than that this was a huge success!



The six pots hung in front of the house all summer->



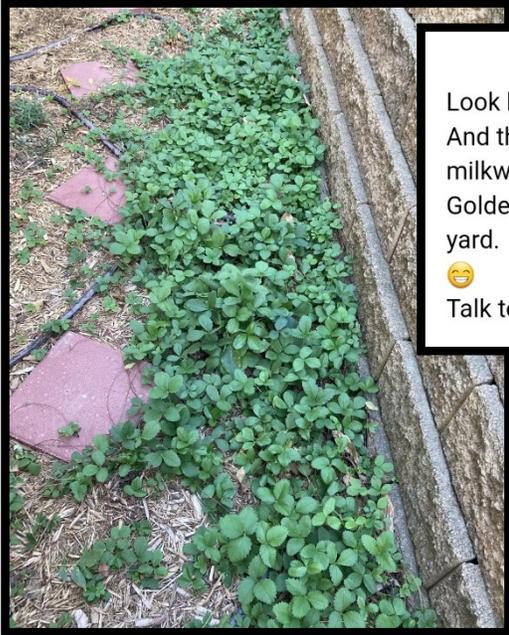
and are planted near a cherry tree now! We harvested Lance Leaf Coreopsis seed all summer, too!

Check out those roots! → We broke the roots up a bit so they would grow DOWN and OUT rather than continue in the circle on the bottom from the pot. Grow Wild!!



Dawn shared her Meander Tour of her side strip—and wow! We think she might have some strawberry runners to share or start elsewhere, and we also wonder if her Monarchs are the Super Generation that travel all the way to Mexico, overwinter, and travel back in Spring to start the next migration of Monarchs?

Find what you need, little friends!



Look how robust my wild strawberries have gotten! And these three fat guys that are on my butterfly milkweed better hurry up. Also am loving my zigzag Goldenrod and not having to mow this whole strip of yard.
😊
Talk to you soon.



←We had a quick stop at the Friends of Stone Park Pocket Prairie to see one of the flagged plants in full bloom! Gorgeous! One of the Asters, but which one? There are over 250 species! We are guessing...New England? Aromatic?

These ?Heath Asters→ were also putting on a lovely show! Grow Pocket Prairie!



Meet Wild Ones Native Garden Designers
(Boston) Josh Altidor & Andy Brand

National Wild Ones zoomed this excellent presentation of the latest Wild Ones Meet The Designers! They featured our current favorite Wild Flower (below) among the many wonderful plants that were showcased!



Grow Designs!!

Click photos for link to YouTube Video, 1 hour.

How to Grow Natives From Seed



Why Wild-type Natives

Wild Seed Project supports the propagation of wild-type native plants. Today, many commercial nurseries favor cultivars and hybrids, garden varieties that have been domesticated and bred to have characteristics such as dwarfism, specific flower color, double flowers and uniformity of growth. These traits may look nice to people, but they often lack reproductive ability or the genetic diversity that is necessary to adapt to changing environmental conditions. To perpetuate these traits,

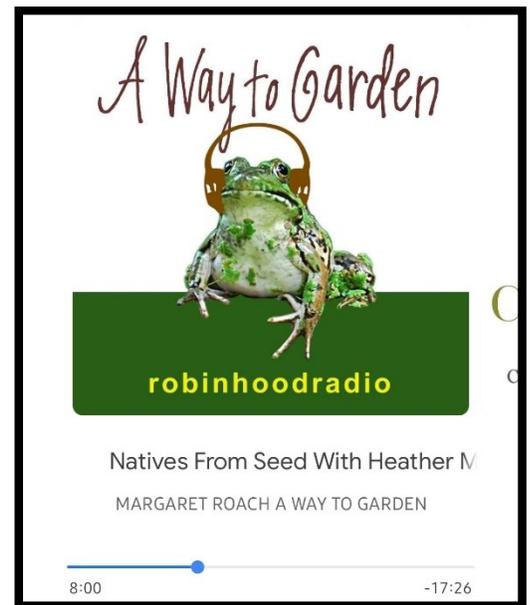
It's Seed Harvest Time! Here are a couple of excellent ways to learn more about growing Native Seeds—and many Wild Ones Chapters have free seed, or seed harvesting opportunities! Grow Nature!!

←This is from the Wild Seed Project!

And this podcast with Heather Mccargo of the Wild Seed Project was one we really enjoyed while gathering seeds from our own Fall Gardens!

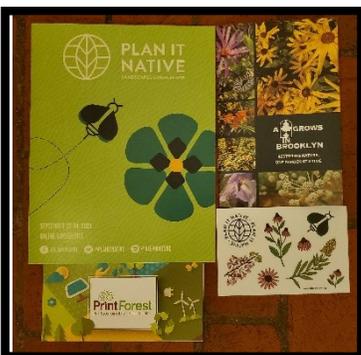


Grow Wild!



←And don't forget—Plan It Native three day Webinar starts TODAY! Yippee!!!!!!

The videos are available for a year, you don't have to watch live! Click photo for website and registration link!



Wishing you a week filled with "Welcoming Autumn!"



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