

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*What A Week of Meander Tours --and Upcoming Fun!*



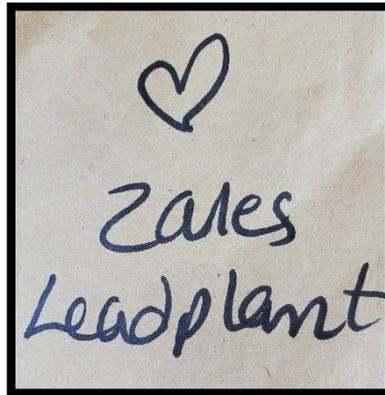
Come on over to Dotty and Bill's "Prairie Hills" for Seed Harvesting!  
(We said Seed Pickin' but Bill said that's for noses, haha)

**No Experience Necessary! So much FUN!**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> Friday & October 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday  
from 1-5 PM!**

**15384 North Ridge Road Westfield Iowa 51062  
(Don't go down Concord)**

**Look for the Tractor Mailbox at the driveway  
entrance! →**



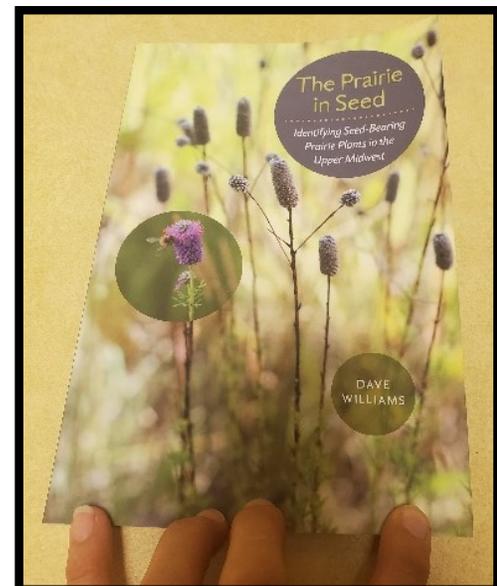
Look for the gorgeous, colorful leaves of Fall as you travel! Bring Sturdy shoes, long pants, sunscreen, water, hat, gloves, a bucket for Granola (mixed seed) or paper bags and envelopes and a marker for individual seed types!



Harvest for yourself—or leave seeds at Zales for one of the many local seeding projects!

This book "The Prairie in Seed" by Dave Williams is an excellent seed harvesting book for anyone! It is available in our Lending Library!

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# Monarch Butterflies Donate

## Fall Migration Starts this Month

August 2, 2021 by Team Journey North

During August, the monarch super generation will emerge and start their migratory journey south.

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"Monarch spotted in our yard today." Photo by: Marjorie (Lowell, Mi; 07/29/2021)

Here Comes the Migratory Generation

**So interesting! The Monarchs are starting their journey! Click for website!**

**Also noted was the good news that many non-native plants in Texas were knocked out by that historic freeze, actually benefitting the Monarchs with the replacement of many Native plants in that area! What a silver lining to that story! ->**

“Things look good” as...  
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of milkweed on which to lay their eggs. The cycle continues throughout the summer as the first generation gives way to the second, until the fall when fourth and fifth generation monarchs get cues from the sun that alert them to start heading south.

Here in the Texas Funnel, mild summer temps and regular rain following the historic freeze in February that knocked out many nonnative plants has resulted in an unusually robust early monarch season.

“It’s definitely a crazy year,” said Jennie Singleton, longtime monarch tagger and docent for the city of Grapevine’s Butterfly Flutterby Festival. “Normally I get caterpillars in mid September ahead of the

## Chelsea Flower Show’s Plant Of The Year Has Hearts For Leaves

by Inigo Del Castillo | published Yesterday



## Urban Gardens Top Garden Trends at the 2021 Chelsea Flower Show

Written by Kendra Wilson  
Published Sep 22, 2021



In the September edition of the Chelsea Flower Show, it has been refreshing to note that actions speak louder than words, and instead of merely being reminded to be “sustainable” at every turn, we have been able to experience a

## Redbud tree Iowa



In Iowa the redbud is a **small tree or large shrub** with coarse foliage and a spreading, open crown. It is found over most of the eastern half of the United States, and in Iowa it is found mostly in the eastern and southeastern section scattered through existing woodlands.

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**In England, the Chelsea Flower Show picked a Native Iowa tree as their plant of the year!! We can’t wait to see how our Redbud from the Iowa State Forestry is growing at The Flower House!**

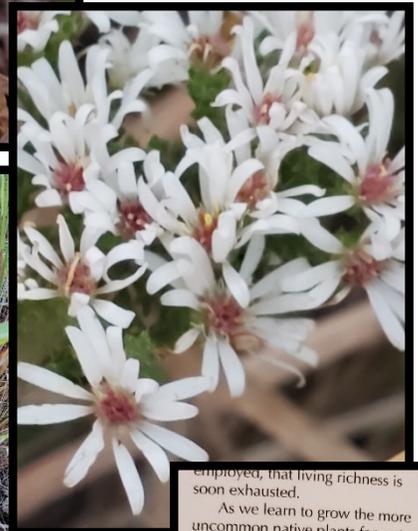
**Also Chelsea focused on Nature and Organic gardens this year, and focused on Wildflowers in Urban Settings! Grow Chelsea!!**



We took a Meander Tour over at Sertoma Park on Paul's recommendation to see the Lady's Tresses, and we saw those and so much more!



You really CAN have a successful natural area in the midst of massive traffic! Grow Sertoma!!



**Our role in native orchid conservation**  
By Kathleen Marie Conner  
The orchid family is among the largest plant families on earth. Their beauty, diversity and adaptability to a wide array of habitats, climates and terrain are. Over 200 species of native orchids live in North America alone. Unfortunately, many species are disappearing before our eyes.  
The good news is that people are seeking ways to promote orchid conservation by researching their habitats and needs. Orchids, like people, do best as a community. In a healthy ecosystem, plants can maintain genetic diversity through cross-pollination with a robust array of plant and pollinator partners. To the extent that members of that community are removed or lost, however, that genetic diversity is diminished. While orchids often take several years to



employed, that living richness is soon exhausted.  
As we learn to grow the more uncommon native plants for restorations, we soon discover that some species are difficult, if not impossible, to propagate in these degraded garden soils. Many native species are dependent on other plants or mycorrhizal fungi for their nourishment, in whole or in part. One thing all orchids have in common is their dependence on just a few species of fungi, which in turn are dependent on certain levels of soil moisture and quality.  
Orchid seeds are the smallest in the plant kingdom. They trade endo-

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