

Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 8th, 2021

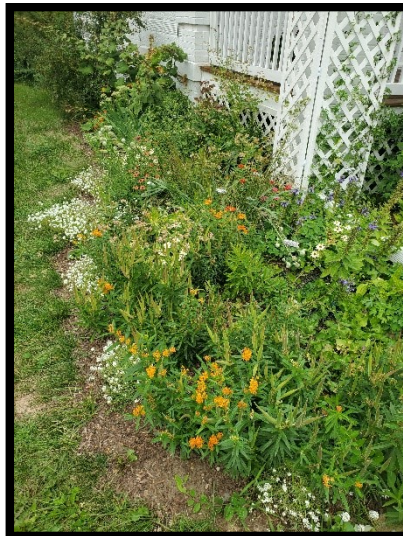
What a Week of Wild Seeds!

The Partridge Pea is our favorite Annual right now, and you can usually find it covered in bees and blooming along a disturbed area like a roadside! The seeds can explode when you touch them, which helps you share with Nature while harvesting these cute seeds. And the pods curl up like ribbons!

What a great plant! Click photos for more details!



At The Flower House, below, we may have a *few (Haha)* extra seeds of Butterfly Flower—*Asclepias tuberosa* if anyone needs them!



←Alivia is the best Seedling of all, framed in Evening Primrose Seeds at “The Orchard” Community Garden! Grow Alivia! Click Photo for “The Orchard”! Linda is teaching her ‘seedlings’ so much about Nature Gardening!



←Never underestimate the power of deadheading a specimen into a spot you would like it to grow! You may have to thin the plants, but **WOW!**



←Elisa's **FIRST YEAR** Butterfly Garden is by far exceeding her expectations! She may have some seeds for the Seed Library this Fall! Grow Elisa!



←Citizen Science Comparison to the "Wild Mess In Progress" where the bed was **NOT**

prepared in advance like Elisa's, and the plants were interplanted with a drill into existing grasses!

Depending on your goals, there is no wrong way to do these plantings! Look at how the competition of the grasses really affects these plants!



←At "The Flower House", the Birdie and Bug B&B got a LOT of food added to it by the yard debris created by a sudden storm! It's amazing how much yard waste you can add to these small areas!



And we saw a LOT of wasps on the milkweeds that were covered with aphids, and are aphid free now! Click far right photo for info!



Wasps spend their summers seeking out aphids, flies, caterpillars and other bugs - many of them pests - to **feed to their larvae**. ... Many kinds of solitary wasp will also hunt and kill insects for their larvae to feed on.



←Linda found a Camouflaged Looper!
Yippeeoooooooooooo! Click Photo for Dave's Garden post!

Wild Indigo--
Baptisia Australis→
is a slow grower
compared to some
other plants. But worth
the wait! The flowers
AND the seed pods are
gorgeous!



<https://www.reimangardens.com/2016/08/heat-tolerant-plants-iowa/>

This year and last year→
And Elisa's below!



This year's
baptisia and a 3
or 4 year old that
bloomed this year

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4:10 PM

Wild! is teaching
us patience!!

4:11 PM



Click the photo link to the
Chicago Living Corridors
and Barrington Library
that Dianne alerted us to
last week! We can't wait to view this
presentation below!



Lilly gives my
native plant
arrangement a
thumbs up!!

Chicago Living Corridors in collaboration with
Barrington Area Library present:

How to Collect and Sow Your Native Seed
Presented by Sarah Michehl, The Land Conservancy of McHenry County



library
barrington area

And you can let
your flower
arrangements go
to seed, and sow
those as well!
What a great gift
for a friend or
family member!-->

Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Seed Harvests"!



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