

Weekly Wild Wednesday

December 29th, 2021

What A Week of "New Year's Celebrations!"

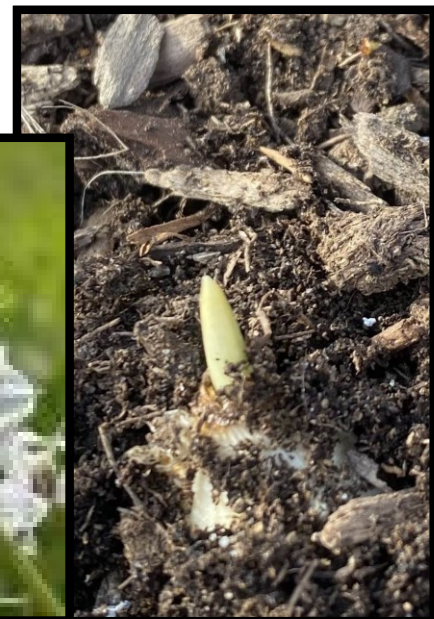
Our own Dianne made this gorgeous card with Loess Hills Wild Ones Photos-- and Local Plants!

Gorgeous!! Thank you SO much, Dianne! We wish YOU a Happy New Year to Come!



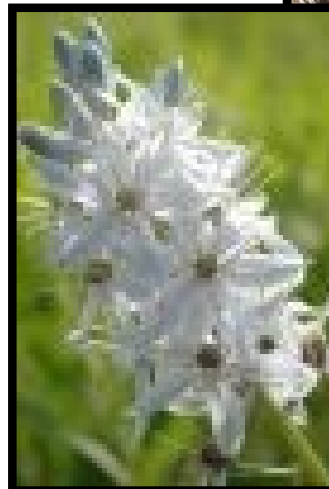
Sara's Wild Hyacinth thinks it is Spring!
She covered the bulbs with dirt and mulch, and we are all crossing our fingers that they hibernate again until REAL Spring!

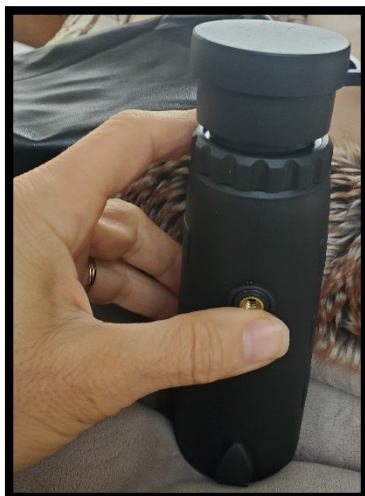
Oh My!
Fingers crossed,
little bulbs!



Here's how Canadensis Scilloides looks in bloom from Prairie Moon Nursery! →

We want this plant in our spaces!
Click for link!

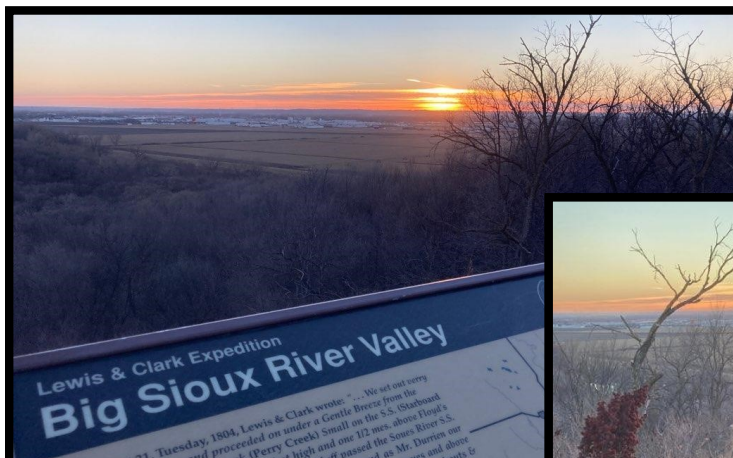




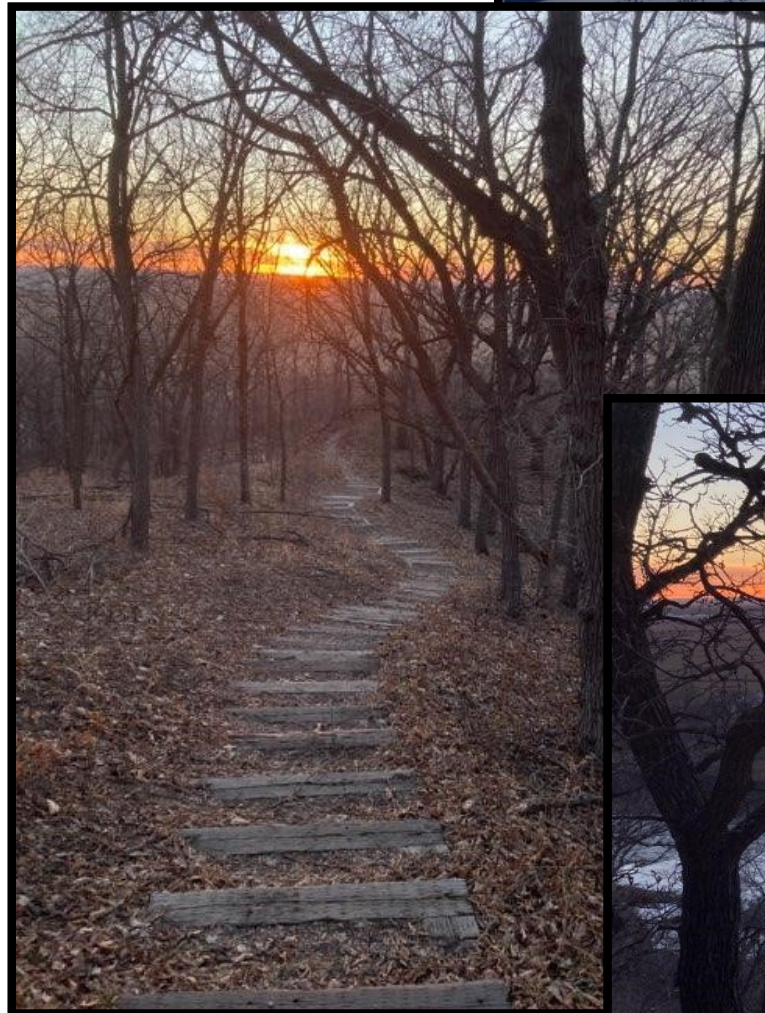
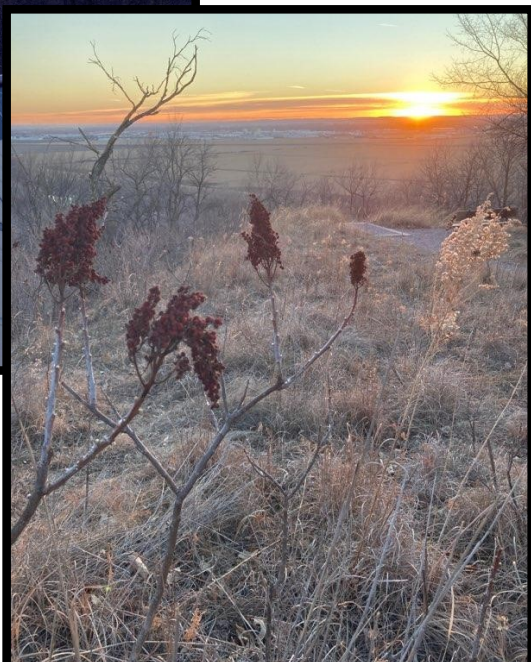
We received a cool new zoom lens for our PHONE photos!

← We are so excited to try out this new toy! Thanks, Santa!

Below, Dawn shared this stunning Sunset Hike! OOOOOOOOOO!! We can hardly wait to go to this overlook in Stone Park at the Elk Point Overlook! [Here's a great article about this site, with LOTS of details!](#)



Thanks, Dawn!





Neanderthal Dream 30" x 21" Watercolor ink on Paper 2021 by Tom Goldenberg
Wishing YOU a New Year filled with Health, Happiness, Art & Nature
Michelle

Michelle from [HOMEGROWN NATIONAL PARK](#) sent this gorgeous card of a painting her artist husband created! Wow! Thanks, Michelle!

Click photo for link to his website!

Native Garden Bureau has a lot of awesome things to read on their websites! This year's [2021 Plants of the Year](#) include Monarda (Bee Balm) and Sunflowers! And we loved this article about Native Plants for the Home Garden! →



Native Plants for the Home Garden

Pollinator Gardening

Native plants are among the most popular plants for American gardens, yet they have been growing in North American prairies, woods, and deserts for hundreds of years.

Dianne also shared this awesome newsletter from the [Illinois Native Plant Society!](#)

Thanks, Dianne!

I think you will really enjoy reading the two long articles in this newsletter. The one about the Island and the one following it. AND THE FIRST PAGE - the sumac arrangement!! Wow. What a good use of sumac!



Another year has come to an end and I think I can speak for many when I say I'm looking forward to 2022. However, in all honesty, I had a great year botanically and saw many plant species I had not seen before. We call these "lifer" species. For a recap of my year of botanizing, see the link in the videos section. Happy Holidays! So Chris Benda, Editor

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15 of the Best Native Trees and Shrubs for Privacy

Create year-round privacy and a sustainable habitat for local wildlife.

By [David M. Kuchta](#)

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When your front yard looks like **BELOW**, you look for articles like this one on the **LEFT**! We have a lot of creativity ahead of us to help hide the new generator at The Wild Mess In Progress! But we are SO grateful to be ready for the coming storms!



Wishing you a week filled with “The Happiest of New Years!”



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