

Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 30th, 2022

What a Week of "Sprouts and SHOW!"



The Garden Show is this week!
Loess Hills Wild Ones
sponsored Kelly Norris! →
10:45-11:45 Friday!



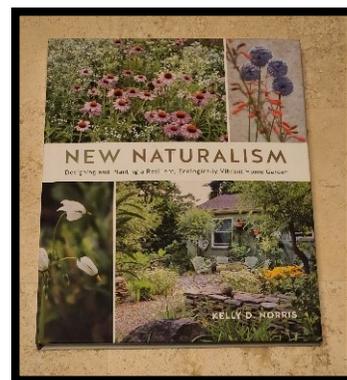
#1 **Siouxland Garden Show**

The annual Siouxland Garden Show is set for April 1 & 2. After two years of virtual presentations, this year's show is #BackInBloom with an in-person event with vendors and much more. The education is still a huge focus with 18 sessions featuring some of the top gardening speakers around.

Some highlights of what to expect at the Siouxland Garden Show include a landscaping table where ISU professors and master gardeners will be readily available for free consultations with the public, a children's area with fun and educational activities as well as a winter farmer's market featuring some of the most popular vendors that make up the Sioux City Farmer's Market.

Admission is \$5 per day with children 12 and younger admitted free. Doors open at 9 a.m. each day and the show runs until 6 p.m. at the Marriott Center in South Sioux City. You can find the full speaker lineup and more info at www.sioxlandgardenshow.org.

SIUXLAND garden SHOW
Back In Bloom!
April 1-2, 2022
Marriott Conference Center
South Sioux City, NE
www.sioxlandgardenshow.org



I should start by explaining that I grew up on a farm near Storm Lake, Iowa. As they say, you can take the boy out of the farm, but not the farm out of the boy...or something like that. I started with an interest in landscaping around the house, but really like many people, I had no idea 'what' kind of plants I was buying. Around this same time, I read various articles about the declining populations of Monarchs and the linkage to milkweed declines. One of my fondest memories as a kid growing up on the farm, was during one afternoon, seeing a mature maple tree on the north edge of our grove, absolutely covered in hundreds of Monarch butterflies. It was a sight to behold! I was also reminded of all of those beautiful milkweeds I chopped down in the bean field growing up. At some point, I had an interest in buying a couple of milkweeds, which at the time seemed impossible So, that probably was the first interest.

The gorgeous basket top left designed by Cheri will be offered in the raffle hosted by the show! Check out all the great opportunities by clicking on the garden show photos!

Spotlight on Kyle—Loess Hills Wild Ones member, in his own words! Thanks, Kyle!!



Around that same time, I recall attending the Siouxland Garden show (probably back in 2016?) and talking to a couple of members there about the LHWO and the overarching goals of Wild Ones organization with a focus on restoring native habitat. That visit really opened my eyes to the realization of what I had unknowingly witnessed throughout my lifetime in terms of the declining native plants, habitat loss and respectively the animals that rely upon that habitat. From there, I just started to read more, watching Doug Tallamy webinars and at some point, I stumbled across Prairie Moon. At Prairie Moon I found a plethora of seed choices at an affordable price. Not only affordable seed, but more importantly a playbook on how to grow that seed. The secret of cold stratification (necessary for milkweeds). It has expanded every year since then!! It is what gets me through the doldrums of winter! It has become a passion of mine!

Kyle's Winter Basement plant starts are really growing strong, and we can hardly wait to see them in bloom over the coming years!

Grow Kyle!



NEW VIDEO: [How To Separate Seedlings](#)

HOW TO SEPARATE SEEDLINGS



NEW ARTICLE: [How to Separate Seedlings](#)

Read the companion article to the new video here.



Our Winter Sown seeds are coming up like crazy! Some of the thickly sown seeds are ready for Up-Potting!

←This video is really helpful for separating seedlings in several differing styles.

If you did not get a chance to harvest your own seeds last Fall, you can still get many seeds from various sources that need NO pre-treatment! Those are letter A on this printable Cultural Guide from Prairie Moon Nursery!

And you still have time to pre-treat many seeds that need only a few weeks of cold treatment before they will sprout.



SEEDS | PLANTS | SEED MIXES | TOOLS



We have nearly 100 native species in seed that need no pre-treatment to germinate.

We assign these a **Germination Code A**, which means seed should germinate upon sowing in a warm location; no lengthy stratification necessary.

If you missed your window of fall/winter outdoor sowing or indoor artificial stratification this winter, plant these "Germ Code A" species this spring!

[VIEW ALL GERM CODE A SPECIES](#)

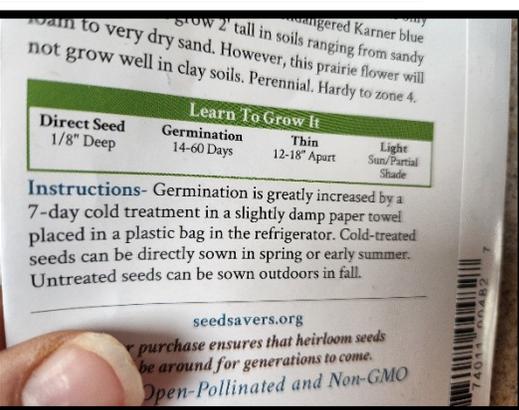
The Button Bush at 'Wild Mess In Progress' is sprouting!! It is so tiny! How will that ever be a huge bush? →



This frozen Pasque Flower → on our hike survived the snow storm and looked like this (below) a day later in the sunshine!



We are treating milkweeds (above), lupines, and various other seeds that take minimum cold treatment! Fingers crossed!!



Learn To Grow It			
Direct Seed	Germination	Thin	Light
1/8" Deep	14-60 Days	12-18" Apart	Sun/Partial Shade

Instructions- Germination is greatly increased by a 7-day cold treatment in a slightly damp paper towel placed in a plastic bag in the refrigerator. Cold-treated seeds can be directly sown in spring or early summer. Untreated seeds can be sown outdoors in fall.

seedsavers.org

purchase ensures that heirloom seeds be around for generations to come.

Open-Pollinated and Non-GMO



Weed Ordinances

What to do when the weed police arrive!

Q A

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NATIVE PLANTS, NATURAL LANDSCAPES

Our Own Roseanne really detailed what to do if the “Weed Police” show up or send you a citation! She featured Elisa’s property in the Q&A section above, and detailed Sioux City’s City Code as well. Thanks, Roseanne!

Click any photo for YouTube Video!

Current Sioux City Code

- TITLE 17 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS
- CHAPTER 17.21 WEED CONTROL
- Article
- 17.21.01 Purpose of Chapter 17.21
- 17.21.02 Definitions
- 17.21.03 Enforcement
- 17.21.04 Penalties
- 17.21.05 Public Works
- 17.21.06 Maintenance
- 17.21.07 Enforcement
- 17.21.08 Penalties

This visit will include information about starting production plots in the spring. We plan to have later visits to learn about seed harvesting, cleaning, processing and storage. Thanks!

Friday, May 13
4:00-5:30pm

Free tour but RSVP required and space is limited. Email lance@goldenhillsrcd.org to sign up.

Farm Tour at Backyard Designs
Native seed producers in western Iowa

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4:00-5:30pm

Backyard Designs near Harlan, Iowa

Meet with the Buman family and tour their farm to learn about growing plants for native prairie seed production.

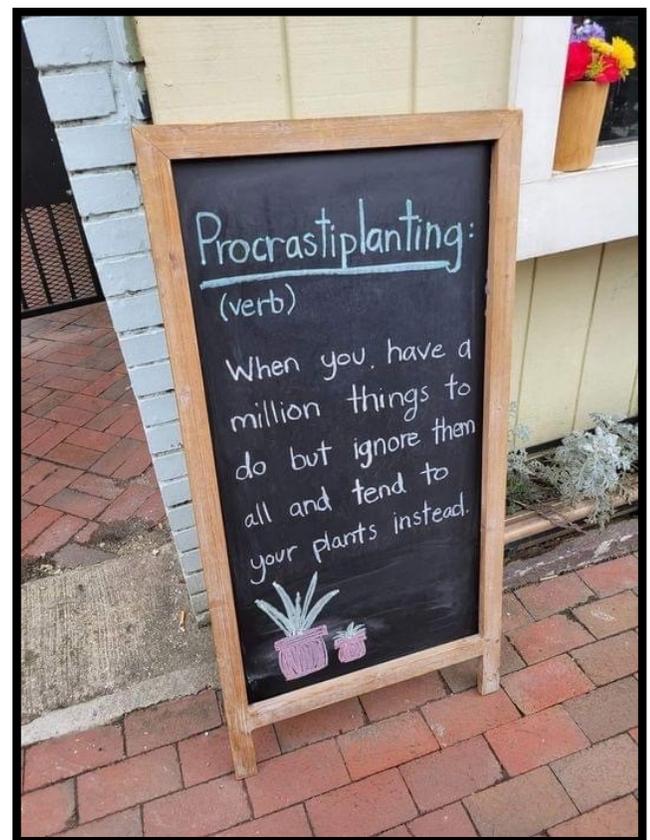
Event is free but pre-registration is required. Email lance@goldenhillsrcd.org to sign up.

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Dotty sent us this hilarious Procratiplanting Sign! Yep, sounds familiar!!

Lance is recruiting like minded growers to get involved in growing plots for Prairie Restorations, using local ecotype seeds! Spots are limited for this first introduction to this process, register right away if you are interested in growing seeds for restorations!

Don't miss any of the Bumble Bee Short Course live if possible, but if not, below left is a helpful link to all the recordings!



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Biodiversity, Ecology, Conservation

HOME TOPICS RESOURCES RECORDINGS BOOKS AND PAPERS ABOUT

<http://go.osu.edu/bumbles>

And Joe Pye Plant (formerly known as weed) is in our sites this week! What a gorgeous butterfly magnet!! Click for link! →

Genus Spotlight:
Eutrochium – The Joe-Pye Weeds

Wishing you a week filled with "Seeding and Shows!"



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