Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 9th, 2022

What a Week of "Packaging and Presentation!"

Our own Cheri gave an AWESOME book report on "Nature's Best Hope" by Doug Tallamy! She showcased how Loess Hills Wild Ones local interpretation of Homegrown National Park is working hands on here in Siouxland!

Grow, Cheri!



Tasks for TODAY

- 1. Laugh a LOT
- 2. Enjoy Each Other's Company
- 3. Package Seeds
- 4. Label Seed Packets and put in container
- 5. Add any NEW seeds NOT already saved (or replace old) to Seed Library Glass Jars
- 6. Enjoy Quiche and Salad and Cookies and Coffee and Tea
- 7. Laugh Some More!
- 8. Continue Enjoying this BEAUTIFUL DAY!!

Several Loess Hills Wild Ones accomplished their tasks for the day packaging seeds for distribution at the Siouxland Garden Show!











This Sunday March 13th, please JOIN US for "Trail Tales" with Randy Williams! This will be LIVE at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, weather permitting, with Zoom as a (hopeful) hybrid and back up! This wonderful presentation of photography features a year of exploration of Nature at Adam's Homestead and Nature Preserve! The celebration of Biodiversity, Preservation, and Prairie Restoration showcases the plants, birds, and animals who live their lives on this beautiful area, open to the public! Thanks Randy!! We can hardly wait!

← Click photo for **Zoom Registration** --only if not attending in person!

At the 'Wild Mess In Progress' we are renovating an Entry Garden to get ready for plants from the Spring Plant Sale!



Loess Hills Wild Ones Spring Plant Sale!

We cut and pulled up a LOT of the black landscaping fabric and dug out some

invasive ornamentals, such as Barberry. Soon this area will be filled with plants that support Nature!



← This article from Nuts for Natives is really helpful--- Shopping for Native Plants!

And then we went on a Meander Tour around Stone State Park, and ended by

sowing some Butterfly Milkweed Seeds at the <u>Friends of Stone Park</u> Memorial Pocket Prairie, while resting on the new bench!



Thank You to the many Friends above, for your installation last Fall!







← Registration is now open for "Wild Ones Presents 'Weed Ordinances,'" a free webinar on March 23rd at 6 p.m. CT. Our own Roseanne will be presenting for National Wild Ones!

Danielle made us laugh a LOT with her photo of this shirt! > "Introverted, but willing to discuss native plants"

Haaaaa!



latest Winter Mix Weather!

Planting Native trees is a great idea for any reason, and the Derecho gives many homeowners a clean slate! Iowa State Forest Nursery is a great source of Native bare root trees!

Here's a mood boosting reason to add Nature to your spaces!

And below, this "Native plants in my garden? Absolutely!" video from the "Tending Nature" series from Ohio State **University is GREAT!**

We went down a Rabbit Hole after harvesting Mountain Mint seed from the Flathers Wetmore Prairie. Those seeds went out just before the

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> Native Plants in My Gardens Absolutely!

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Pycnanthemum virginianum (Virginia **Mountain Mint)**

If attracting pollinators to your yard is one of your gardening goals, then you should really consider adding Virginia Mountain Mint to your garden. The small white flowers are irresistible to pollinating insects. The tiny flowers bloom for a month or more in Summer, and are amazing with how well they attract pollinators.





Behold, the No-Hassle, Mood-Boosting Garden Trend We All Need in 2022

By: Dana Dickey

Wishing you a week filled with "Plants and Planning!"



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