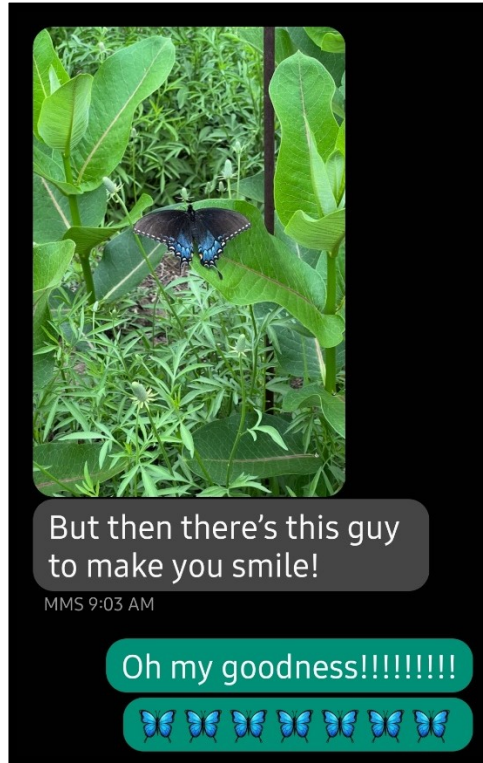


# Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

What a Week of "Plants in the Ground!"

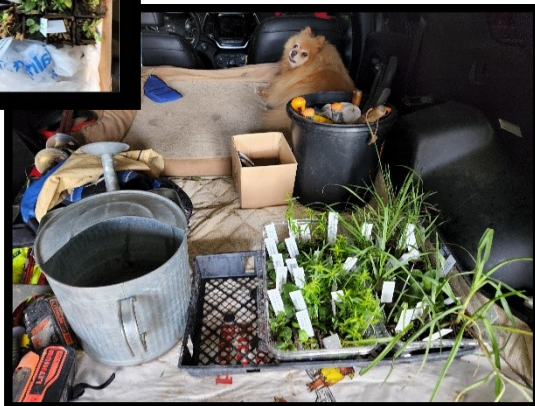


Plants! Yippee!!!!!!

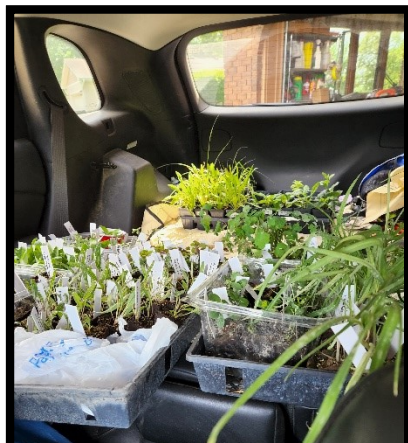
←Cheri reminded all of us of the "Why" with this stunning photo of her garden supporting LIFE!! And Marcie has a Residential Gray Tree Frog, below!

Katie (above right) loaded her porch for Future Planting at several locations!  
Many of the plants from last weeks sale are already in their permanent homes!  
Find What You Need, Little Plants!

Buddy supervised at the Stone Park Lodge, and Marcie and Cheri (Right) discussed the possible future location for Native Plants with The Sale Plants in the background!



Daneille and Lilly Scored! Me Too, Danielle! (below)



My spring load overflowed to the back seat and my trunk is full!!!!!!







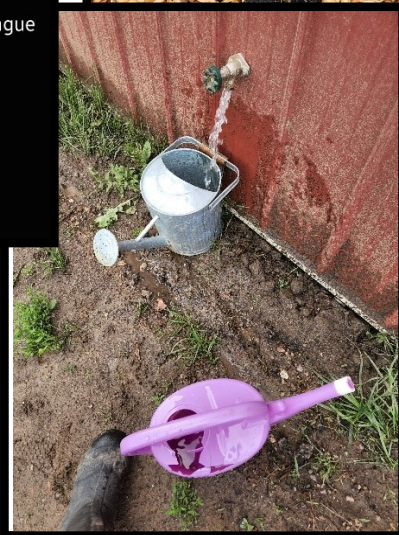
**At the Railroad Museum above, a crew of willing Train Enthusiasts helped La Vone and Dotty plant in several new locations, and add plants to the locations from last year! Wow! Everything is looking wonderful!!**

Jefferson Brewery  
little blue  
18 great blue  
6 rattlesnake master  
6 showy goldenrod  
6 spiderwort  
6 mountain mint

Ruth  
3 prairie smoke  
37 Prairie violet  
2 prairie cinqufoil  
4 iris versicolor  
10 foxglove beardtongue  
12 sky blue asters  
12 flowering spurge  
10 pale spike lobelia  
10 prairie phlox  
9 alum root  
10 white wild indigo  
5 Prairie coreopsis



**At Jefferson Brewery, and Family Pet at Perry Creek, we are busy turning lawn and concrete into LIFE! We can hardly wait! Both locations are adjacent to a larger corridor, Perry Creek and a family park, respectively!**



**Thanks  
Nikki &  
Michelle!**







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## Stewards of the Beautiful Land

Summer webinars and field days starting soon - get registered today!

Tuesday Webinars - June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Register online by clicking this link

Join Trees Forever this summer for our popular Stewards of the Beautiful Land course! This four-part webinar series will teach you about native plant communities, the benefits and uses of local flora, species identification, establishment and planting practices, and resources available to you and your community.



Learn about your local ecosystems and native plant communities with Stewards of the Beautiful Land!

In-person field days are held each month throughout the summer in Audubon, Bremer, Palo Alto, and Scott Counties.

Click here to register today!

Please register by June 6. Online classes run June 14, July 12, August 9 and September 13 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. To find information about field days near you, visit the registration page on our [event calendar](#).

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He probably already has a nice grill, so why not show appreciation for the environmentally-conscious man in your life by giving him a Wild Ones membership instead? If he already is a member, you can also make a thoughtful [donation](#) in his name.

Memberships and donations help us promote the restoration of native landscapes and connect people (like your dad!) to a helpful and knowledgeable native plant community that will prove invaluable in his native garden journey!

Wild Ones welcomes everyone on the path to living landscapes. Folks who are new to native plants and those with deep roots come together to share knowledge, skills and resources online and in local chapters.

Wild Ones currently has 72 chapters and 23 seedling chapters in 27 states!



a. Foxglove Beardtongue (Jon Hayes), b. Golden Alexander, c. Spiderwort, d. Wild Petunia (negandum), e. Purple Prairie Clover, f. Pale Purple Coneflower, g. Butterfly Milkweed, h. Anise Hyssop, i. Meadow Blazingstar (Joshua Mayer), j. Stiff Goldenrod, k. New England Aster (Bill Ohde)

### How To Plant

You plant native plants just as you would any flowering plant with a few exceptions. The roots will be and will want to continue to grow deep so be sure to make room for them! You won't need to amend the soils or add fertilizers. The only site preparation needed is making sure the area is clear of other unwanted plants.

To help keep things as neat looking as possible there are also a couple of design tips to consider.

First, plant each species in a clump or swath. Rather than planting in some kind of intricate pattern that mixes the different species, plant several individuals (roughly 6-10+) of each species in its own block, with taller plants in back (or the center depending on your gardens shape and placement) and shorter plants up front. This clump planting will look less chaotic and can also be beneficial to pollinators by helping their foraging time be more efficient. They often exhibit a behavior called floral fidelity where an individual worker will

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## Pollinator Fest

Saturday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate [National Pollinator Week](#). Visit a variety of fun and educational displays, including live pollinators and plants, and interactive pollinator-themed activities. This event will happen rain or shine.



### Pollinator Fest Activities:

- Pollinator Posters
- Pollinator Crafts
- Wild Bees
- Live Honey Bees: Observation Hive and Pet-A-Drone
- Honey Tasting
- Sting Science
- Wasp Love: The Beauty of Paper Wasps and their Nests
- Plant and Bee Anatomy
- Butterfly Rearing
- Prairie Rivers Pollinator Program and Nectar Network
- Pollinators and Safe Use of Pesticides
- Catch-Your-Own Wild Pollinator
- Bee Health
- Monarch Mayhem
- Insect Families
- Plant, Grow, Fly
- Story Walk
- Insect Pageant Puppets

No preregistration required. Free for members and ISU students with ID. Price of admission for all others.

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## Wildlife Diversity News

Conservation and Recreation



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Have a small space where you want to plant to native plants? Prairie Plugs or starts may be the answer!

The Planting Prairie 101 Series will be a handful of articles that walk through the process of planting a prairie garden or a small patch of native prairie at your home. If you have 5 or more acres you'd like to restore to native prairie, please reach out to the [DNR's Private Lands Biologists](#). You can read pdfs of the first two article in this series on the [DNR's pollinator page](#).

### Why plugs and not seed?

There are several reasons that a landowner may opt to plant plugs, starts or seedlings of native prairie plants versus planting a seed mix. The main ones are:

1. You have a small space like a small garden bed.
2. You'd like the arrangement of plants to be a little neater or more formal looking than a naturally planted prairie.
3. You'd like to have flowers blooming sooner rather than later.

## Wild Ones Nursery & Seed Supplier List

Recommend native plant nurseries and seed suppliers for listing on the Wild Ones website.

Finding native plants can be one of the biggest challenges to natural landscaping. To enable members and the public to find native plants, Wild Ones lists native plant nurseries and seed suppliers on our website. If you have a favorite native plant nursery or seed vendor, please submit your recommendation by completing this [online form](#).

Submissions will be reviewed by Wild Ones members and staff to ensure alignment with Wild Ones mission. You can view the list on Wild Ones [website](#).

Recommend a Nursery!

<https://wildones.org/submit-a-nursery/>



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a Nursery

There are SO MANY opportunities this week for Father's Day Gifts or personal education!! Here are just a few! Click each photo for links to further learning if you so choose!



*Wishing you a week filled with "Plants in the Ground!"*



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