

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

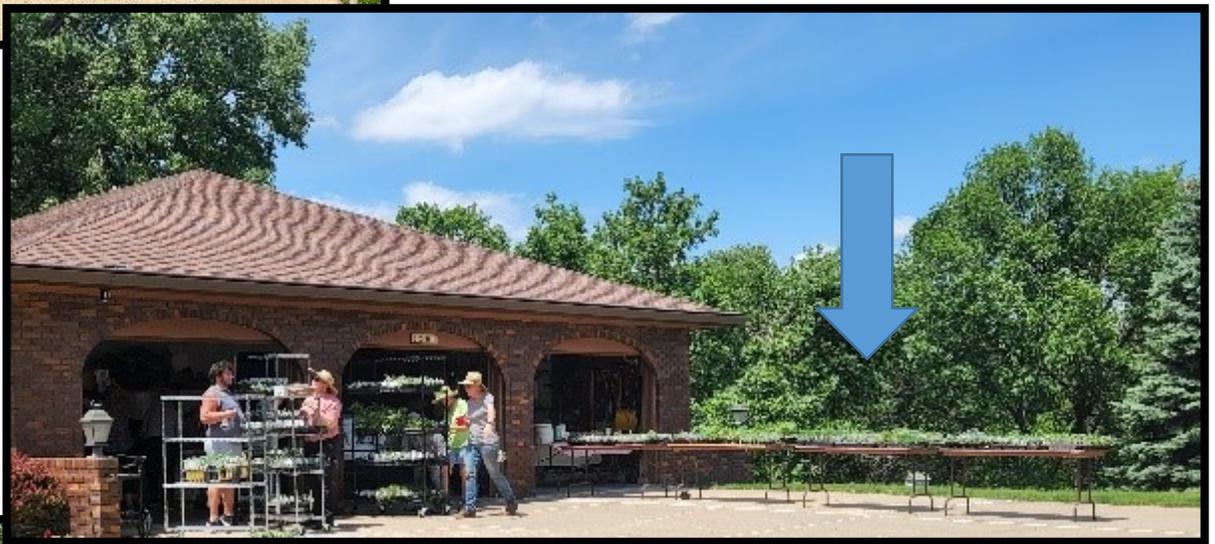
What a Week of "Nature & Plant Pleasures!"



The Plants Are Here, The Plants Are Here! We are all so excited to see our tiny baby Native Plants arrive! A crew of laughing plant lovers welcomed the plants, carefully unloaded and separated the baby sprout-lings (an accepted Horticultural term, HAHA) and loaded them onto their super organized rolling carts for their new caretakers to pick up this week! If you have not scheduled your time, click [HERE](#) for the form!

Heartfelt Thanks to all who participated!

Remember-  
First Year  
they sleep,  
Second year  
they creep,  
Third year  
they LEAP!  
Teaching us  
patience!



And timing is everything!  
The huge drops of welcome rain started falling the instant the last plant was tucked into Marcie's garage!  
Yippeeeeeeeeeee!





Garden Artisans toasted their Rainy Day Native Plant Art Class hosted by Cheri at The Old House! What Fun!

The Prairie Smoke Seeds were harvested after they were used in this mold, so no future Prairie Smoke plants were potentially sacrificed in the making of this project! HAAAAAA!

The artwork created over the summer will be available September 24<sup>th</sup> at 'Nature Calls' Fundraiser!



Marcie shared some of her completed artwork--- and potential future project ideas for Garden Artisans showcasing Prairie Plants and Nature Themes!



All proceeds will be towards Native Plants in the Ground in the Siouxland Area!



On a Meander Tour at 'The Wild Mess In Progress', we found an interesting contrast in the Ohio Spiderwort from plant sales in years past.

Does anyone know why the colors are so different?

Both attracted lots of pollinators!



And the Native Blue Flag is just stunning!

The soft pastels are gorgeous this Spring!



# PLANT SPECIMEN PRESERVATION TECHNIQUES



Saturday July 9 | 8AM to 3PM

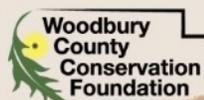
Zales' Prairie Hills Farm, 15384 North Ridge Rd., Westfield, IA

Spend a full day in the field learning collecting techniques, plant i.d., using a plant press, creating your own collection, conservation and more. **Cost: \$10 each; includes supplies for plant press. Bring drinking water & bag lunch.**

Led by Dr. Bill Zales, Dr. Brian Hazlett, & Rod Tondreau.

Must pre-register at (712)258-0838

or [camps@woodburyparks.org](mailto:camps@woodburyparks.org)



Register Quickly for this All Day Class, it is already filling up!!

For more details --and an added campfire opportunity--

Call the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at the number above!

As I tried to photograph the little creatures within those awns last week, I often ended up trying to hold the tips of the awns while shoving my camera (on a tripod) close enough to get the photo I wanted. Most of the time, this ended up in the spider or other creature leaving way before I could compose a shot, but persistence eventually paid off and I managed to find a few more tolerant individuals (including those shown above).



Foxtail barley yesterday morning at Gjerloff Prairie.

**Chris Helzer from The Nature Conservancy taught us that a grass we thought was a total weed is actually quite beautiful—And beneficial!! Grow Chris!!**

←Click photo for link and gorgeous photos!!

And Dianne shared this opportunity to learn about “The Conundrum of Common Names (of plants, haha) which is something we talk to each other about almost every day!

Thanks, Dianne!!

Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1PM CT!

Click for link!-->

**Ready to clear up the confusion of common plant names?**



We're excited to talk all about common and Latin plant names during The Conundrum of Common Names Webinar, part of the Everyday Environment Webinar Series. This webinar will be held Thursday, June 9 beginning at 1pm CT.

Join the webinar on Thursday by clicking the button below, or visit

[https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83575661612?](https://illinois.zoom.us/j/83575661612?pwd=VVY3RmtlRZUNFK2hpckcrVzh4VGRHOt09)

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you need to join by phone, call 312-626-6799 and

*Wishing you a week filled with Planting Pleasures!"*



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