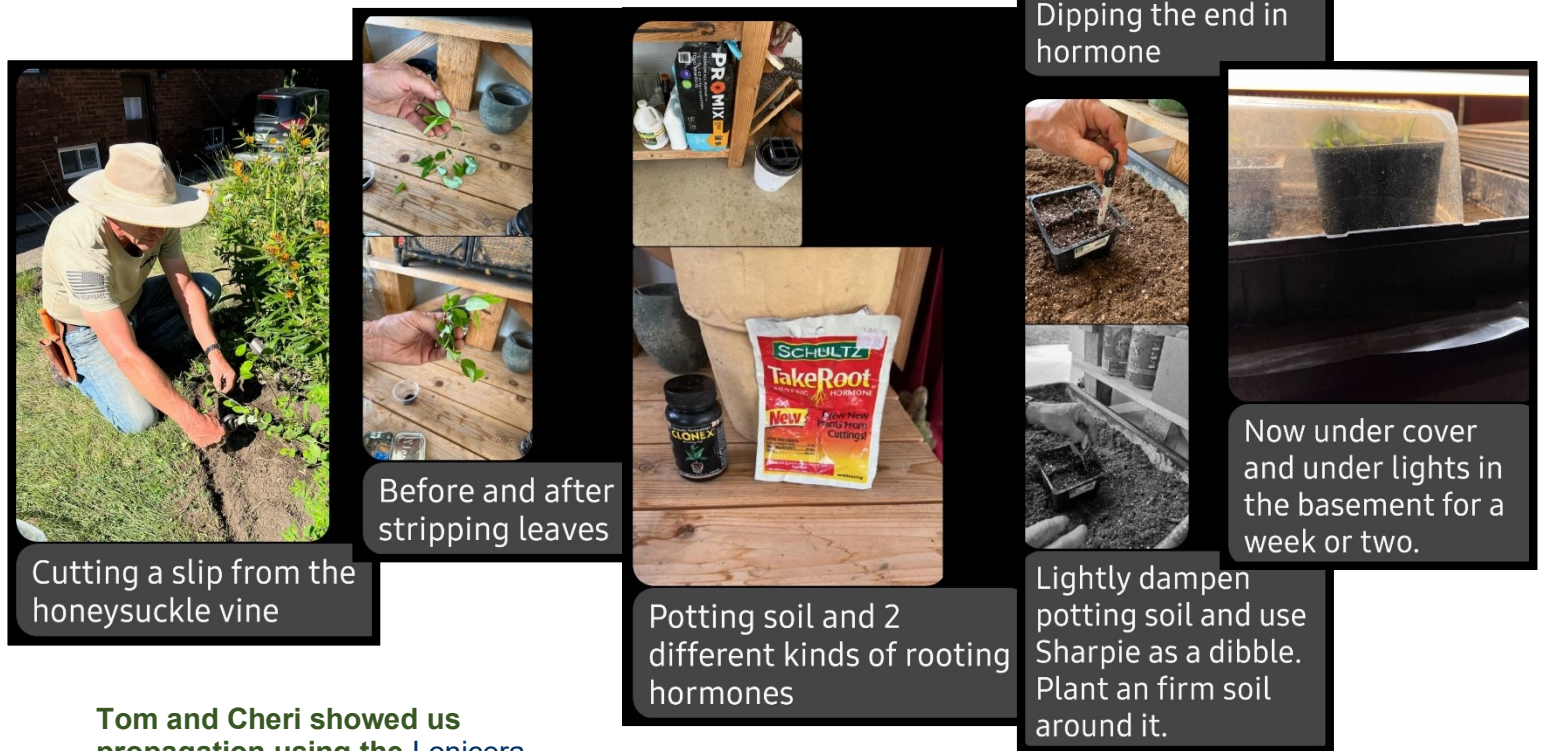


# Weekly Wild Wednesday

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

What a Week of "Wild Experiments!"



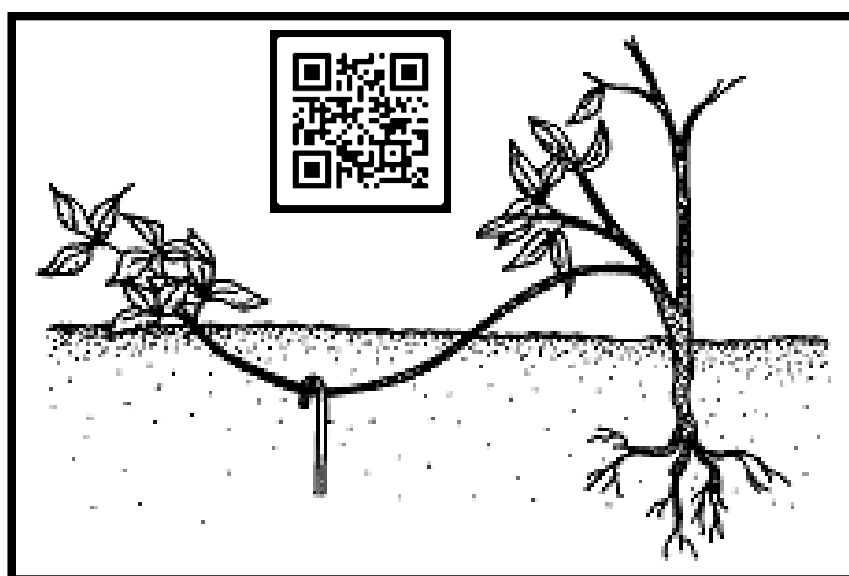
Tom and Cheri showed us propagation using the [Lonicera](#)

sempivirens the Master Gardener Way! We are so excited to see

how this

works and make new plants for our friends, neighbors, and members! This is so interesting!

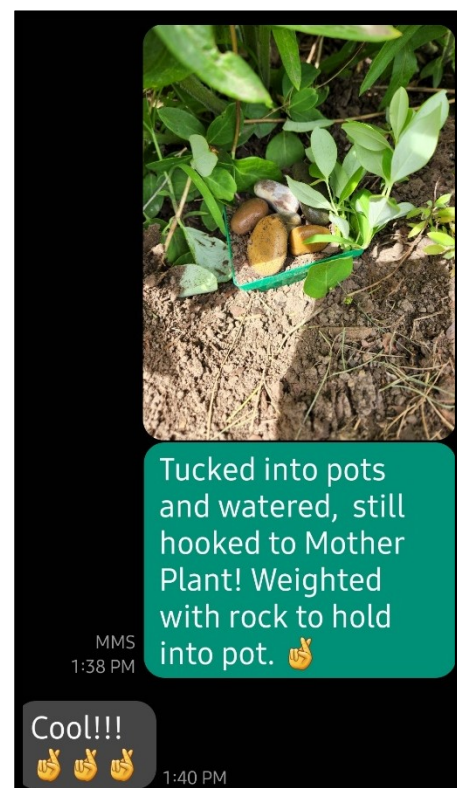
We are also trying the simple method below off the same plant at "The Flower House", within tiny pots so we can just nip Baby off the Mother Plant and share a potted specimen! Wish us luck!!



Simple layering can be accomplished by bending a low growing, flexible stem to the ground. Cover part of it with soil, leaving the remaining 6 to 12 inches above the soil. Bend the tip into a vertical position and stake in place. The sharp bend will often induce rooting, but wounding

the lower side of the bent branch may help also. Simple layering can be done on most plants with low-growing branches. Vines are especially easy to propagate with this method.

Simple layering can be done in early spring using a dormant branch, or in late summer using a mature branch. Periodically check for adequate moisture and for the formation of roots. It may take one or more seasons before the layer is ready to be removed for transplanting.







MULHALL'S GARDEN + HOME

With the right plants in place, our outdoor spaces can be a vital resource for a diverse community of local butterflies – including the endangered monarch. Here's a few of our favorite native perennials to help support these critical pollinators.

← Mulhalls in Omaha has a great article on how YOU can help Monarchs in YOUR yard, plus a list of plants that they have available to get you started! Click for link to article!

Laura at [Tallgrass Prairie Center](#) reminded us to CHECK for plant selections in YOUR OWN area, wherever that may be, and most especially to see if they are Native! If they are NOT, make SURE they are not INVASIVE! Thanks, Laura! Keep us thinking about Natives first, and local ecotypes second! Especially in any links that list a number of plants that are not independently identified.

She made us really think with her list of awesome questions! →

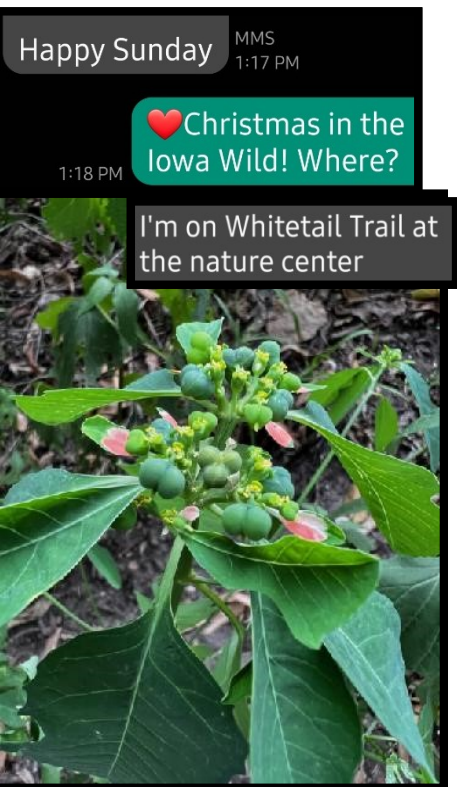
I enjoy your newsletter every week!

This time, I noticed one link that concerned me a little. The [article on heat-tolerant garden plants](#) includes several plant species that are not native to the continent (e.g. catmint and Sesleria), as well as others that are North American natives that aren't considered native to Iowa (e.g. Gaillardia). The article doesn't make this clear (I think it's aimed at a general gardening audience), so people who want to grow native plants could check the range maps on BONAP before including the author's suggestions.

For gardeners, maybe the most important questions are: Does it benefit pollinators and other wild creatures? Is it unlikely to harm or invade wild areas? Do I like how it looks? Is it native to this place (or at least in similar ecosystems near here)? Will it grow well with other plants I have (or want) in my landscape?

Click text to link to her information and contact!  
Thanks, Laura! [BONAP link here!](#)

Dawn went on a Meander Tour and Hike in Stone Park and found a Wild Poinsettia and a Fox Snake Baby!  
Click photos for more information!



Happy Sunday MMS 1:17 PM

❤️ Christmas in the Iowa Wild! Where?

1:18 PM

I'm on Whitetail Trail at the nature center



Baby fox snake in our aster at the nature center water feature ❤️

And Right—At 'The Wild Mess in Progress', we saw a Bumblebee (What kind, Sarah?) on Wild Bergamot and a Monarch (Male or female?) on the Rose Milkweed!

Grow, Natives!  
Find What You Need, Little Friends!  
Click photos for plant information!



## Siouxland Area—You Are Invited!

### Garden Experiences THIS SATURDAY August 20:

Leeds/Hinton area: Tour Chapter Secretary Danielle's garden then head over to "The Plante Chateau" for a quick tour and some lemonade in the barn where Rosanne Plante will talk briefly about her role as a "Wild Lawyer" volunteer with Wild Ones.

8:30 – 10 a.m. [Danielle Metzger's](#)-- 1250 Tucker Hill Drive, Hinton, IA. Directions (these are NOT on GPS): From Highway 75, turn west onto Titan Road (between the ball field and the bank). Follow Titan Road to a T intersection at the top of the hill and turn left onto Tucker Hill Drive. The Metzger's are the third on the right; the big blue house.

10:30 a.m. – Noon [Rosanne Plante](#), 27524 C-70, Hinton, IA. Directions: From Highway 75, turn east on C70, the Kingsley turn off. Drive about 1.5 miles and look for a bright blue house on the left side of the road. The Plante Chateau is opposite the blue house and has a long driveway.



Dear LHWO Members:

We are excited to announce our FIRST  
IN-PERSON plant sale August 26-28!

**LHWO MEMBERS ONLY—Friday,  
August 26**

4:00-7:00 p.m.: Special  
Price: 3 plants for \$10.00

7:00 p.m.: Stay for a  
gathering to  
get to know  
one another  
and have  
some fun.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC—Saturday, August  
27, and Sunday, August 28**

9:00 a.m.-Noon \$4.00  
per plant



**Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
for the IN PERSON Plant Sale!**

**Click photos for Marcie's  
AWESOME charts—and photo  
charts!!**

**[Join us](#) if you want to be in on the  
Member's Only Party and Special  
Pricing! Everyone is welcome to  
the Public Sale!**

3 trays Pasque Flower  
3 Oak Sedge  
2 Prairie Smoke  
2 Cardinal Flower  
2 Wild Blue Indigo  
1 tray each of:  
Turtlehead Chelone  
Tall Bellflower  
Long Beaked Sedge  
Yarrow  
Great St. John's wort  
Butterfly weed  
Showy Milkweed  
New Jersey Tea  
Wild Lupine  
Culver's Root  
Great Blue Lobelia  
Winged Loosestrife  
Prairie Blazing Star  
Rough Blazing Star  
Purple Coneflower  
Narrow leaved Coneflower  
Pale Purple Coneflower  
Heart leaved Golden Alexander  
Sweet Joe Pye weed  
Prairie Dropseed  
June Grass  
Monkey Flower



*Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Experiments!"*



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