

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

What a Week of "Seeds and Socials"

Nature  
Calls  
2022



It's nearly HERE!!! Nature Calls is always SO much FUN!

← Click photo to purchase tickets!

Sample craft beers, bid on one-of-a-kind auction items, and visit with artists about their work at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center's "Nature Calls" fundraiser Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. at the Sioux City Convention Center.

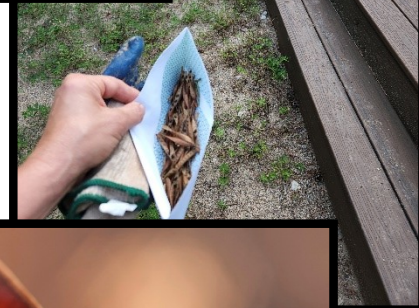
Loess Hills Wild Ones "Garden Artisans" will have a booth with Unique, Hand-Crafted Art Works Available! Marcie is framing Native wildflowers! She shared this phone photo of one of her stunning Artworks!



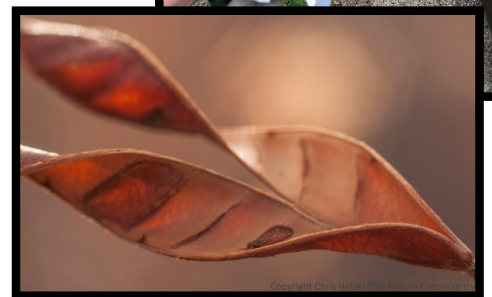
Seeds, Seed Seeds! Dianne gifted us these Marbleseeds from her own property, and we are so grateful. This one requires stratification, so we will be using Winter to accomplish this at "The Wild Mess in Progress!"



We are also harvesting Partridge Pea seeds, and wow are these fun! Sometimes when you touch the curly pod, the seeds just fly out all over the place!



This is Chris Helzer's Partridge Pea Pod photo, Click photo for his blogpost! →



I believe that we can use this opportunity to bring some education to our local naturalists on where it is acceptable to harvest seeds and nuts and what is appropriate to be doing on state lands (preserves included). If you feel it is appropriate, it may be a good idea to use your voices to help spread the word on this topic.

Jake the Park Ranger and Caitlin Parks Manager helped us understand the rules and regulations on collecting seeds and nuts! This will help all of us to understand how to keep our parklands healthy and growing for future generations!

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Thanks, Jake! We will use our pages and our voices!

Stunning Fall flowers are blooming everywhere! Go for a stroll, and see what you can find in your own spaces! Canada Goldenrod really looks gorgeous with Aromatic Aster!

And the Turtlehead is blooming at “The Wild Mess in progress,” newly planted just a few weeks ago below a drip spot as it likes moisture! WOOOWWWW!

If you are in the Omaha area this Saturday, there is a Native Plants 101 hour long presentation from 10-11AM!

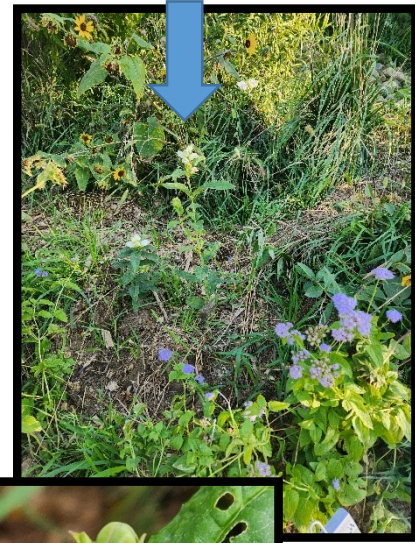
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And Dianne reminded us to look closely at plants before putting them in our tiny, urban gardens! The gorgeous plant from last week’s Wild Wednesday (shared by Bill) is a woodland, large acreage plant for wild areas, NOT for general plantings in yards! Thanks Dianne, and thanks Bill for sharing your gorgeous WOODLAND plants within your huge acreage!

What’s blooming in YOUR areas? Send photos!

Heads up on the *Rudbeckia laciniata* (Cutleaf Coneflower). We planted it at our Jackson Street house. It a very large plant and super aggressive. We had to get rid of it. It is not suitable for gardens here. A friend has it in a prairie restoration in northeast Iowa, and it is very well behaved, maybe because she has other species that are being super aggressive. I would not encourage anyone to plant it here after our experience.

Dianne



*Wishing you a week filled with "Seeds and Socials!"*

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## LOESS HILLS



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