

Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 28th, 2022

What a Week of "Beauty & 4B!"

Nature Calls was a HUGE success! Their best year ever! More than 575 people shared in the art, shopping, raffle, food, beers, wine, live and silent auctions and FUN! The Loess Hills Wild Ones booth was amazing!! Thank you to everyone who helped with this awesome event!



← Marcie's Native preserved Wildflower Artwork was a huge hit!

And Cheri's Garden Goddesses FLEW out the door! Her mostly Native Wild Flower Arrangement in a hand created vase was a show stopper! So many admiring glances! We had SO much FUN!



A reflection on the Autumnal Equinox

May we let what's loosening loosen.
May we tune to nature's flow,
carry what we need
and leave the rest to go.

May we allow the frost to cover
flowers once held dear
and circle up together
as the dark grows near.

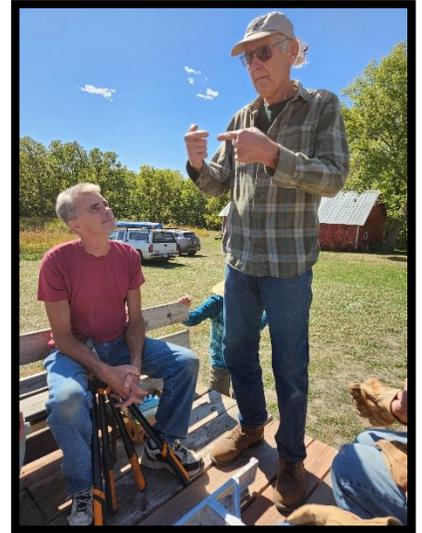
May we hold the sun,
a memory, deep within our bones
and trust all that
spirals in towards the great unknown.

Season's shifts are gifts,
fall is a refrain that prepares
those who hold too tightly
for all that disappears.

~ Nicolette Sowder

← Dawn shared this wonderful reflection on the Equinox!
What a gift! Thanks, Dawn!

Bill taught us that a Native tree like a Box Elder can also become aggressive in the grasslands of a recreated prairie! These seeds won't germinate in a healthy Native Prairie nearly as easily. So we had a super fun afternoon of Brush, Beer, Brats, and BBQ! 4B! The before and after photos were astounding! We sure hope S'More of these parties are in our future!!





The baby Prairie Willow at Dotty and Bill's is doing GREAT! It has nearly doubled in size! The Deer Guard from Sept 14th Wild Wednesday is WORKING!! Yippeeeeeeee!
 ← Click photo for Salix humilis information!

Several people at Nature Calls asked "What can I do? I live in a (retirement home, apartment, paved street, insert your situation here) You can grow Native flowers in pots or any container! Here are some Fall flowers that do well, and can be harvested for seeds for other gardens!

Last year, Dawn and I watched most of the Ohio State University Bee Lab videos on the big screen at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and learned so much! Here's this year's line up!
 ← Click photo to register!

Speaking of seeds, this excellent Twin Cities Wild Ones presentation was friendly and informative! Thanks, Twin Cities Wild Ones!! Click photo below for 1hour YouTube Presentation!

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15 Native Fall Flowers for Pots

Extend your gardening season with these gorgeous blooms.

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Pollinator Habitat 101 : An Introduction and Refresher



An Edward's Hairstreak and Monarch caterpillar both enjoying a milkweed plant.

The [Ohio State University Bee Lab](#) is hosting a series of online classes for anyone interested in planting some pollinator habitat. The webinars are free though registration is required to join them live on Fridays at 9 am central time between October 14th and November 11th. It's a great lineup of speakers and a good opportunity to learn, especially if you're a beginner!

- 10/14: Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware

Pollinators' Best Hope: A New Approach to Pollinator Habitat That Starts in Your Yard

- 10/21: Harland Patch, Penn State University

Creating Pollinator Gardens: the Role of Plant Choice and Design

ALL ABOUT SEED SAVING: GLORIOUS, COLORFUL, WONDERFUL SEEDS!

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Can you believe this?

New study by the University of Nevada-Reno, the Xerces Society, and the University of Tennessee -Knoxville out this week:

Publication: [Milkweed plants bought at nurseries may expose monarch caterpillars to harmful pesticide residues](#)
 Press release: [Harmful Pesticides Found in Milkweeds from Retail Nurseries](#)

←And many of you shared this study from Xerces, including Sarah Nizzi who helped with this research.

This is yet another reason to think about harvesting, growing, and sharing your own plants from glorious SEEDS!!

One thing we can do is ask each and every nursery exactly what they use on their plants, and keep on asking!

Do your homework!! And Keep on Planting! We are working hard on growing LOCAL plants from our own seeds, and getting those plants to YOU! Stay tuned for the many upcoming opportunities to harvest seeds and share plants!!

Wishing you a week filled with "Beauty and 4B!"



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