

Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 5th, 2022

What a Week of "Seed Collecting this Season!"

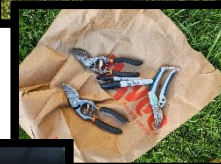
Upcoming!
Saturday October 15th
1-4 P.M.



**Seed & Social @ Bill & Dotty's
Prairie Hills**
All Are Welcome!
15384 N Ridge Rd,
Westfield, IA 51062
**Experience High Quality Iowa
Loess Hills Original Prairie!**

← Come join us
for these TWO
upcoming Seed
Harvesting
Events! 'Seed &
Social'- click
photo for details!
Yippeeeeeee!!

One of our
FAVORITE things
is harvesting
seeds for the
upcoming Winter
Sowing and
Winter Growing Season! Don't
forget to leave plenty of seed
behind for the Wild! Right--Dawn,
Jeanne and Ruth harvested seeds
at '*The Flower House*', and Buddy
supervised their trip to '*The Wild
Mess in Progress*' to dry even more
in front of a fan! Thanks, everyone!!



← And--Loess
Hills Wild
Ones
Members
Only

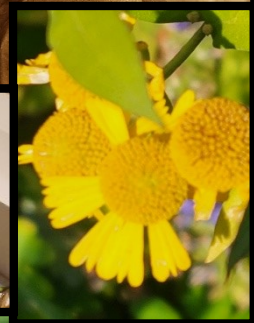
(Join [Here!](#))

Members are invited to collect seed to keep- or
share- at Mark's private property--
Flathers Wetmore Pioneer Memorial
Prairie
Sunday, October 9th
any time between 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Contact Dianne-bennaid@hotmail.com
for more information!

Last year's outing was perfect!

[Wild Wednesday Archive HERE!](#)





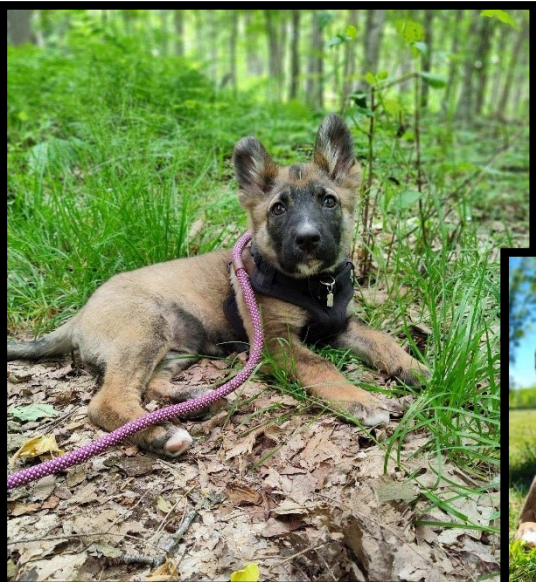
What a week of experiencing the Outdoors with your family and friends— Four Legged or Two! [Friends of Stone Park](#) had their annual fundraiser run with a fabulous turnout, yummy snacks, and perfect weather! The Kid's Run is always so cute!



This little athlete (Right) ran the Kid's Run- and then with her Dad- completed the regular run as well--- in a darling skirt!

Thank you to everyone!

Our Wild One's Executive Director Jens' Four Legged Family gets her out into Nature to check out the Wild in Wisconsin! Look how much Oona has grown since May! And check out that cool lichen on the rock! Take your family and friends out this Fall, and send photos!!



Prairie Hike Oct. 14th, 2022

Friday, October 14, 10am: "Sierra Hikes!" field trip. Join members of the Northwest Iowa Group Sierra Club and the Iowa Prairie Network for a hike on the high-quality Turin Prairie in Monona County, followed by a late lunch provided by Kelly Madigan and Doug Chafa. Come prepared to hike, with long pants, sunscreen and bug spray suggested. Bring a chair, and your own place setting and beverage. After lunch, you are invited to stay and enjoy Kelly and Doug's property, including options for a campfire, fishing and kayaking. Pitch a tent and spend the night if you wish or rent one of the two on-site Airbnb tents. Morning coffee will be provided to overnight guests. Call/text 712-986-6210 or email nwsierragroup@gmail.com to receive the address. Co-hosted by Lo-Hi Trail, Iowa Prairie Network, and Northwest Iowa Group Sierra Club. Address: 30967 210th St., Castana, Iowa



Leesa sent us this photo of their newly planted--grown from seed-- [Butterfly Milkweed](#), protected with some dollar store wire upside down bins and recycled bricks!

Also (above right) an opportunity for an upcoming hike and/or overnight was shared by Jeanne, Leesa, and many others!

Click description for link!





Meet the newly elected members of our Board of Directors!

Dear Wild Ones Members,

We are proud to announce the results of our recent board of director's election: all seven of the candidates received over 51% of votes cast and will be seated on the board for 4-year terms starting on [January 1st, 2023](#).

All of these individuals bring a passion for our mission, a wealth of valuable experiences and a variety of knowledge that will help move the critical work of our organization forward.

Thank you for taking part in this election and for your continued support of Wild Ones.

Wild Ones has a newly elected Board of Directors!

← Click for details and descriptions of the Board Members, plus photos!

We are all looking forward to a FUN and productive upcoming 2023!

Grow, Wild Ones!!

Check out the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center Insect Zoo this coming Saturday October 8th from 10-2 to see one of the many reasons WHY we grow Native plants!

Click for more information! →

Iowa State University
Insect Zoo
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
10AM TO 2PM
Dorothy Pecaut
NATURE CENTER
CELEBRATE SIOUX CITY FALL FEST AT THE DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER!

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center
Do you want to see some creepy crawly critters? Join us for Fall Fest on Oct. 8th and check out the Iowa State University Insect Zoo which will be on display at the Nature Center from 10am-2pm.

Jeanne sported a Bur Oak Hat at 'The Flower House' on her way to a Prairie Focused Outreach Table at Riverssance, which made us think about harvesting and growing some Oak Trees! GrowitBuildit has a White Oak from Seed video—and it applies to Bur Oaks as well!

← Click for details!



Greetings,

If you are one of our Patrons, you already know what project we have been working on to share with you [today](#).

Not too long ago, we published our Complete Guide to White Oak Trees on the [blog](#). Today, we have our new video to share on the White Oak tree. If you are looking to make a positive impact on the ecosystem, there is no other native plant that does more for nature than an oak tree.

Enjoy watching this video and learning all about this majestic tree!

NEW ON YOUTUBE: White Oak Tree

We are grateful for your likes & comments on our videos!



ON THE BLOG: White Oak Tree

Read the companion article here.



And if you are in the Des Moines area, check out this Symposium on October 15th shared by Dianne! Wooowwww!! →

Education Opportunity Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden

Annual Symposium: Wild Landscapes on Saturday, October 15th.



Join us at the Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden as we celebrate the beauty and benefits of wild landscapes. Learn how reincorporating native plants in community and residential outdoor spaces, known as rewilding, invites migratory and native pollinators, helps preserve Iowa's natural heritage and builds healthy rich

FOUR SEASON FORAGING

VIEW ORIGINAL



Yellow Wood Sorrel:
Small Plant, Big Taste

A Way to Garden.com

perfect imperfections: decoding leaf mines and galls with charley eiseman; october's chores



Hello,

Since I took a walk with Charley Eiseman about 10 years ago, I've adopted a whole different way of looking at what I might have once seen as imperfections in plants.

Now when I spy a squiggle in a columbine leaf or what looks like a green ping-pong ball on an oak, instead of thinking, "What's wrong with my plant?" I think, "I wonder who made that, and why?"

Curiosity has replaced panic, thanks to naturalist Charley Eiseman, co-author of the field guide "Tracks & Sign of Insects and Other Invertebrates," who's decoded some of nature's beautiful little mysteries for us, [including leaf mines and galls](#).

Charley is a freelance naturalist, and when he's not conducting biodiversity surveys for clients, he devotes himself to learning more about the natural world through an e-book he's created on leafminers, and a North American Leafminer Project on iNaturalist that he started that has some 50,000 sightings submitted. (Above, mines created by moth larvae in a rose leaf.)

Far Left--Wood Sorrel! So cute with it's heart shaped leaves! Click that photo for link! Who knew it was edible? We are not trying it any time soon without an expert guide!!

← This podcast from Margaret at 'A Way to Garden' gets us to look at leaf and plant 'Perfect Imperfections' in a totally new way! Listen while exploring!

Wishing you a week filled with "Seed Collecting this Season!"



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