

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

February 1st, 2023

What a Week of "Delightful Designs!"

We are SOOOO excited about the new Garden Designs! Wooooowwww!  
Click photo to look at all the designs available currently! Thanks, Wild Ones!!

Share these with others!

We can hardly wait until our OWN LOCAL design is finalized! A work in progress!!

## 10 NEW plans in Wild Ones Native Garden Designs Programs!



We hope you are as excited as we are about the new designs for the ecoregions of Columbia River Basin, Grand Rapids, Greensboro, Lafayette, Las Cruces, Philadelphia, Portland, Princeton, Tucson and Washington, DC!

←Second Attempt at propagating Prairie Willows from local ecotype cuttings! Click photo for details! Last year we had ONE successful rooting from 10 clippings, and Bill is babysitting that transplant at Prairie Hills!

If you want to purchase Prairie Willow plants, check out this link from [Prairie Moon Nursery!](#) Also [Prairie Nursery!](#) Or do a Google Search of your OWN area for a local ecotype plant. Finger's crossed!

We are working on selecting the plants for the Native Spring Plant

Sale, planning a LIVE, in person sale with food, fun, and a garden tour- combined! Yippee!!!! One plant--- Blazing Star--- we planted last year both from the [Sioux City Garden Club](#) and from Loess Hills Wild Ones Plant Sale. It showed up in our research, and we went down a rabbit hole learning about Liatris! Click photo for link! →

## How to Grow and Care for Liatris (Blazing Star)

By [JAMIE MCINTOSH](#) | Updated on 09/08/22

 Reviewed by [JULIE THOMPSON-ADOLF](#)



 The Spruce / Evgeniya Vlasova





We are so happy to share that Sarah Nizzi from Xerces will present

## "Site Prep, Plant Selection, and The Needs of Pollinators" Program Zoom!

[Click to Register HERE!](#)

**February 12th, 2PM! (Zoom will say 1:30 but it's really 2PM, Tech Challenged!)**

Learn the steps to take in conserving and supporting pollinators at home.

Big or small, every conservation effort counts!



← When outdoors looked like the far left and the temperatures were **BELOW ZERO**, we decided to make a Reading Nook! Indoors it is cozy and warm viewing the pond --with a heater for a thawed watering hole for the wildlife!



We decided to cozy up with some books from the Lending Library →

And sit in the warm corner to check out the Wild Visitors!

Turkeys, deer, and lots of birds so far!



## GERM CODE C: Artificial Stratification Method with Sand



1. Place stratification sand into a bowl. We use a 1/3 cup fine stratification sand to 1/8 oz seed ratio (slightly more or less depending on seed size).

Add water. We used 1 to 2 teaspoons of water per 1/3 cup of sand.

2. Mix only enough water to allow medium to form into a ball.

3. Add your seed to the stratification sand and mix together. Our package label will indicate the suggested number of days for artificial stratification i.e. C (60) = 60 days of cold, moist conditions needed.

4. Refrigerate the seed mixture in a sealed plastic bag marked with start and finish dates. Check periodically so that the mixture does not dry out. If premature sprouting occurs, plant immediately.

5. Once cold, moist stratification is complete, sow the seed into rows when the threat of below-freezing temps has past. Keep rows well weeded and thinned.

We have a LOT of Code C Germinations this year! So we are trying all kinds of different ways to start those seeds!

← Click on this photo for a Prairie Moon Sand Starting method!

Tom is doing this with vermiculite! He had great success last year with that medium, available at Wilmes locally in the Siouxland area!

The sand is available from Prairie Moon, along with many other ideas for starting Code C seeds!

## Native Plant Ordinance

Check out the free, sample native plant ordinance on the Wild Ones website!

Wild Ones member and Wild Lawyer, Rosanne Plante, developed a sample native plant ordinance as a starting point for native plant language and law to use in application for public and private buildings, developments, subdivisions, & land within incorporated and unincorporated areas of a municipality.

You can download the sample ordinance here: <https://wildones.org/resources/>.

Also be sure to check out Rosanne's webinar on what to do if the "weed police" come knocking on your door! <https://wildones.org/weed-ordinances-webinar-2022/>



[Native Plant Sample Ordinance!](#)

Click above photo to link to our own Rosanne Plante's Native Plant Ordinance Sample!

Thanks, Rosanne, for everything you are doing for Wild Lawyers!

And Several Board Members got together at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center or on Zoom and worked on the Wild Ones State of the Chapter Report and...FINISHED!

Thanks to EVERYONE who contributed to all the fun shared last year, making this report a Happy Trip down Memory Lane!

And Below, Our own Co-President Dawn Snyder retired this week from DPNC!

Those years FLEW by!! THANK YOU, DAWN!!!!



Dawn Snyder "I never expected to stay in Woodbury County for 34+ years but the opportunities, resources, people, and partnerships allowed me to establish and grow the WCCB Environmental Education program to what it is today. The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Discovery Forest Nature Playscape, Outdoor Raptor House, and Nature Calls fundraiser were among my most memorable highlights, in addition to seeing my own children grow and appreciate our natural world. It has been a distinct honor and amazing journey to be a part of this process from day one. I especially am proud and grateful to have worked in Iowa's County Conservation System...the best in the nation!"





*Wishing you a week filled with "Designing with Delight!"*

