

Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 4th, 2023 ---YES! Twenty Twenty THREE!!!!
What a Week of "Wonderful Wintering!"

Happy New Year!!!

Yippeeeee! Our FIRST program for 2023!

Please Join Us THIS SUNDAY January 6th--- Zoom!

Register for the live program OR to receive the recording! Either preference, register below!



Roots of the Past; Rooting for the Future

Sunday January 8th, 2023 at 2PM ZOOM

Barry Mateer will share his observations and ventures since returning to his childhood farm home after 40 years of teaching in Nepal and Japan. The discovery of two sets of 2nd great-grandparents on land abstracts set off a series of quests to help ensure native plants, birds, and pollinators could have a safe haven on the land which settlers first claimed in 1851.

We are very excited to have you join by ZOOM-- Our FIRST presentation of 2023!

To Register Click [HERE!](#)

Winter Walks!
Friends of Stone Park hosted their **First Day Hike of 2023** with a great turnout and wonderful treats, hot cocoa, and chats after the hike! So much fun, and so many wonderful people!
 Click photos to see all the fun!



Whether you are Winter Sowing with containers or Winter Seeding directly onto bare soil, this is the time to continuously sow for Native Seeds that need Winter Weather! We are direct sowing, Winter Sowing in containers, and seeding in flats to do a Citizen Science Test of what works best with *Penstemon grandiflorus* seeds! Wish us luck! The seed pods are very hard, and must be crushed to reveal the seeds!

← We used a combination of two recycled mortar and pestle bowls to accomplish this, and it worked perfectly!
 We have recycled a lot of odd containers (below) to see what works best for Winter Sowing!



The containers need holes in the tops, and holes in the bottoms to allow moisture in and out! Also the holes act as heat vents.



Marcie explained that in heat above 50 degrees outdoors, the tops need to be removed to prevent the future seedlings from overheating! More next week!! We are so excited to try all these methods!



Lilly and I working on some winter sowing!!

MMS

Tom Cheri Oak Tree

Perfect timing!

MMS 11:10 AM



← Danielle shared her fun times with Winter Sowing as well as a darling photo! Thanks Danielle and Lilly! They are sowing Coneflowers--- and if they find time--- sowing seeds from the Fall Seed Exchange!



If there are particular LOCAL ECOTYPE seeds you wish to try to start this Winter, please let us know! We have quite a few seeds to get out there and GROWING!

Nature is joining you in some Winter Sowing!



Also - one thing I want to say to you is not to get overwhelmed. Most of us started this native plant journey from nothing, not even knowing what cold stratification is! It's ok, you just take it one step at a time. Identify what plants you want to grow, write down their germination requirements, and go! If it's a plant we've [written about](#), it is likely that you will have step by step instructions to help you out all along the way from seed to bloom.

And GrowitBuildit could not have said it better→

There's no harm in trying out just about anything, and having a few Growing Pains before YOU have Sprouting Success!!

Click photos for links! →

Tuesdays in the Tall Grass Prairie has a fabulous list of Native Plant Resolutions for 2023! [Click HERE for the list!](#)



Greetings!

Happy last day of 2022. It's a great time to reflect on the past year in our gardens. What went well, what are you proud of, what mistakes did you make?

And, since [tomorrow](#) starts the new year...let's talk about our goals & dreams for our native plant gardens for 2023. Share your goals & check out what others are dreaming of this coming year over on our social media pages. Join in the discussion!

If you are looking for inspiration on how to get started with new native plant gardens this coming season and/or would like a detailed resource to share with others, be sure to spend some time on our [HOW TO START A NATIVE PLANT GARDEN FROM SCRATCH](#) resource.

2023 Native Plant Garden Goals Discussions



Join the discussion on our:

- [Growit Buildit Facebook Page](#)
- [Growit Buildit Instagram](#)

We look forward to chatting with you on these posts! Thank you for being part of our Growit Buildit community and we look forward to sharing our garden journeys this year! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Tara

Wishing you a week filled with "Wonderful Wintering"

