# <u>Weekly Wíld Wednesday</u>

May 10th, 2023 What a Week of "Uplifting Hikes and Up-Potting!"





We saw so MANY awesome Spring flowers on our guided hike through Fowler Forest. Dawn has an eye that can spot anything! Bill gave a great lesson on mosses!







# FABULOUS WILDFLOWERS IN FOWLER FOREST

Spring Ephemerals Dawn Snyder, Education Programs Director Dorothy Pecaut Nature Cent 44:53



Fabulous Flowers of Fowler Forest (near Smithland in eastern Woodbury County, Iowa) Loess Hills Wild Ones · 109 views · 1 year ago Thank you to everyone who attended on that fabulous walk through Fowler Forest!

 ← If you could not attend, here's a video hike from a previous venture!
Click photos for video or more information about each plant!



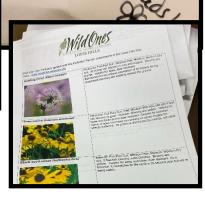


← Danielle came up with a quick and easy idea for the nurses this Thursday at their plant day! There are six seed packets in each envelope



Nodding onion, New England aster, bee balm, butterfly weed, black eyed Susan, sneezeweed.

with easy to grow seeds that can be added to an existing space, mixed together and grown as a Micro Meadow, or sown as a Butterfly Garden with each species separate! Thanks, Danielle-For this super easy and quick idea for getting Native plants into Urban spaces!



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We often use these trays with 20 rows in them. (From Johnnyseeds.com) But you can also up pot from anything else, including milk jugs.

Tom and Cheri gave us a GREAT hands-on lesson on Up-Potting our seedlings! Whether sown in milk jugs or professional trays, this method works to take the overcrowded tiny seedlings and grow them into larger individual plants!



Using a large Sharpie, push holes in each little pot.



Roots are perfect. You can pull out a hunk of little plants.



Pull gently on the true leaves to separate each little plant.



Or gently break the roots apart.

And then Dawn practiced her technique with perfect success!! What fun!

Thank you, Tom, Cheri, and Dawn!



Place each little plant into the hole and firm the soil gently.







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Place somewhere protected from sun and wind. (Good luck with that)

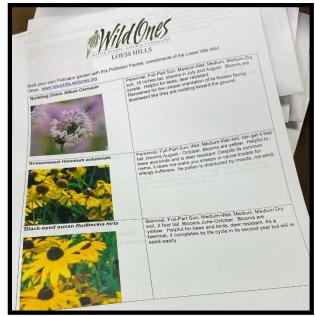


#### **Native Plant Sale!**

May 19th <u>Members Only</u> 3-7PM May 20-21st 9-Noon 2801 S. Cecelia Sioux City, Iowa Mark your calendars for the upcoming Plant Sales! Native Plants May 19-21st

Due to an overwhelming demand for Native Plants from our supplier, we have had to make changes to our original list of plants that will be at the sale. And we think an overwhelming demand for native plants is a GREAT problem to have! Click photo for the AWESOME updated list with photos-- from Marcie! →

Sioux City Garden Club sale is THIS coming Saturday! Click photo! →



### **GREEN THUMB PLANT SALE**

Saturday, May 13, 2023

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Redeemer Lutheran Church 3204 S. Lakeport (follow our signs)

## SIOUX CITY GARDEN CLUB

 $\leftarrow$  Jeanne shared upcoming dates for two Tuesday evening hikes, and also June 2-4  $^{\rm th}$  the…drum roll…

Loess Hills Prairie Seminar!

Hikes are:

Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 at the Sioux City Prairie

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Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Joy Hollow

<u>Tuesday, May 16, 2023</u> - 6-7:30pm- Sioux City Prairie

All are welcome to celebrate Wildflower Month for a hike inside TNC owned Sioux City Prairie. We'll join our guide, Professor Brian Hazlett, at the *Briar Cliff University entrance* to the prairie. Dianne Blankenship also agreed to be present as support!

If possible, please arrive 15 minutes early. Dress appropriately for a mild-moderately strenuous hike.

To learn more about this lovely tallgrass prairie preserve, and find directions, visit <u>Sioux City Prairie (nature.org)</u> Co-hosted by Iowa Prairie Network, and Northwest Iowa Group of Sierra Club - "Sierra Hikes!"

#### Tuesday, May 23, 6-7:30pm - Joy Hollow

All are welcome to celebrate Wildflower Month with a short program, followed by a hike and tour of TNC's Joy Hollow complex led by TNC Western Iowa Land Steward, James Baker. We'll meet in the parking lot of the Joy Hollow complex. Dress appropriately for a mild-moderately strenuous hike. *Hikers are invited to join local Sierra Club members and friends at <u>5pm</u> for a pre-hike potluck. Bring your own place setting and serving utensils. Find directions, visit joy hollow girl scout camp - Search (bing.com)* 

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June 2-4, Loess Hills Prairie Seminar

Thanks, Jeanne!

Wishing you a week filled with "Uplifting Hikes and Up-Potting!"

