

Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 14th, 2023

What a Week of "Native Plant Sharing & Tea Party Fun!"

What Fun! Members donated Native Plants, Nature Themed goodies, and fabulous teas and snacks for a truly enjoyable day at *The Flower House*! Thanks to EVERYONE who contributed and came to re-home Nature and enjoy the beauty of the day!

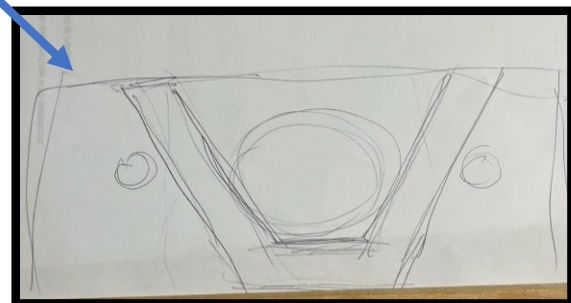


We were all having so much fun we forgot to take photos of all the Members and Guests who visited! We ran a

couple of hours over our designated time-- as it was hard not to linger and share on such a beautiful day! Thank you, Mercedes, for sharing *The Flower House* with all of us! We are so grateful! The Wild Strawberries put on a double performance, doing their job of sharing with Nature and with the people that tend them!

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Our budding photographer Lilly is in front of the curbside install expanded by Mercedes' design! This is a layered planting. Douglass tallamus (our humorously named Bur Oak Tree) will grow very tall, with an understory of two Wild Choke Cherries on each side, a brushy layer of Button Bush, and the soft landings of the Wild Strawberries completing this curbside design!



Continuing our Sedge Fever, the Plains Oval Sedge cascades like a waterfall over the retaining wall, this is year 3 and this sedge is really putting on a show! Soon we will harvest this bounty of seeds to share with anyone who wants to try their own Sedge experiment!
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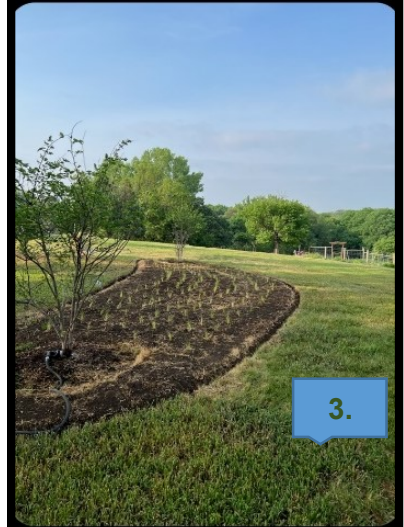
Sooo...
 Have you wondered
 if I killed my little
 sedge?!

And speaking of sedges, it's time for an update
 from Cheri on her Sedge Separation
 Strategy! Grow, Cheri!

And at last the new
 site is ready to be
 planted!



This has been exactly
 2 weeks after I cut
 my sedges in half.
 Look how the roots
 have expanded into
 the new area.



160 little sedges
 in the ground! And
 remember I only paid
 for 80!



And look at all the
 new growth up top!
 Obviously these little
 plugs appreciated
 being divided



Limenitis arthemis

Insects



Limenitis arthemis, the red-spotted purple or white admiral, is a North American butterfly species in the cosmopolitan genus *Limenitis*.

Eric shared
 his awesome
 Hiking
 Photos! And
 The reason
 We are all
 Adding a little
 Nature to our
 Spaces!

Thanks, Eric!!



Sunday morning, I woke before sunrise and climbed a prairie ridge at the Loess Hills Wildlife Management Area. I'd scouted it the previous afternoon and knew the sun would light it up beautifully if the weather forecast held true. It did and it did.



Yucca (*Yucca glauca*) flowers at sunrise - version 1. Tamron 100-400mm lens @400mm. ISO 800, f/9, 1/500 sec.



Yucca (*Yucca glauca*) flowers at sunrise - version 2. Tamron 100-400mm lens @270mm. ISO 800, f/9, 1/500 sec.

Thanks, Nature, for sharing your beauty with us! We can hardly wait to see how this turns into a beautiful and useful site for Nature! Yippeeeeeeee!!!

And for the first time in several weeks it started to RAIN! Buddy refused to come in, and enjoyed his Natural Shower and Spa Day immensely!

WOOOOOW Chris! Thanks for the Yucca photos and all you shared last weekend for the Loess Hills Prairie Seminar!

← Click photo for full blogpost!

We are fascinated by the Chelsea Garden Show, and this article links us to Ideas to Steal from Chelsea Garden Show! Click for link! →

This reminded us that we could follow the life after the death of a huge tree by adding it to our vision of a Stumpery and Fern Garden!



So we drove the tractor to the burn site and hauled many wonderful pieces home to work into our vision of the Future Garden! Vision Here →

Pieces to start with below!

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Above: We'd rather trees were living, but inevitably some fail or fall. Dead wood was a consistent feature in gardens from standing dead trees to a fallen tree with its rootball fully exposed in Cleve West's deeply thought-provoking design for the youth



Wishing you a week filled with "Sharing Nature and Nurture!"



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