

Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 7th, 2023

What a Week of "Hell-Zer Hikes!"

Woooooowwww!! The Rock Star of Prairie Ecology...Drum Roll...

[Chris Helzer](#) was keynote speaker and guide for the [Loess Hills Prairie Seminar!](#)

← Danielle got up close and personal with the insect Chris was sharing!

We are still so excited that we were able to spend time learning SO much about Native Plants and the many creatures that call them home!

The hikes were amazing and gorgeous! Our first hike with Chris was a bit more strenuous than we had expected, so we dubbed it the Hell-Zer Hike! Ha!

Dr, Tom Rosburg hosted the hike on the right! → The Saturday seminar was filled with knowledge and entertainment, and next year we are planning to camp out for the **WHOLE** weekend!



Loess Hills Wild Ones donated Native Plants, Garden Artisan works, Gardening Tools, *Natures Best Hope* Young Readers, and *New Naturalism* for the silent auction and Education Tables! Thanks Jeanne!



GARDEN TEA PARTY

Sunday, June 11
Tea Party at The Flower House

3725 JACKSON ST
10-NOON (MEMBERS ONLY)
NOON-1PM OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Native Plant Share

Bring your extras to share
or re-home some native
plants brought by others!

MORE AT <https://loesshills.wildones.org/>
or Loess Hills Wild Ones Facebook

Pre-register:

loesshillswildones@gmail.com

Upcoming!

← This Sunday June 11th

Please Join Us at the
Native Plant Share and Tea Party
at 'The Flower House'

10-Noon Members Only
12-1 Open to the Public!

We will have Finger Foods and Fun!!

← Click Dawn's awesome flier to
register!

There will be plants to share even if
you don't have any to spare, but if
you do, bring *your* extras to share!

[Click HERE](#) to become a member!



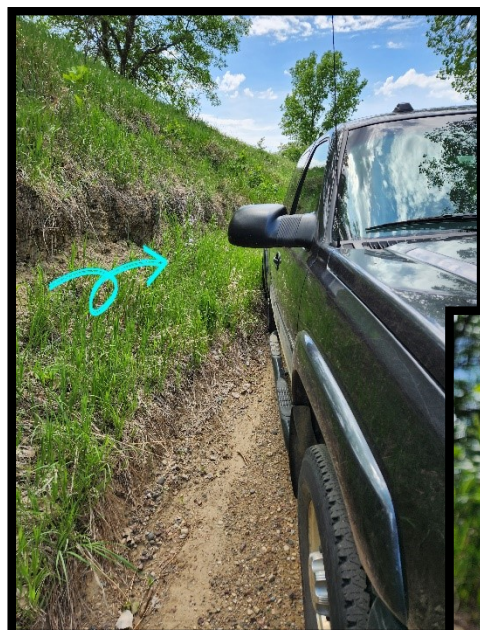
← We had given up a
year ago on the Poke
Milkweed at 'The
Flower House', but
thank goodness we
did not move the plant
marker! This year it is
growing like crazy!



And at the Wild Mess In Progress, the
'Penstemon and Peony Garden' is so gorgeous!

The bees are creating quite the buzz!





On Talbot we came to a screeching halt when we saw the Showy Penstemon on the side of the road!

Dianne shared that she has masses along her driveway!

This is one plant that has sprouted-- but not yet flowered-- at the *Wild Mess in Progress*! We can hardly wait!



Below, Cheri shared their caterpillar located on their Golden Alexander, which Dawn Id'd as a future Black Swallowtail Yippee!



On golden Alexander



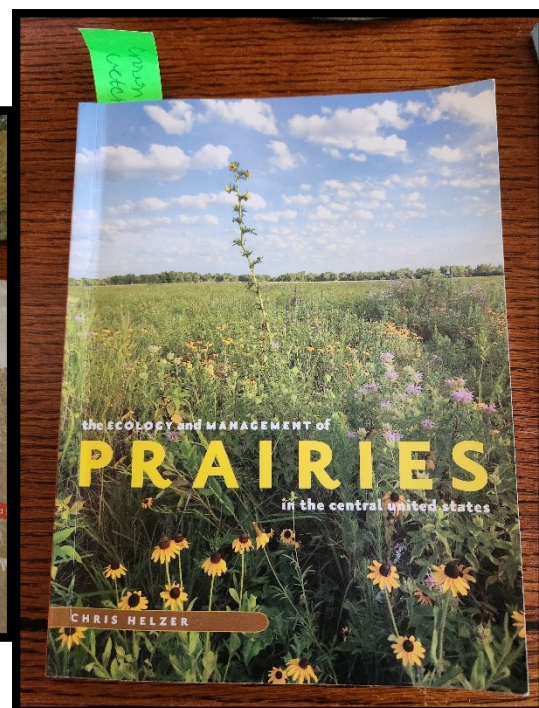
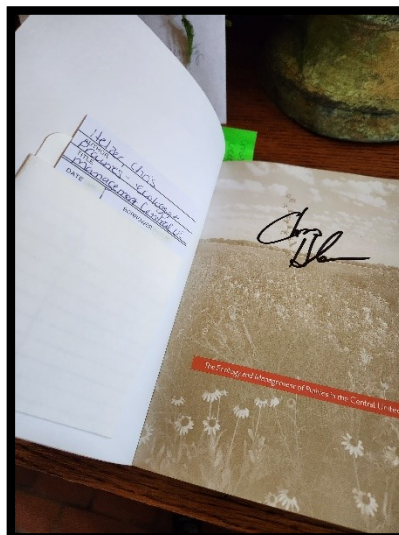
A really worn monarch was actively nectarine on the Wild Ones native flower patch at Dorothy Pecaut.

← Doug Chafa shared his flutterby photo as well, we are so happy that the Sioux City Garden Club grant from 2 years ago is supporting the Monarch population here in Siouxland! Thanks Doug!

Below left, The LoHi Hikers took a much needed break and filled water bottles at 'The Wild Mess In Progress' and then continued on for another few hours of hiking the Loess Hills!



Chris made our Lending Library Copy of his Prairies book famous by signing his autograph!



Thanks, Chris! Click photos for links! →

Wishing you a week filled with "Happy Hikes!"

