

Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 12th, 2023

What a Week of "Garden Strolls and Plant Saves!"

You Are Invited!
July 15th 9AM-12PM
Garden Walks at three locations!

Jenny J. 4158 Sherwood Terrace
Marcie P. 3301 Walden Avenue
Tom & Cheri S. Yard of the YEAR 2022
2801 S. Cecelia

This site includes a Native Plant Sale and Refreshments!
[2023 Summer Plant Sale List](#)



**LOESS HILLS
WILD ONES
GARDEN
WALKS**

MORNINGSIDE AREA

Saturday, July 15
9AM - NOON

Tour 3 private gardens:
Jenny Jorgensen, Marcie Ponder,
Tom & Cheri Stewart

Shop for Native Plants & Garden Art at
Tom & Cheri Stewart's - 2801 S. Cecelia St.
Refreshments/Restrooms Available

Plant list & details soon at
<https://loesshills.wildones.org/>

All Plants \$4.00
Public Welcome!

Cheri shared her *Plant Save Technique* for our dead-ish and dying rescues!
Thanks Cheri for this great tutorial!

I love shopping the dead and dying racks at Lowes. You can get great deals and I like the challenge of saving the plants!



Last week I hit the jackpot! 9 Jacob's Ladder natives! Originally \$12 now \$5.



But can this plant be saved? They all looked very dry and limp. I felt the soil... it was wet and oddly spongy.



So I cut into when I got home. Bone dry inside.

If we dig up a failed plant it's usually that type of root ball and the roots have not escaped it.



So I made 4 cuts from top to bottom and soaked each plant for about 10-15 minutes.



Then I dug the hole, placed the plant in it and watered it well before replacing the dirt. (We have well drained soil. If you have clay you may not want to do this.)



After a couple of hours they looked much better. Come visit them on the garden walk this Saturday and see how they're doing!

This Before, During, and After looks like it should be reversed! BUT ←that gorgeous yellow blooming hill is actually Invasive Leafy Spurge! Among the Leafy Spurge are Showy Penstemon!

The Showy Penstemon below are just starting to set their seeds for next year's rosettes to form!



The seeds will have plenty of bare space to germinate in the newly exposed areas!

We carefully pulled as many of the Leafy Spurge roots as possible--

← Placing those bloom/seed head DOWN inside of the bag for disposal in the trash.



That way, they don't scatter seeds all the way to the trash bin!

Our compost pile doesn't get hot enough to kill seeds, so these have to be trashed.

If you have time, you can cut the seed heads off and use the roots in your compost pile, like Margaret Roach does!

This project looks like it took all day, but it was really only about a half hour, not counting the time we took to talk to friends who were walking by to see what we were doing!

This has worked SO well at the Friends of Stone Park Pocket Prairie that year 3 we have very few Leafy Spurge!

Year 1 and 2 were pretty brutal, we have to admit...Bot SO worth it NOW!

Wishing you a week filled with "Garden Strolls and Plant Saves!"

