

Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 19th, 2023

What a Week of "Excitement and Experiments!"

What a success!



The weather was perfect, the plants for sale were both commercially grown and grown from seed from local ecotype (THANK YOU, Coral) and the gardens were GORGEOUS!! Heartfelt thanks to Jenny, Marcie, Tom & Cheri! Your gardens were all amazing!

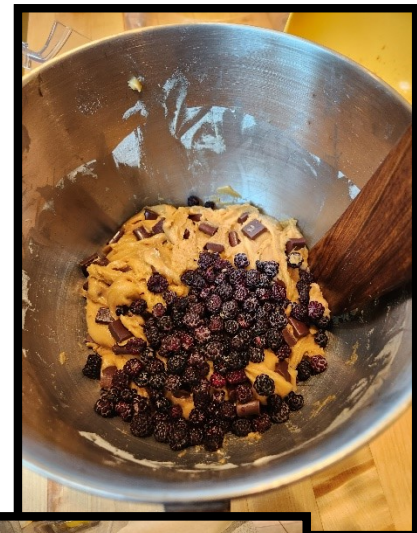
Thank you to Dotty and Bill for the seeds to start some of these plants!

There were more than 129 visitors! (We stopped counting)

← New Member Deb showed us how it's done and set an eco-friendly example by bringing her own basket for the plants she purchased!



Members donated snacks and goodies for the event, one of the recipes was adapted to use the Wild Black Raspberries freshly picked for Brown Butter Chocolate Chunk Raspberry Cookies! There was only one left!



Click for info about Wild Black Raspberries! →

Click photos for recipe →

Mark Your Calendars for the next
Plant Sale, August 25th
Members Only 3PM-6PM (Treats)
Open to the Public August 26th 9AM-12PM





Barb, Editor of the Wild Ones Journal reminded us that we needed to take a Summer inventory of the plants for the Hidden Prairie Project, a Citizen Science interpretation of Chris Helzer's book "Hidden Prairie"! A rainbow greeted us on our way to the site!



Dawn helped inventory, and we found 2 invasive and 22 Native plant species in the site, and immediately saw so many Wild buzzing, fluttering, flying, and crawling creatures! Barb has invited us to submit a sidebar for Fall to accompany Chris' article! We are so honored!! (We pulled the 2 Invasives)



This Monarch loved the Hoary Vervain!

And Dawn snapped the Snow-On-The-Mountain!



Then we stopped on the Meander back to admire the Partridge Peas just going into bloom!

Click for info! →



- Hoary vervain blooming
- Whorled milkweed blooming
- Dotted Blazing star
- Canada goldenrod
- Scribners
- Big blue
- Snowberry
- White prairie clover blooming
- Wild cherry
- Gray Dogwood
- Plum
- Lettuce
- Wild grape
- Yucca with pod
- Smooth sumac
- Sunflower
- Partridge pea
- Monarda
- Creeper virginia
- Flax yellow
- Ragweeds
- Mulberry

Back in March I sent you a couple of underwhelming pictures back in March of a couple of Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*). These seeds, according to Prairie Moon, are considered to need double dormancy. In this case, I was using a clear plastic container and at the time of the picture (March), the seeds had been through the first cycle, 70 days of cold stratification and 70 days of warmth/light. What was interesting in this process was that at this time in March, I noticed roots had developed from the seeds. You can kind of see that in the pictures I sent back in March. So, I naturally thought I'd keep them under the light, expecting to see the seeds develop the first Cotyledon leaves. After extending the warm period by a couple weeks...nothing developed. So, I put the seeds back in the fridge, despite the reality they had clearly developed roots. Sure enough, after I pulled them out and put them in the sun....sure enough the leaves have developed.

I guess overall, I always thought that seeds requiring double dormancy would not have any growth/germination until the cycle was complete. In this case, the roots developed after the first cold/warm cycle, but the leaves did not develop until the 2nd cycle.

Not sure if this is interesting to anyone else...but it was a pretty cool learning for me, so I thought I'd share 😊.

Member Kyle shared this awesome information about starting seeds indoors that require a double dormancy! (F and L on this printable link) Clean and Save your pots from the plant sale if you want to try some seed starting of your own! Thanks, Kyle!



We DO think that is pretty COOL! (And warm, and cold...haha)



Wherever we go, we always do a search for a Native Plant Store, Nursery, or Garden!

This gorgeous shop was near San Francisco-- if you are in that area, check it out!

←Click photo for the link!
<https://cnlnatives.com/>



One of our FAVORITE plants was profiled completely by GrowItBuidIt—

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Wishing you a week filled with "Excitement and Experiments"



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