

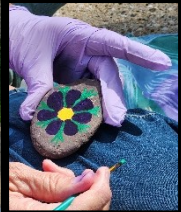
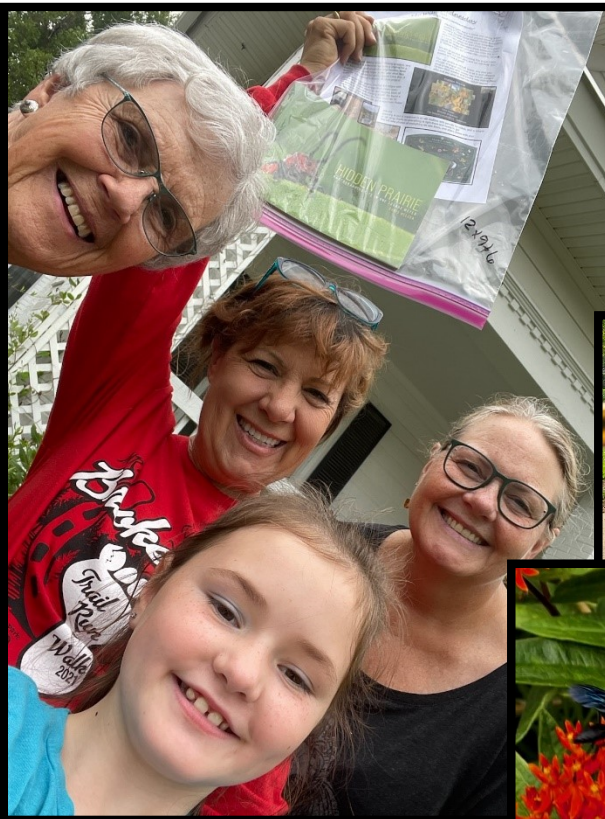
Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 26th, 2023

What a Week of "Child, Wild, and Smiles!"

We harnessed our Inner (and Outer) Child this week with SO many fun activities! At *The Flower House* Dotty, Ruth, Dawn, and Lilly measured a new [Hidden Wild Project](#), collected Columbine seeds, and pulled some weeds!
 ← Lilly took this photo!

- water feature
- Coral Honeysuckle
 - aromatic aster
 - Columbine
 - Helenia
 - Butterfly Weed
 - Blue lobelia
 - Alyssum (not native)
 - Rattlesnake Plantain
 - Wedding Spurge
 - Pale Purple Coneflower
 - Rose (not)
 - Blue wild Indigo
 - Wild 4 o'clock
 - Lance Leaf Coreopsis
 - Liatris Meadow 9x12x6
 - Blessing Star 6x6
 - Common Eagle (not native)
 - wild Poinsettia
 - honeysuckle
 - Lily



The Rock Painting Project at Dawn's (above) --



Designated the borders of that new site!
 We took an inventory of the plants on one of the paper bags! (So High Tech, haha)



This Wild Columbine was still blooming--and had ripe seeds—all at once! Click photo for Seed Harvesting Chart from the Tallgrass Prairie Center! →
 Please harvest your own Native seeds for the Loess Hills Wild Ones Seed Share this Fall!
 November 12th, 2-4PM!



OPEN HOUSE

Butterflies & Blossoms Garden

Aug. 2, 2023 5-7 p.m.



A Wild Evening Out!

Over 70 native plant varieties will be on display, with an emphasis on Sioux County native plants. The garden opened in 2021 and new plants were added each year. A \$500 grant from the Loess Hills chapter of Wild Ones in 2023 further enhanced the garden.

REFRESHMENTS SERVED.

Location: ISU Extension and Outreach (courtyard area)
400 Central Ave. NW
Orange City IA



Sioux County

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← John invited all of us to Orange City for an Open House of the “*Butterflies & Blossoms Gardens*” 400 Central Avenue NW Orange City, IA Loess Hills Wild Ones helped with a grant, and-- speaking of grants, Round II of the 2023 Grants is now OPEN for applications!

Click Dawn’s awesome flier for links to these grants! →

There are both individual grants and Non-Profit Grants!

If you are interested, click for the details--And please DO share!

**GOT PLANTS?
WANT PLANTS?
APPLY FOR A GRANT!**

Native Plant Grants Due Aug. 15 APPLY AT: [HTTPS://LOESSHILLS.WILDONES.ORG/](https://loesshills.wildones.org/)

Fall Grants! Due August 15th, 2023

- [2023 Fall Individual Introductory Letter](#)
- [2023 FALL LHWO INDIVIDUAL GRANT FORM PRINT](#)
- [2023 Fall Nonprofit Introductory Letter](#)
- [2023 FALL LHWO NONPROFIT Grant Form PRINT](#)

Wild Ones
NATIVE PLANTS. NATURAL LANDSCAPES.
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Fall Wildflowers of Iowa
by Kara Grady
Sunday, August 13
2:00 p.m.
Zoom presentation

Register at
<https://wildones.org/zoom.us/j/72919011440491049104>

Our next Loess Hills Wild Ones Program is a new and exciting opportunity to showcase the *Fall Wildflowers of Iowa* with Kara Grady!

← Click photo to register for this Zoom Only Presentation!

Many of our upcoming Events are posted on our website!

Click this calendar for all the details of these listed events-- and a few more as well! →

We are so excited about the upcoming events!!

Upcoming Events

- [" Fall Wildflowers of Iowa"](#)
Aug 13th, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- [Garden Walks at Hillview and Metzger Gardens](#)
Aug 19th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Fall Plant Sale and Social](#)
Aug 25th, 3:00 pm to Aug 26th, 12:00 pm
- [Garden Walk at the Railroad Museum](#)
Sep 9th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Seed Harvest at Flathers-Wetmore Prairie](#)
Oct 8th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

You are invited!
Sunday August 13th 2PM

“Fall Wildflowers of Iowa”
With Kara Grady

Zoom Only!
[Register HERE!](#)

One of the ways we prepare a new site for planting in lawn areas is to [solarize](#) the spot for a whole season to get rid of everything—seeds, weeds, plants—and make a new area to overseed with Wild--without chemicals!

But that is not any fun!

Sooooo...We set up an 'Outdoor Sleeping Room', 'Outdoor Escape Play Area', and 'Native Plant Preparation for Seeding' Area—

All at once with a Giant Tent!

We will sequentially seed this area starting Fall/Winter of 2024!

We sur hope Dawn and Lilly can help with that 2024 Winter Sowing!



Create a haven for wildlife.

A [humane backyard](#) is a natural habitat with plenty of food, water and cover that gives wildlife a safe place to live free from pesticides, chemicals, free-roaming pets, inhumane practices and other threats. And it's so easy to build!

[Read More Tips](#)

< This article is an excellent start to creating your OWN haven for Wildlife!

← Click for link!

And Chris REALLY made us laugh—and think—With this awesome blogpost about how we name our plants!

So much fun to read, Click for full blogpost! →

And so many ideas for re-naming the WEEDS and the FALSE! →

The Prairie Ecologist

Essays, photos, and discussion about prairie ecology, restoration, and management



Let's Right a Wrong!

Posted by [Chris Helzer](#)

It's an injustice. And it's lazy. Is it the biggest issue facing society today? Nope. But it's one we can take care of quickly and easily. Join me – it'll be fun.

Wishing you a week filled with "Harnessing Your Inner (or outer) Child!"



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