

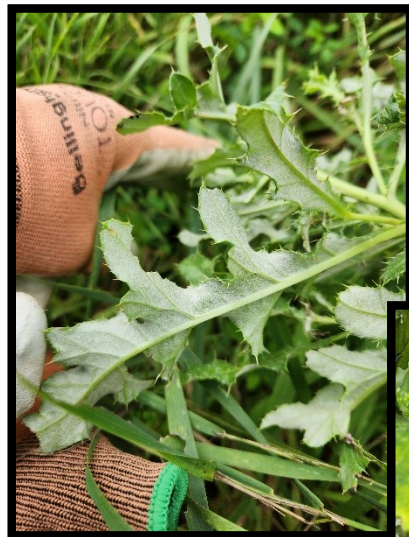
Weekly Wild Wednesday

August 23rd, 2023

What a Week of "Happy Harvests!"



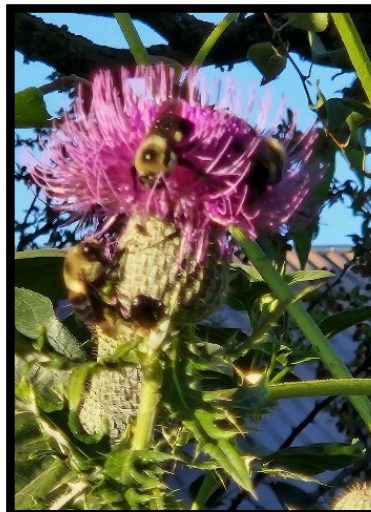
Jewelweed! It's in bloom in wet areas all around us! Otherwise known as "Touch Me Not"—because--- when you touch the seed pod, above, it immediately bursts and curls, hurling the tiny seeds towards their new home! If you are harvesting these seeds, make sure you cup your hand around them before touching the pods to catch the seeds. Click photos for the two species-Orange and yellow- we found right here in Stone State Park!



Native thistles provide such wonderful color, form, and FOOD for pollinators and other wildlife, but telling the Native from the non-native quickly and easily can be a challenge. A good rule of thumb if you are in a hurry and can't ID the thistle is to look UNDER the leaf! Almost all Native thistles have white under their leaves, while the non-natives are green! Check YOURS-- and keep your Natives!



**Our thistles were a mix, easily weeded, and we were rewarded with large blooms and SO MANY BUNBLEEES! One flower had four harvesting nectar at once!
Yippeeeeeee!**



← At *The Flower House* Everly harvested some of the Elderberries for syrup and jelly! We know they have to be cooked before eating-- do you have recipes to share? Let us know your favorites! Click photo for link to several!

The Plum Trees at *the Wild Mess In Progress* are plum full of fruit this year! We are leaving the Wild Plums for the Wildlife this year, but would love to know YOUR recipes!



Everly is harvesting elderberries today. Any suggestions for recipes?

The Flower House,

← Mercedes shared her Meadow Blazing Star photo with two Monarchs foraging for their dinners!

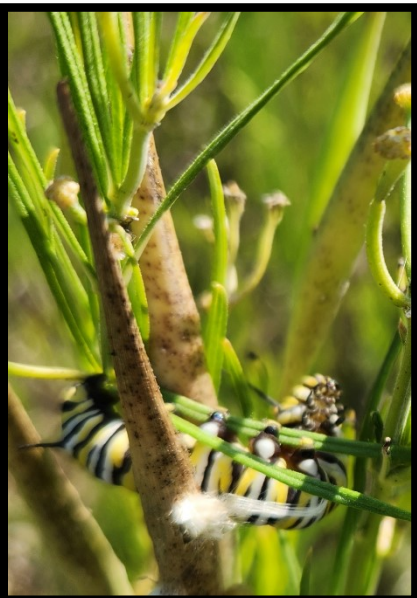
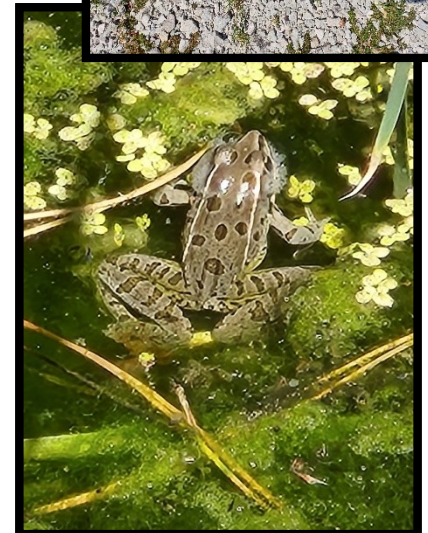
Gorgeous! We will have this plant available at the Native Plant Sale this weekend!

And we harvested some grapevines for wreaths where they were eating up the chairs at the fire pit at the Wild Mess In Progress! → We left the leaves to fall off naturally.



← We saw a Monarch caterpillar chomping the Whorled Milkweed at *The Once and Future Prairie!*

And saw this Native Leopard Frog and some buddies while filling the pond! We never have had frogs here before the Kingfisher last Winter!



← And we are SO excited about the upcoming...Drum Roll...

Plant Sale at Tom and Cheri's gorgeous gardens!

2801 S. Cecelia in Sioux City!

Click photo for links to the website and further details!

Friday Member's Only-
3-6PM

With Food and Beverages! Become a Member [HERE!](#)

Saturday Open to the Public
9AM-1PM

[Click HERE for Marcie's Awesome Plant Sale List with PHOTOS](#)

Check out our upcoming events with a click of photo! →

Upcoming Events

- [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
- [Annual Meeting, Potluck, and Seed Share!](#)
Nov 12th, 2:00 pm - 3:05 pm
- [Hand's On Winter Sowing Plant and Take](#)
Jan 14th, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[View All Events](#)



You Are Invited!
Two Day Native Plant Sale

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Food and Refreshments

Open to the Public
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2801 S. Cecelia Street

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Deep Roots' Monthly Newsletter



Meet the Sweet Sixteen

This Year, Deep Roots embarked on a project to identify the 'Most Likely to Succeed Native Plants.' Working with native plant growers, retailers, garden designers, and other experts, we developed a list of native plants that are easy to find, tolerate a wide range of growing conditions, have broad pollinator and wildlife appeal and have long seasonal interest. We hope this list inspires you!

← And click for the newsletter from Deep Roots which has the 16 Native Plants most likely to succeed!

Thanks, Deep Roots!

Wishing you a week filled with "Happy Harvesting!"

