

Weekly Wild Wednesday

August 9th, 2023

What a Week of "Field Trips and FUN!"



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The Yanney Heritage Park Foundation is continuing the legacy of a strong public/private partnership with the City of Kearney, area schools, community organizations, and the public through the construction of seven botanical gardens at Yanney Heritage Park in Kearney, Nebraska. Our project is called "The Gardens at Yanney Park." Once completed, these gardens will showcase the relationships and value of plants and plant groups to people and our environment.



What a FUN week of Field Trips!
Charese hosted an all day adventure to dedicate the **Yanney Lilac and Hydrangea Gardens** and while exploring we found the **Native Nebraska Gardens** sections! Stunning! Click photos above for details of this gorgeous park and the future garden plans as well! If you are anywhere near Kearney Ne, allow at least 3 hours for this impressive 80 acre Park and Gardens!

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Thanks, Charese, for a fabulous trip that will never be forgotten!



Lilac and Hydrangea Garden

The garden showcases several varieties of lilacs and hydrangeas. Lilacs bloom early with many different fragrances and when they are done, the hydrangeas will begin their festival of color. The varieties consist of some commonly seen in this region, and others that are not.



The Lilac and Hydrangea Garden given by Charese Yanney in memory of
Mose and Wadia Yanney, grandparents
Jim and Do Yanney, parents
Christopher Yanney, brother

Native Nebraska Garden

The garden showcases plants native to, or having first to, Nebraska. Several of the plants thrive in a prairie environment and others provide beautiful flowers. Many of the plants are exceptionally low maintenance while providing great color.

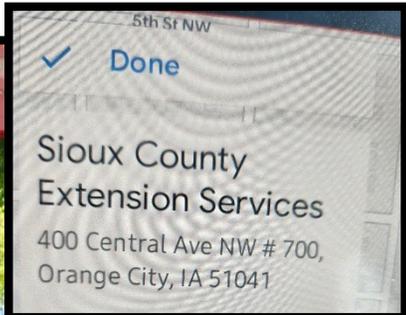
Dedicated In Honor of:
Douglas A. Kristensen
Chairman of the University of Nebraska-Kearney
and Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature
Honorable Terri S. Harder
District Judge 10th Judicial District
Morgan C.H. Kristensen
Paige N.H. Kristensen



Native Plants are always an experiment in urban settings-



← And Goat's Rue is a new demonstration at 'The Wild Mess in Progress'. This plant prefers sandy, acidic soil according to this linked [USDA article](#). We used organic soil acidifier, sand, and crossed our fingers! We are also planting in regular soil next to this plot!

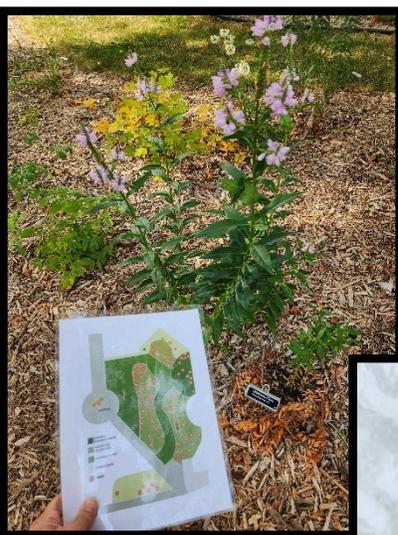


The Field Trip to Orange City was so much fun! The bare, dead space in front of the Sioux County Extension Services office is filled with Native Plants and so many pollinators!

John and Donna displayed the Giant Check from the Loess Hills Wild Ones grant that funded part of these gardens! Fall Grant Link is on the Next Page!



John gave detailed suggestions for plants both in his guides and Hands-On during the Open House!



Laminated guides were provided, and each plant tag is numbered. The corresponding number on the map is further identified as either a Sioux County Native or a native from another area.

On the back of the guide (example below) is a page number that corresponds to a detailed page in the notebook created by John with extensive information including the care and habitat of each plant!

	Page
38 New Jersey Tea <i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	66
39 Nodding Onion <i>Allium cernuum</i>	45
40 Obedient Plant <i>Physostegia virginiana</i>	50
41 Pale Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea pallida</i>	14
42 Palm Sedge <i>Carex muskingumensis</i>	61
43 Pasque Flower <i>Pulsatilla vulgaris</i>	35
44 Pow Wow® White Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea hybrid</i>	15
45 Pow Wow® Wild Berry Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea hybrid</i>	15
46 Prairie Blazing Star <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	19
47 Prairie Coreopsis <i>Coreopsis palmata</i>	10
48 Prairie Dronseed <i>Sorghobolus heterolepis</i>	65

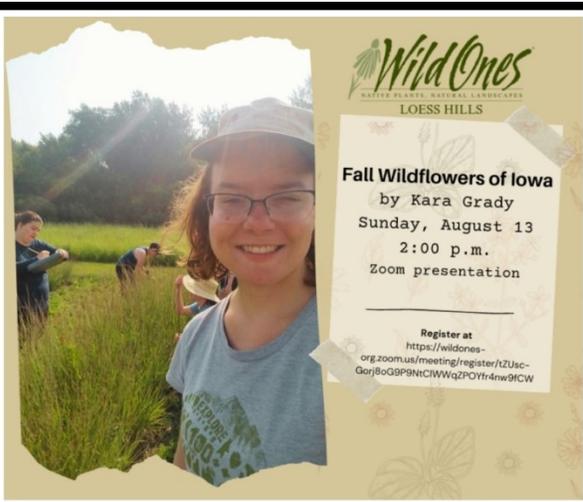
What a labor of love! We learned so much!



Grow Iowa State Master Gardeners of Sioux County!



They are starting a new class soon, join them! To Become a Master Gardener Click [HERE!](#)



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!

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!



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](#)

**You are invited!
Sunday August 13th 2PM**

**"Fall Wildflowers of Iowa"
With Kara Grady**

**Zoom Only!
[Register HERE!](#)**

Many of our upcoming Events are posted on our website!

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

Click for Chris' latest adventure! →

Click below for this fabulous dragonfly article!

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Wildlife Diversity News
Conservation and Recreation

Dragonfly Diversity

Male and Female Common Green Darner, photos by Ryan Rasmussen

If you've spent any time at all around water, you've seen a dragonfly. Most of the time, we don't give them a second thought, other than hoping they eat lots of mosquitoes and stay away from our faces! Fortunately we don't have to worry about them stinging or biting us and although they do eat mosquitoes, they don't stop there!

Dragonflies as a group have been around for millions of years. Three hundred million-year-old fossils of distant relatives of modern dragonflies have been found with wingspans over 2

I'm pretty sure this is an arctic blue butterfly (*Agriades glandon*), which I saw pretty often through my trip - almost always on this same flower, which I believe is an aster of some kind, but I'm not willing to guess more specifically.

Another shot of an arctic blue butterfly - this time through a fisheye lens.

Take away a lot of mosquitoes, though they

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

Wishing you a week filled with "Field Trips and FUN!"



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