

Weekly Wild Wednesday

August 30th, 2023

What a Week of "Plants and Grants!"



Last week we visited Danielle's Gardens and got fabulous ideas- up close and personally- at her home! Thanks Danielle, Jimmy, and Lilly for sharing your JOY with us!



This week, at Tom and Cheri's, we picked out plants to make nature spaces of our own at the Fall Plant Sale!

What fun! Set up, Sales, and Grant Awards were enjoyed by all! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated!



How to Make a Floating Water Garden Out of Natural Materials! : 5 Steps

It is made entirely of natural materials and is fairly simple to make. Project time: about 2 hours...

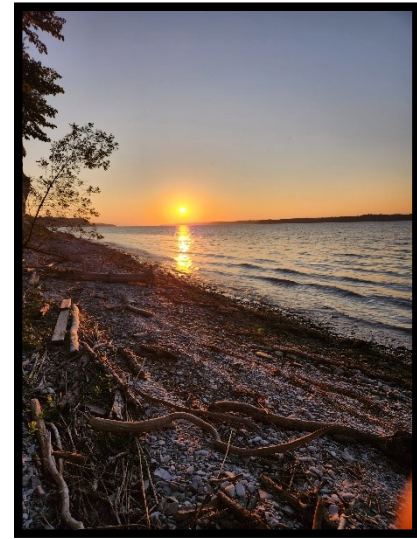


We have been doing lots of research on building a Floating Wetland!

Most of the islands we found on line are made of polyesterine and other non-natural products, and quite expensive.

We saw several islands made of bamboo and natural products, but...we didn't have bamboo!

Amazon
Mini Wetland Raft 27x24 Inch Floating Island for Ponds and Water...
3.4 ★★★★★ (7) · \$103.99* · In stock
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So...We took a stroll down a lakeside and gathered really interesting pieces of driftwood!



We laid out the flat pieces, below.



← Then we loosely secured the driftwood with untreated sisal that was in the garden shed.



We wedged our WET FEET plants through the holes so their roots poked thru the bottom slightly.



We used Southern Blue Flag Iris and Blue Lobelia!
←Click for a list of Native Wet Plants!
We happily launched our tiny Floating Wetland in the pond! So much more to be researched, but we thought, "It's HOT! Let's play in the water!"



Common name	Latin name
Bog Bean	Menyanthes trifoliata
Dwarf Horsetail Rush	Equisetum scirpoides
Golden Club	Orontium aquaticum

Music! A Guided Prairie Hike! Readings! Book Signings!

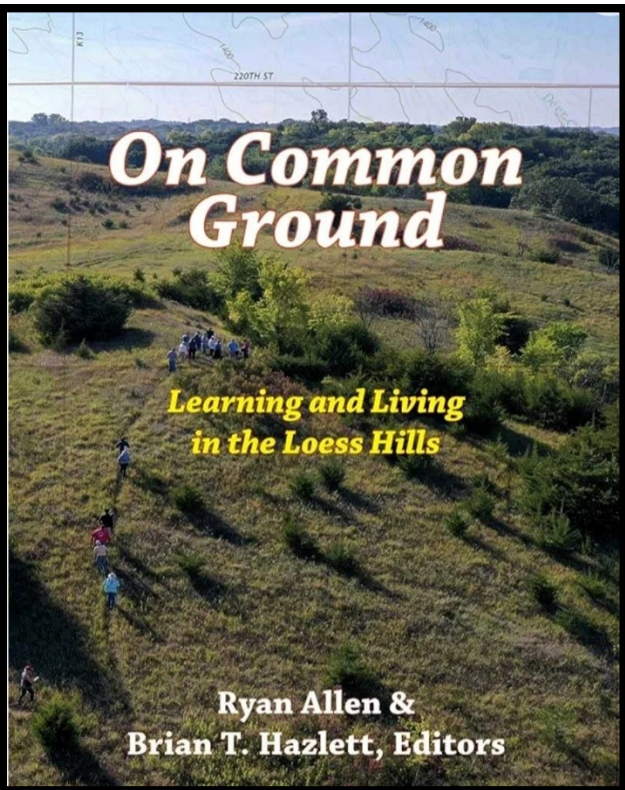
What an awesome Book Launch of *On Common Ground* at Briarcliff University-- and also at Book People!

We were touched by the readings and had so much fun with this book release!

Get your copy locally at Book People, or order it on line!

We have TWO copies in our Lending Library, both are checked out at this time!

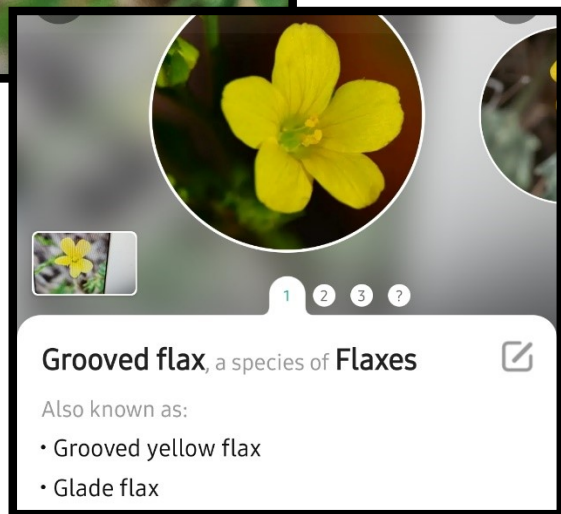
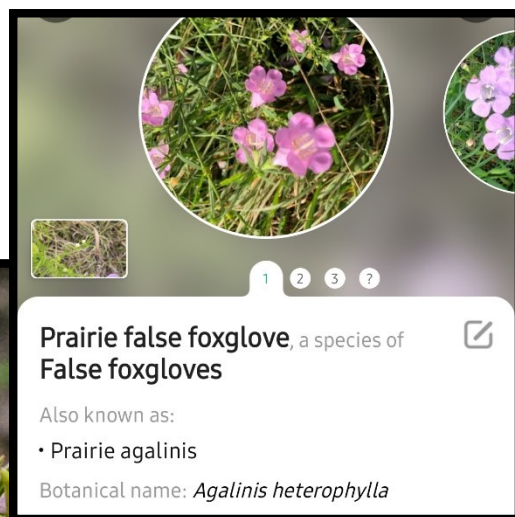
Let us know if you wish to be placed on the Waiting List!



Picture This gave us some ID's for these two plants we found on our wanderings, but just in case we ran the ID past Bill!

What gorgeous, tiny, August delights to find along the pathways at 'The Once and Future Prairie!' Lisa from National said that property name made her smile!

Thanks, Lisa!



And, far right, if any of you have tips for getting Stick Seeds off of a Springer Spaniel, let us know!

We named poor Nelle the "Stick Seed Spaniel" this week! She is seed free now! This line from Minnesota Wildflowers made us laugh! "It is doubtful anyone has taken many autumn walks in the woods without sooner or later ending up with a kazillion of these sticky seeds on their legs or socks as well as their Pets hair."

Wishing you a week filled with "New Plants and Happy Grants!"

