

Weekly Wild Wednesday

November 15th, 2023

What a Week of "Seeds, Sharing, and Sage Advice!"

LHWO 2024 Slate of Candidates

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Dianne Blankenship

Welcome New and Returning Board Members! We are SO excited with the slate for 2024! Starting in January. If YOU are interested in becoming more involved with Loess Hills Wild Ones on a committee or as a Board Member, please let us know!

We
really
ARE
so
much
FUN!



Above, Rod and Jerry show us how it's done with the Buffet Potluck and Sneaky's Chicken! Yummmmm!

←Dianne, Founder welcomes Jeff, NEWEST Board Member!
Thanks, Dianne and Jeff!



Above, as we were gathering, many of us chatted while sorting and organizing seed!

And, a HUGE Surprise was Rod's donated framed Original Photo Door Prize!

Cheryl won that special treat!

We are SO lucky to have Rod in our membership, and we look forward to his March Presentation on *Stratifying Difficult Native Seed!* (Or whatever he decides to call his program, Ha!)

Yippee and THANK YOU, Rod!



Oh My! Sometimes things get invasive, or too Wild, or just plain scary! We do NOT like to do Fall disturbance without a good reason, and this is one of them! Fall is the perfect time to remove invasive shrubs and trees like:

← Barberry under the grapevine...

Below, White Non-Native Mulberry. Red Mulberry IS Native but we don't have it...Yet...

White Prairie Sage is Native, but it can be a bit aggressive! We have it in several spots INCLUDING as a Native container replacement for Dusty Miller! A friend requested we dry the stems for her, we are learning why next week! We will harvest the seeds too!

Thanks, Marc, for the convenient use of your bucket. We will get it back to you!



Laura came over and she pulled and PULLED the Grapevine OUT of the evergreens!

We carefully crafted the aggressive Native grapevines into wreaths for a fun project you will be seeing in the National Wild Ones Journal NEXT year!

All leaves and debris were left under the evergreens exactly as they fell off the vines. Fingers crossed for the insects trying to overwinter on these leaves!

Right-- we kept the Milkweed— And kept the stems of the goldenrod where insects had already formed some Galls. We spread the seeds in the pasture!

We carefully placed the stems and seed heads of the White Prairie Sage to dry- separated- in a big cardboard box, and put a fan on low to help them dry. Wow, does THAT room smell GREAT!

← Click photo for Amazing video! The seeds were already pouring off! See arrow and zoom!



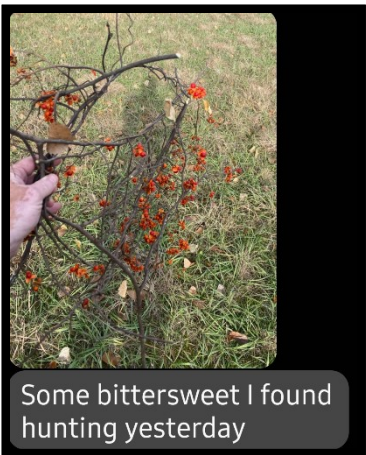


Loess Hills Wild Ones and Sioux City Garden Club were selected to decorate one room each next year for the O'Connor House!

What an honor! We can hardly wait to see what we come up with to represent our organizations! Thanks Jean, for selecting us for this honor! What a treat! If YOU would like to be a part of this project, let us know! We will be starting NOW for next year!! Click Register for link!



Below, we have seed for **Aromatic Aster** if you would like to try your hand at this gorgeous plant from seed! Click photo for details!



Some bittersweet I found hunting yesterday



Above, Native American Bittersweet and invasive Oriental bittersweet are NOT the same thing! Click photo for link to last November's Wild and check page 3! Yaaaaayyy Marc's is NATIVE!

All Things Native Plant Gardening & DIY

Greetings,

Recently, we shared our guide on Aromatic Aster and so many people loved learning more about it! As native plant gardeners, we are always looking to expand our gardens with more plants that bloom at various points in the season. This plant may be one of the last to bloom, so it is certainly one to incorporate!

We are very excited to share with you our NEW video on Aromatic Aster today! This will be posted on our Facebook & Instagram pages today where you can share it to help others see the beauty and benefits in growing this plant. Enjoy!

NEW VIDEO: Aromatic Aster

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NEW VIDEO

Wild Ones
NATIVE PLANTS, NATURAL LANDSCAPES

The Gardener's Guide to Prairie Plants

with Neil Diboll & Hilary Cox
16 NOVEMBER 2023
6:00 PM CT

Hosted by Doug Tallamy

"The Gardener's Guide to Prairie Plants" with Neil Diboll and Hilary Cox
Thursday, November 16th at 6 pm CT

← Left, click for link for registration for this live Zoom book presentation and webinar by the Authors TOMORROW!

This book is in our Loess Hills Wild Ones Members Lending Library!

Right, Chris ALWAYS makes us laugh, think, and dream about the future of the Prairies!

Click for link to full blogpost! →

Grasses and Wildflowers Can Live Longer Than Trees (But We Can't Prove It)

Chris Helzer
Nov 13

Big bluestem might live much longer than any tree in its neighborhood.

Wishing you a week filled with "Sage Advice and Sharing!"

