

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
*What a Week of "Seed Processing!"*

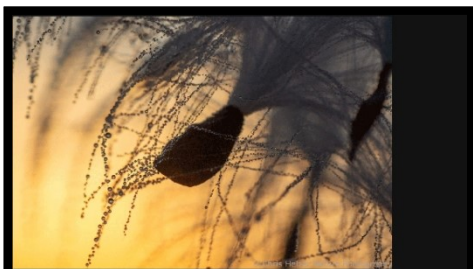
**What a FUN event!**  
Thank you to **ALL** the hosts,  
and most especially to **Mullein Hill Farm** and our host **Cait!**  
We had **SUCH** a great time!  
Multiple generations learned  
from each other and complete  
Newbies enjoyed every minute  
from harvest to final  
packaging!  
We sure hope this becomes  
an annual event!  
Thanks **Lance** for inviting all  
of us!



Far left, Chris shared his  
photos of gorgeous whorled  
milkweed along with a great  
post! Click photo for details!  
← Our hosts **FLAMED** some common  
milkweed to separate it from the floss!  
Be extremely careful!! It went up **FAST!**



← Wild Indigo  
collected by Cait  
and Lance was  
separated and  
cleaned into tiny  
bowls to be  
repackaged in  
tiny seed  
envelopes!  
Same with  
Penstemon! →



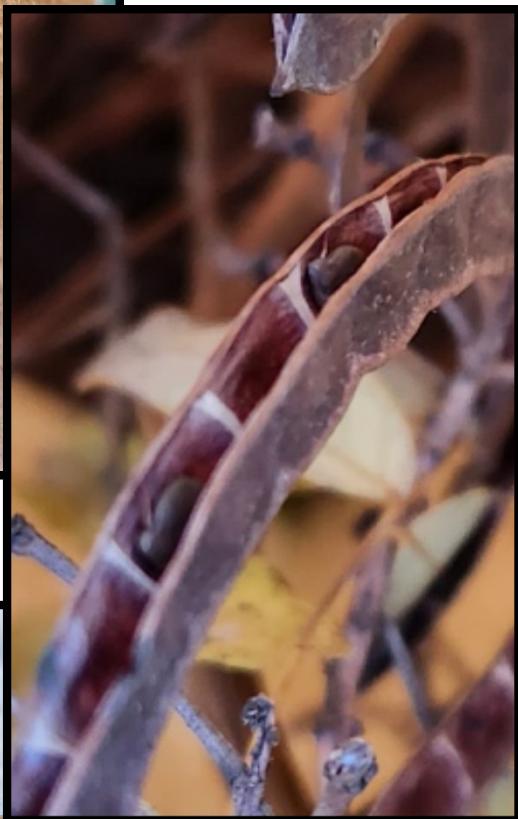
Now **THAT'S** more like it. Look at all those water  
droplets on the pappus of the whorled milkweed  
seeds!



Everyone wants to ride out in a comfortable truck to  
see bison, but nobody wants to lie prone in the wet  
prairie to get a better look at milkweed seeds with  
me.







The Wild Senna seed pods at the Wild Mess in Progress are gorgeous! In our research it looks like this is a complicated seed to germinate, but member Kyle is going to try it out!

Click photo for link to Prairie Moon, and read all the details at your leisure if YOU are willing to try to germinate this highly challenging seed!

There will be a few Sunday at the Seed Exchange!

Here's our Wish List for seeds!

**Seed Wish List:**  
**Yucca Glauca**  
**Pale Purple Coneflower**  
**Wild Licorice**  
**Columbine**  
**Cardinal Flower**  
**White False Indigo**  
**Rosin Weed**  
**Purple Love Grass**  
**Black-Eyed Susan--Lots!**  
**Compass Plant**  
**Cup Plant**  
**Foxglove Beardtongue**  
**Partridge Pea-Lots!**



At a rest stop on the way to Canada, we saw this **AWESOME** pollinator plot, probably around 3 acres of fenced area completely devoted to Native plants! The Seed Heads were amazing! We left them there, but it was hard! We are becoming Seed Addicts and it needs to STOP, Haha!







## Loess Hills Wild Ones

Annual Meeting,  
Elections, Potluck,  
& Seed Share

Sunday,  
November 12  
2-4 PM

Sioux City Public  
Museum

607 4th Street

New Location

Sneaky's Chicken &  
beverages will be provided.  
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE.

Bring seeds to share

(please label type and source)

Send photos of your gardens

for our slide show to

loesshillswildones@gmail.com

by Nov. 5th.



We have learned SO much in the last four years about seed collecting and preparation for planting, and we will have Native seeds to **SHARE** November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-4PM at the Sioux City Museum! Plus **FOOD** and **FUN**! Parking is **FREE**!

There will be many people who can help **YOU** with success growing Native plants from seed!

**Please Join Us! Open to everyone!**

## WHY YOU *Shouldn't* CLEAN YOUR GARDEN



The best thing you can do for your garden this fall is nothing! Find out why being a lazy gardener is a good thing.

LEAVE THE LEAVES

Monarch Gardens has this great article on reasons to be a lazy gardener—with intention—this Fall!

← Click photo for full article!

*A Way to Garden.com*

cornell's take on creating a native lawn, plus more lawn-alternative ideas



Dianne shared this **GREAT** podcast on Cornell's lawn-alternative ideas!

Thanks, Dianne!  
← Click for link!

This column on letting your Fall flowers go to seed was really excellent!

**MORE** reasons to let your garden stay natural this Fall, Winter, and early Spring!

Click for link! →

### COLUMN: Let your fall flowers go to seed

By Rick Nelson 7 hrs ago



**EXTENDED  
FORECAST**

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*Wishing you a week filled with "Seed Sharing!"*

