

Weekly Wild Wednesday

December 13th, 2023

What a Week of "WOW Winter Interest!"



WOW! The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center shows us how it's done with all their Native Seed Heads, Leaving the Leaves, and Gorgeous Grasses! What an example for all of us to follow! Thanks for hosting a Winter Fun Day

and giving us this great example of Winter Interest for us AND the Wild in our lives!

← **The Eagles are back at the Gavin's Point Dam in the Yankton area! We saw 16 altogether-both flying and perched!**

This sedge looks SO cute in its gold and green stage! It planted itself! →



MANY of you asked where you could get the Malus ioensis or Iowa Prairie Apple for YOUR spaces! We got ours at the Native Plant Party at Mulhalls in Omaha, from Kay Kottas!

Give her a call OR Click card photo for link to website! →

Minnesota Wildflowers! →

For more information on this species, click either photo for a different link! →

Dave's Garden! →

Malus Species, Iowa Crabapple, Midwest Crabapple, Prairie Crabapple, Wild Crabapple

Malus ioensis



Calling All Black-Eyed Susan Seed Savers- Loess Hills Wild Ones would like a LOT more straight native Black-eyed Susan seeds!

If you are willing to share some of YOURS, let us know! These from Laura are so greatly appreciated!



Thanks, Laura! She just SHOOK those dried seed heads and watched the seed pour into the bottom of her container! Sometimes we SHAKE a covered plastic pop bottle with a bolt or some pennies! It is really fun AND therapeutic! And GREAT exercise! Lilly is a PRO!



Native Plant Crafting with Nadia Navarrete-Tindall

Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall is a State Extension Specialist with the Specialty Crops/Native Plants Program at Lincoln University and a Grow Native! program advisor. Nadia is a wealth of information about native plants, including many species that provide food, as well as beauty, for people. She took time out of her busy schedule to share ideas with us on holiday crafts with native plants:

There is something about this time of the year that brings out my creative side. One of my favorite hobbies is to gather materials from native plants to create natural crafts. At our home garden and at Lincoln University's native plant gardens, we leave as much dry vegetation as possible for pollinators and other wildlife throughout the year. What needs to be pruned, however, is repurposed into ornaments that also serve as natural bird feeders and shelter.

My favorite plant for holiday decorations is Eastern red cedar (*Juniperus virginiana*). Like many woody species, cedars have good and bad years. This year the production of their modified cones has been exceptional. This tree is dioecious which means that it produces male and female modified cones in separate trees. The male cones are small and produce bright yellow pollen, and the female cones—once pollinated—produce bluish-green, berry-like cones. When male and female Eastern red cedar branches are used together, they provide a nice contrast for wreaths. Read more [here](#).

Eastern red cedar and artemisia wreath by Nadia Navarrete-Tindall



We LOVE doing crafts and artwork with Native Plants! Next year, we will hopefully host a Hands-On Native Plant Crafting Day for Members! This year, we were all so crazy busy that we just did not get this done!

If you need Native Cedar with berries for YOUR crafts, please let us know! We have plenty to share!

← Click link for awesome ideas from GrowNative.org!



We plan to check out this opportunity to get a Native Seed Cleaning and Processing Tour from Golden Hills on December 17th from 1-3PM!

Thanks, Lance, for sharing this great tour!

Click on the photo for more information and RSVP! →

Custom Seed Services Tour

Sunday, December 17

1:00-3:00pm

Panama, Iowa

Free educational tour of a native seed cleaning & processing facility.

Please RSVP to lance@goldenhillsrco.org by December 15.

goldenhillsrco.org/prairieseeds



Stephanie Barelman

*"The New Midwestern Cottage Garden-
How The Heartland of America Can
Redefine Whimsical Gardenscapes with
Native Plants"*

Stephanie Barelman is the host and content creator for the Plant Native Nebraska podcast, founder of the Bellevue Native Plant Society established in 2019, and a freelance pollinator landscapes designer. She also serves as a board member of the Nebraska non-profit Green Bellevue and teaches classes focused on sustainable suburban landscapes and plant biodiversity in Omaha

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Loess Hills Wild Ones is proud to sponsor Stephanie Barelman presenting for the NEW Format of the Siouxland Garden Symposium.

March 16th 9AM-4PM!

Stephanie is presenting:

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can Redefine Whimsical
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We can hardly wait to learn more! Click photo for link to MORE information about this March 16th 9AM-4PM Symposium!

Wishing you a week filled with "WOW Winter Interest!"

