

Weekly Wild Wednesday

December 20th, 2023

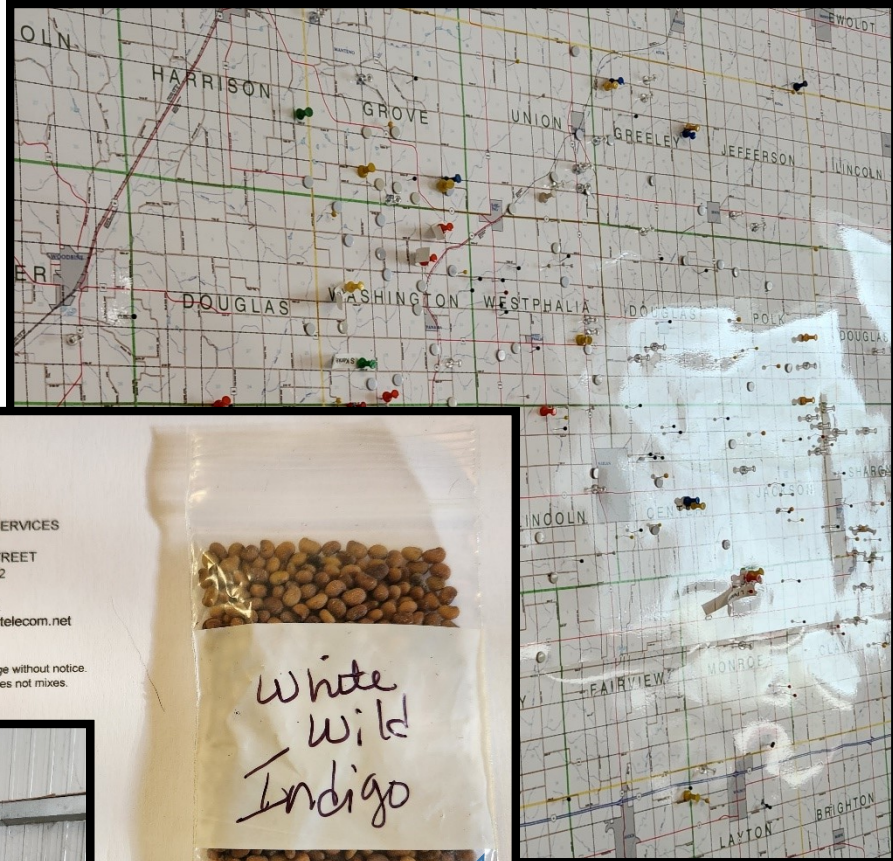
What a Week of "Winnowing and Wintersowing!"

Golden Hills RC&D invited us to see the machines at Custom Seed Services! Wooooowww! So much to see, and so many different machines that take the seeds from the pods to a finished product! Glenn shared his personally harvested White Wild Indigo with all of us! Roger Schwery will help with all stages of restoration from small projects to acreages! He has **MASSES** of seed for sale, almost all of it from Iowa, some from Nebraska! Thank for this **AWESOME** tour! The arrows show the White Wild Indigo from start to bagged! The map shows some of Roger's many projects!

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White
Wild
Indigo



Some machines were HUGE!

The Seed Storage Rooms were fascinating and we wanted ALL of it!



When Lance issues the invitation to go visit Custom Seed Services again, sign up! It is worth the trip!



Hillview Recreation Center hosted Loess Hills Wild Ones in a Hand's On Wintersowing class for OWLS --Older Wiser Livelier Seniors!

Dawn gave an awesome overview PowerPoint of Loess Hills Wild Ones activities over the last year, and then we got right down to planting our Wintersowing containers with Wild Bergamot and Black-eyed Susan seeds!

We had such a good time! Bill got many of our saved gallon jugs ready for our NEXT ADVENTURE! See below right for details!



.Dawn also shared Great tips from Penn State Extension!



Take to wintersowing:
Gloves
Soil
Milk jugs
Seeds
Watering stuff
Hot glue gun
Shears
Duct tape
Labeling pens



Mark Your Calendars for January 13th from 1-3PM at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and YOU can take YOUR containers home filled with Native Seeds!

The Seed Library will be there with ALL the seeds we have currently, so many varieties!



The Joe Gardener Show - Organic Gardening - Vegetable Gardening ...
Joe Lamp'1

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331-The Ecological Garden Blueprint: 10 Essential Steps That Matter Most



As gardeners, there are many opportunities for us to become better stewards of the environment. On this week's podcast, I share my ecological garden blueprint: 10 steps for you to take to partner with nature and support the ecosystem.

Podcast Links for Show notes

Download my free eBook [5 Steps to Your Best Garden Ever](#) - the 5 most important steps anyone can do to have a thriving garden or landscape. It's what I still do today, without exception to get incredible results, even



331-The Ecological Garden Blueprint: ...



This Joe Gardener podcast of 10 essential steps that matter MOST for an Ecological Garden Blueprint is WELL worth the listen!
← Click photo for link!

We listened while prepping more garden beds for Spring planting with the No Dig method we have found to be so successful!

Greetings,

Hello on this last weekend before Christmas! I hope you got a chance to read last week's newsletter on winter gardening chores and you'll go back to it for some tasks you may take on during the gardening 'off season'.

In that list we discussed spreading compost and starting a compost pile. Many people have reached out to us for more support on learning to compost in winter, so Joe has a new guide to provide more detail to help you through this process.

We hope it will be helpful and encourage you to try composting this winter!

NEW ON THE BLOG: Can You Compost in Winter?

VIDEO: Hot Compost in Winter

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Thank you for being part of our GrowIt BuildIt community! Enjoy your weekend!

Can you compost in Winter?
GrowIt BuildIt says YES!

←Click for a detailed guide of how you can continue to make great compost in the cold months!

We have quite a few NEW readers this week -- WELCOME!!!

To see the archives of all the newsletters since 2020, click [HERE!](#)

And Chris has had so far THREE in his series of the Best Photos of 2023! We loved this series and hope more are coming!!
What a great way to spend a COLD Windy Winter Day!

<https://prairieecologist.com/2023/12/11/photos-of-the-year-2023-1/>

<https://prairieecologist.com/2023/12/14/photos-of-the-year-2023-2/>

<https://prairieecologist.com/2023/12/19/photos-of-the-year-2023-3/>

Seeds and pods of sensitive briar (*Mimosa quadrivalvus*) at Lincoln Creek Prairie. January 2023.

Stiff goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*) seed and frost. Lincoln Creek Prairie. January 2023.

Jumping spider in my front yard. May 2023.

Common garden spider (*Thamnopsis radix*) - red phase - in my yard. June 2023.

Wishing you a week filled with "Winnowing and Wintersowing"



Loess Hills

