

Weekly Wild Wednesday
April 17th, 2024
What a Week of "Plants and Grants!"



**GOT PLANTS?
 WANT PLANTS?
 APPLY FOR A GRANT!**

Native Plant Grants Due April 30

APPLY AT:
[HTTPS://LOESSHILLS.WILDONES.ORG/](https://loesshills.wildones.org/)

Danielle Woodrow--ed us with her knowledge --both familiar and brand new to her--And her fabulous photographs during her wonderful presentation of "Meet the Plants!" We learned so much, AND had fun! Lilly joined in presenting Royal Catchfly! We did not know that this plant secretes a sticky substance that

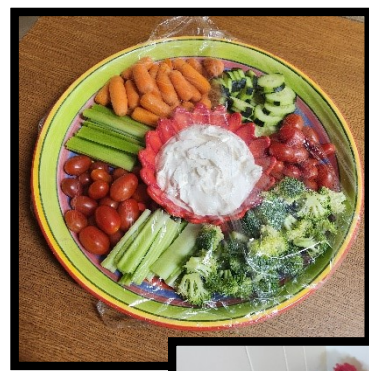
catches flies which are then food for the hummingbirds! Thanks, Lilly and Danielle, you ROCKED!!

The food supplied by volunteers was delicious! Thank you to Cheri, Luis, and Dawn! YUM!

← Dawn worked on this awesome prototype for our local banner for presentations and staging events! We LOVE it!

Thank you Dawn!

We can hardly wait to see the finished product!



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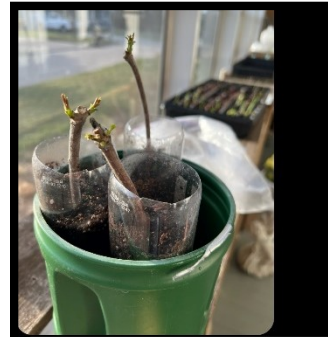
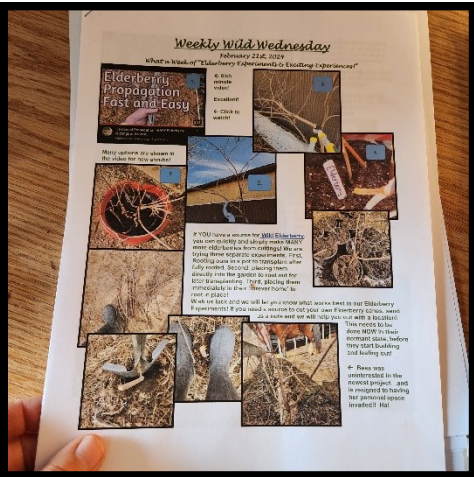
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← Back in February, we shared several ways to propagate elderberries from cuttings, and they are doing great!

We have signs of life- on all THREE techniques- rooting those shrubs!

← Click for link to that Wild Wednesday, with those videos and examples!



Elderberry cuttings from last fall!

Tom and Cheri shared their Master Gardening skills with a *much more* professional method as well!

Thank you both!!



← Coral shared one of MANY successes she has had with her Winter Sowing Milk Jugs! We are so excited to see what she grows from her **LOCALLY SOURCED** seeds!

We tried her bottom watering method with an old bucket with **GREAT** success!

Tom said it was actually February. He put them in the frig. Wrapped in a damp paper towel and then in a plastic bag. About 3 weeks ago he planted them in some little plastic bottles with growing medium and then out in the shed (covered). So this is 3 weeks later and they're forming roots and leaves. But you need to keep them covered for a while.

What do you do with the milk jugs now that they have sprouted?

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Coral Huber

I move them to the north side of the house so they get shade during the warmest part of the day. I don't open them unless there is algae or the plants are outgrowing the container which is not a problem yet. I also only bottom water with sprouts.



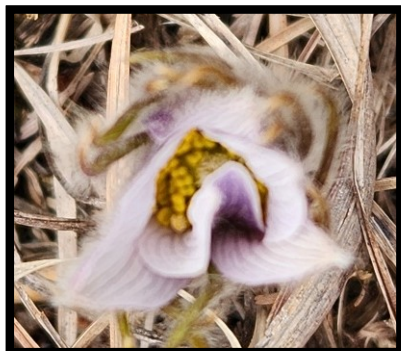
← Thank You, Coral, for the Boneset seeds that sprouted in our container AND for all the help in making their future a success!



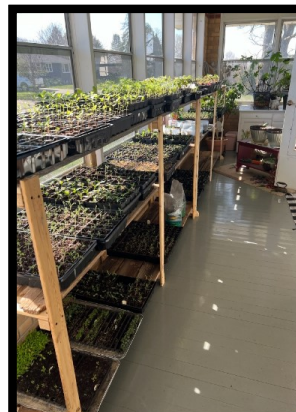
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Got it! I am doing mine outdoors and they are doing well!!



← And the Pasque Flowers continue to amaze us with their beauty and their toughness in the extreme temperature changes! From 80's to 29 predicted this week! EEK!



Filling up fast! Pretty soon they'll have to buck up and harden off!

Speaking of success, Tom and Cheri are going to have to move plants outdoors soon, OR build a new East facing front porch!!

Wooooowwww!

Wildflower Walk!
Saturday, May 4
10:00 a.m.
Fowler Forest Preserve



WILDFLOWER WALK

Saturday, May 4

10AM ~ Fowler Forest
1/2 mile west of Smithland, Iowa
Hwy 141



Ephemerals



Celebrate Iowa Wildflower Month by joining us for a walk through this woodland to view the diversity of spring wildflowers. Wear sturdy walking shoes. The trail is easy and well-maintained, and we will slowly walk up the hill, admiring the blooms along the way. Dawn Snyder, local plant expert, will lead this walk. Fowler Forest is located 1/2 mile west of Smithland on Hwy 141. Sponsored by Woodbury County Conservation & Loess Hills Wild Ones.

More info: 712-258-0838.



New, Inaugural Event!!

Loess Hills Wild Ones has adopted a portion of Lincoln Way in Sioux City for litter cleanup!

Sunday, May 5: **Adopt a Street Cleanup**, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., South Ravine Park, Lincoln Way in Sioux City.
Meet at the South Ravine Park parking lot.

Join us to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and clean up our surroundings.

Trash bags and vests provided. Please dress accordingly and wear work gloves.

Bring your own trash picker!

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

