

Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 24th, 2024

What a Week of "Habitat Heaps and Clean-Up Cheers!"

If you CAN, it is always best to do NOTHING with clean-up of Native Gardens--
Leave the Leaves where they lay-- and let Nature do what it does!

BUT in public, well viewed and highly visible areas with strict guidelines,
This is not always possible!

We say do as little as possible, but when you have to formalize a garden--
Call on Great Volunteers-- and have some FUN!

← At the Railroad Museum, Lilly leads the way making *Bee and Bug Bundles*
with Jute and the cut stems of plants!

← These were placed neatly
against a wall in the gardens,
and will receive a marker
explaining how they protect
overwintering insect by
staying on site, and provide
habitat! The other debris was
taken to a less visible habitat
heap that stayed on the
property!

Thank you to EVERY
ONE of the 12 "Dirty
Dozen" who helped
with these Native
Gardens!

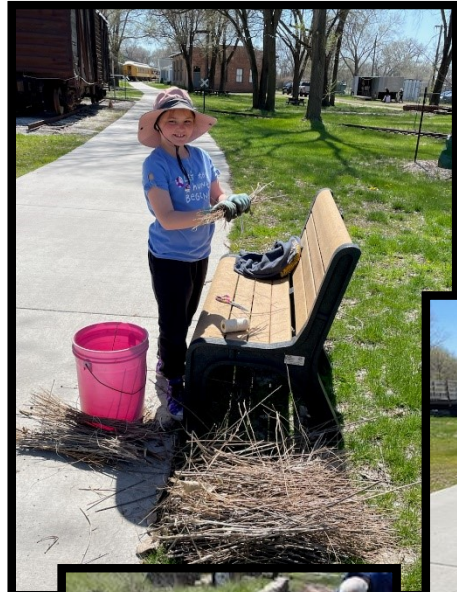
We are all so
grateful!!

It is SPRINNNGGG!!!

So MANY things
are in bloom
with bees,
butterflies, and
birds
everywhere!

Take a stroll
around a native
area or yard and
see what YOU
find!

Click photos for
more information!





Grants at 5PM

**LHWO Member
Native Plant Sale**

Join Here 

Friday, May 17
3 - 6 pm
2801 S. Cecelia St.,
Sioux City




Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events!

We could not be more excited about the upcoming Native Plant Sales!

[Join HERE](#) for the Members Only Sale--

Or join us Saturday for the Public Sale!



Public Welcome!

Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18
9am - Noon
2801 S. Cecelia St.,
Sioux City





Dawn, Theresa and I looked over the entry sign gardens at the Nature Center and came up with a great list of plants to renovate this garden! Here's the list!

- Strawberries, transplant from above, for edges – 24
- Nodding Onions, transplant from above or your other sources, for edges – 24
- Bergamot, under the sign – 12
- Little Blue Stem, near lights, maybe need 1
- Butterfly Milkweed – 6
- Blazing Star – 8-10
- Showy Goldenrod – 6-10
- Black-eyed Susan – 10-12
- Culver's Root – 6
- Golden Alexander – 6
- Yucca, in front of posts on either side of sign – 2
- Spiderwort, move what is currently in the box
- Partridge Pea seeds in the fall
- Prairie Milkweed, you were going to check with Cheri (We did, and Cheri has over 100 seedlings! We only need 12!)

← If we don't have enough from the upper Butterfly gardens, we will use some of the transplants we are babysitting from Dawn's yard!

Those Nodding Onions and Wild Strawberries better grow up quickly!

We are looking forward to sharing them with fellow Native Gardeners!



WILDFLOWER WALK

Saturday, May 4

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



Ephemerals



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

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.

Cheri is planning a Taco Bar to celebrate Cinco de Mayo after we clean up our surroundings.

If you wish to contribute an ingredient for the taco bar, let us know!

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

Bring your own trash picker!

Wishing you a week filled with "Habitat Heaps and Cheerful Chaos!"

