

Weekly Wild Wednesday

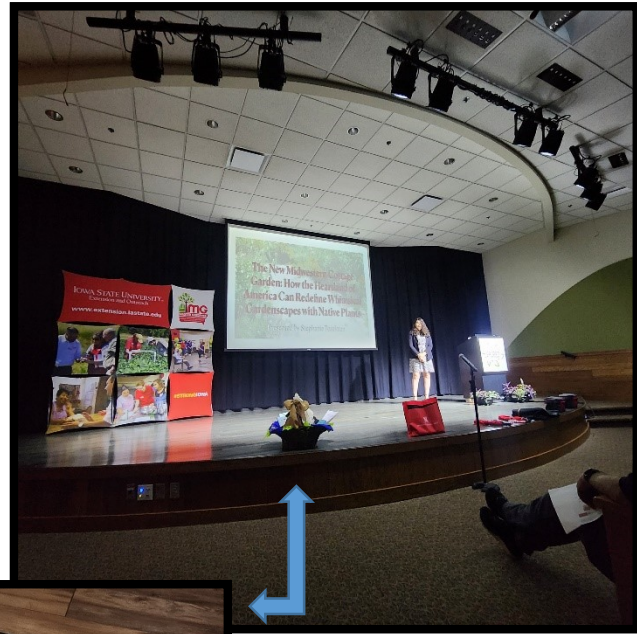
May 1st, 2024

What a Week of "Spring Strolls, Sprucing, and Symposium Synopsis!"

Back in March we so enjoyed the Garden Symposium- AND sponsoring the Keynote Speaker- Stephanie Barelman!

We JUST got the video of Stephanie's FABULOUS presentation on *How the Heartland of America can Redefine Whimsical Gardenscapes with Native Plants!* [Click HERE](#) or on any photo for the link to that video!

This video is WELL worth the 55 minutes watch time!



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Siouxland Garden Symposium
Stephanie Barelman,
Keynote

BETTY STRONG
ENCOUNTER CENTER
Sioux City, IA

Loess Hills Wild Ones put together a great basket of Classic Merch, gifts, and books for the Door Prize Giveaway!

Our good friend Karen won that prize!

Our table looked amazing, and had so MANY awesome things to share! →

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered, attended, and helped make everything so much FUN that day!



← Click for the link to this awesome printout *Introduction to native plants to sustain urban landscapes* from Iowa State Extension Services, our host for this event!



Stephanie's statement in the insert (top photo) really resonated. "It's important that we believe in our actions and the greater native plants movement. Because people will see our earnestness. They will see our desire to be better stewards of the environment. They will see our passion."



← Clarissa, Danielle, Nelle, and Dawn check out the science phenomena on a pre-hike for the conference that was successfully held this week! What a fabulous hike it was, as I saw my VERY FIRST EVER Spring Beauty! Or is that Spring Beauties?

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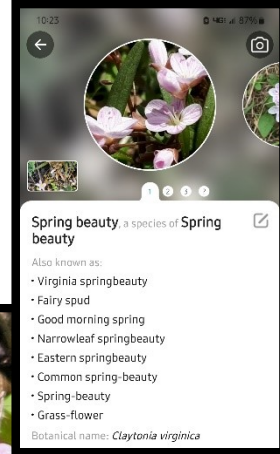
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Teachers and naturalists participate in Iowa Science Phenomena at the Ida County Conservation Center on April 27. There were guided hikes in the morning where participants could take pictures or video, which later they uploaded for the project.

Either way I was SO EXCITED!!

Thanks to all who made this such a success!!



← We also saw so many gorgeous Trout Lilies in full bloom!



If YOU want Dawn to be your expert local wildflower guide, join us THIS SATURDAY! See details below!

WILDFLOWER WALK
Saturday, May 4
10AM ~ Fowler Forest
1/2 mile west of Smithland, Iowa
Hwy 141





 WILD ONES
Loess Hills
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RECREATION CENTER

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.

Our OWN Danielle received a certification of her Metzger Native Gardens from Wild Ones!

Congratulations, Danielle, Lilly, and Jimmy for all you do to support native plants and nature in our area!

If YOU are a Wild Ones member, click the photo to access the process to certify YOUR garden!



CERTIFIED NATIVE HABITAT

This acknowledgment is gratefully presented to

Metzger Native Gardens
Danielle Metzger

For dedication in preserving biodiversity and fostering an environment where native plants and wildlife can thrive.

Certification Number: 53135


 Jen Ainsworth
Wild Ones Executive Director


 Louis Dameron
Wild Ones Board President



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, please text her at chasdesigns@gmail.com.

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

Bring your own trash picker!

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!

Wishing you a week filled with "Strolls, Sprucing, & Symposium Synopsis!"

