

Weekly Wild Wednesday

May 29th, 2024

What a Week of "Penstemon and Planting!"



We now have over 140 Penstemon blooming along our lane. This photo was taken during lots of wind. I hope to get a better photo [tomorrow](#) that shows the porcupine grass better. Those and skeleton weed love the road cut made for our lane!

Dianne



Woooooww!!! That lane is absolutely gorgeous! If you know Bill and Dianne, ask them if you can drive up their lane and gawk, but make it quick, these will not last long!



← The Porcupine Grass is just starting to bloom!

We took a hike hosted by Sierra Club and Iowa Prairie Network on Tina's restored prairie, she has a history book of every step along the way!



Thanks, Tina!

There were so many awesome prairie plants!

Wild Prairie Turnip & Wild Scarlet Gaura were our two favorites!



A warning—The Rabbit Hole link on the Prairie Turnip fascinated us and turned into a half hour website perusal and a new Citizen Science research project!! More to come in the future!



Click photos for more information on these prairie conservatives!

At The Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center entry sign, Dawn and I planted a whole flat of new plants! We will transplant others from the gardens above, and water these 1 inch a week-- when Nature doesn't!



In December of 2023, we decided to up pot our five tiny Prairie Crab apple trees from Dr. Kay Kottas at Prairie Legacy and wait to plant them— 'Till THIS WEEK!

Wow, have they grown! Finger's Crossed! We caged them!

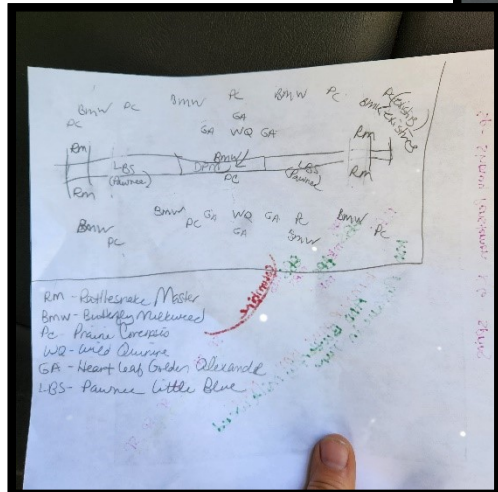
We will water them with 1 GALLON a week on a slow drip bucket!



The Chelsea Chop – What Is It, How & When To Do It

If you've ever had flowers that were growing so well in the early to mid-season, only to begin to lean or flop over by mid to late summer, then you may be able to fix them with the Chelsea Chop. I've grown to love this method as it allows me to landscape with certain native plants that can be difficult to grow in formal flower beds.

What is the Chelsea Chop?



Above, Carrie from the Nature Center told us about Native plants at our Gordon Drive Earl May!

And it is Chelsea Flower Show week which signals it is TIME to do the Chelsea Chop on your Native plants that tend to grow TOO wild towards Fall!

Click for details!! →

← We have tentatively scheduled the
“Tea Party at The Flower House!”
Mark your calendars!
Pot up some plants to share!



Garden Tea Party & Plant Share

THE FLOWER HOUSE
3725 JACKSON ST, SIOUX CITY

Saturday, June 22
10am-Noon (Members Only)
Noon-1pm Open to the Public

Bring your extra plants to share or re-home some plants brought by others!
Pre-register: loesshillswildones.org

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Seminar:
The Hills are
Calling!

Come explore, learn, and relax
in the Heart of the Loess Hills in
Monona County, Iowa for the
47th Anniversary of the Loess
Hills Prairie Seminar!

Save The Date:
May 31-June 2, 2024

Friday - 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Saturday - 6:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday - 6:00 AM - 12:00 PM

The Loess Hills Prairie Seminar is THIS WEEKEND! Yippee!!!!

Click photo for schedules, details, and to pre-register. →

Loess Hills Wild Ones will share a basket for the fundraiser!

Dotty shared this event below!
Click photo for link to details and registration!

Are you interested in helping to rewild Northwest Iowa? You have a unique opportunity to learn more about the concept of rewilding, develop and share your ideas, and implement them on Saturday, June 15, at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center from [10 am to 3 pm](#).

Dr. David Hoferer from Briar Cliff University will talk about what rewilding means and provide examples happening in the region. You will collaborate with a diverse group of participants, formulating your ideas into action plans. By the end of the session, we will have a roadmap we can follow to Rewild Northwest Iowa!

See the agenda and register by noon on Wednesday, June 12, at <https://bit.ly/RewildNWIA-6-15-24>. Registration is capped at 100 participants. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served; please bring your own water bottle or mug. Rewilding Northwest Iowa, funded by a grant from BeWildReWild, is coordinated by the Northwest Iowa Group of Sierra Club

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review of the
Best Plant ID
Apps!

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