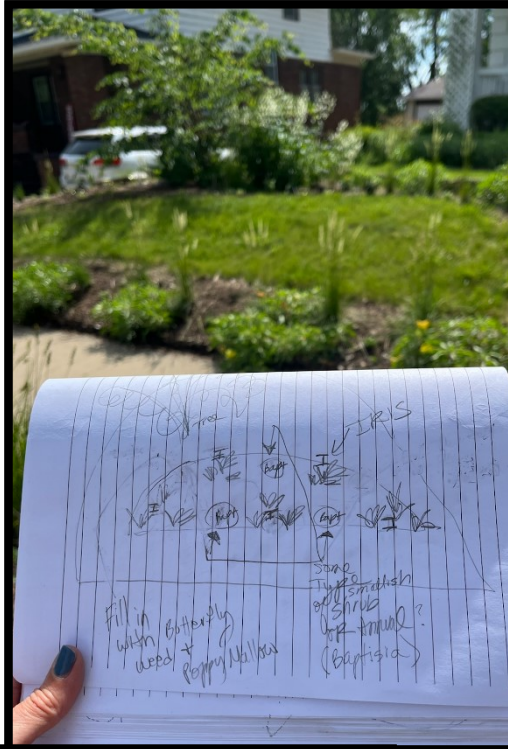


Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 12th, 2024

What a Week of "Tea Party Planning!"

Phase IV!!! We are SO excited to be starting the LAST phase of installation at "The Flower House!" What a fun transformation this has been! We will have one more year in 2025 of maintenance and tweaking on this project while helping Mercedes learn even more about her gardens and her Native and Natural Landscaping! She designed her own layout for this last phase!



We used the No Dig Method (which we usually like to let rest for a few weeks or a season but you can plant promptly) to smother the grass and give the project a uniform look. As the years go on, this particular mulch will disintegrate into soil and fill in with plants and seedlings.

There are so many methods to start a new garden bed, and none of them are right or wrong, just different approaches to the same 5 year goals of Native and Pollinator plants in formerly chemical and non-host friendly areas!

We added three Baptisia sourced from Earl May locally. Yucca grown from a sustainable seed harvest hosted by Golden Hills RC&D seed-- sourced from Five Ridge Prairie. Lupine sourced from Mulhalls. Lots of chemical free pollinator friendly annuals to make it look great year 1 while the Native Plants fill in over the next Sleep, Creep, Leap cycles!



We added a trellis and a Clematis Virginiana from Siouxland Prairie Farms!



Earlier while working with the sedges, we saw a Hummingbird Moth hiding under the blades! We carefully left those plants alone...



Weekly Wild Wednesday
September 2nd, 2020

Hi Everyone,
It has been such a fun and productive week! Everything is moving along much quicker than anyone anticipated. There is an abundance of interest and enthusiasm. It seems that an outdoor project with home members or small groups just feels so 'right' in our current situation. Conversations about butterflies, flowers, bees, and birds seem to be easily sustained-- independent of any 'hot topic' issues in our small community.

Updates:




PILOT PROJECT:
"The Flower House"

Committee Includes:
Contact: Ruth and Mercedes

Plant Selection, Installation, Maintenance, and Design:
Dianne
Doty
Elisa
Jeanne
Hoping for several other Enthusiastic Members

Wish List This Fall:

- Ideas and builders to help with trellis structures. Edging idea -for back yard- to collect and hold leaves and debris neatly under trees
- Master, Maintenance plan complete. Ongoing a Work In Progress.

Citizen Science: Steve, who lives a few blocks away with a huge garden, has many Natives, Cultivars of Natives, and Ornamentals. He loves the idea of comparing the insect and bird activity between his own plants, and then as a comparison also to the Natives at *The Flower House*. He has invited us all for a garden tour to help us pick Native plants matching his cultivars.

← Phase I started in September of 2020, and we showcased that in our **VERY FIRST Wild WEDNESDAY September 2nd of 2020!** We used to deliver a PRINTED copy by HAND to 6 people! Click for link!

All the archived Wild Wednesdays are [HERE!](#)

← Join us and see all the changes over the years!



Bring your extra plants to share or re-home some plants brought by others!
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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

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Upcoming Events

- [Tea Party and Plant Share at 'The Flower House'](#)
Jun 22nd, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [Morningside Garden Tour and LOCAL ECOTYPE Plant Sale!](#)
Jul 20th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [Garden Walk at "Joy Gardens" and "The Wild Mess in Progress"](#)
Aug 10th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [Fall Member's Only Plant Sale](#)
Sep 13th, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Fall Grant Awards](#)
Sep 13th, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Mark Your Calendars for ALL the upcoming events! →

We also have a Board Strategic Planning Session in July!

If you have ideas for programs, speakers, suggestions, interests, or anything YOU would like to see in the coming years, please let us know!

Not shown is the **FALL PUBLIC NATIVE PLANT SALE**
September 14th 9AM-12PM!



IN THE GARDEN

Butterflies Know: These Native Plants Aren't Weeds

Pollinators recognize a good thing when they see it — and so do gardeners in search of organic pest control. As one put it, “My prairie is my pesticide.”

Share full article 158



John shared this awesome article from the New York Times!

← Click for link!

Sharon—And many others—are sending their thank you’s for the grants-- and fun Citizen Science observations!

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce more native plants to our home. I am attaching a picture of the area where the native plants are in our yard. We have a temporary fence around the area to protect them (from the ever present raccoons) until they have grown stronger. Also, I am attaching a picture of a hummingbird on my Early Figwort (sorry, not a great picture), If you look close, your can see a hummingbird on the plant. I purchased the Figwort two (maybe 3?) years ago in the fall from Wild Ones. Lots of bumblebees in the fall but never a hummingbird. So nice to see a hummingbird too! Thanks again, Wild Ones! Sharon



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

Dotty shared this event!
← Click photo for link to details and registration---Hurry!!
TODAY is the deadline to register—by NOON!!

Look for Monarch—and other—caterpillars and plant utilizers on your Milkweed Leaves! We are so excited to see these plants “Doing Their Job!!” Thanks, Marc!



Found 5 monarch caterpillars on our milk weeds today. You guys found any?

Wishing you a week filled with "Native Planning and Planting!"

