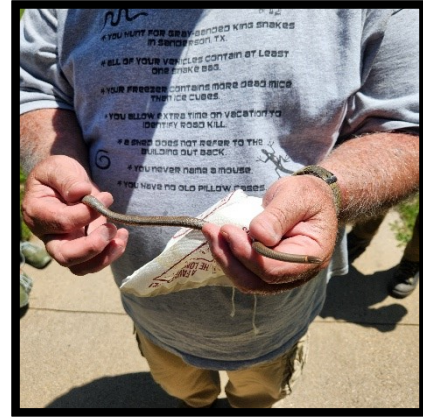


Weekly Wild Wednesday
June 19th, 2024
What a Week of "Working the Wild!"

What FUN walking the Broken Kettle Grasslands with The Nature Conservancy experts on a Rattlesnake Round-up! We saw snakes, but NO Prairie Rattlesnakes, drats! Jeanette modeled a Ring-necked snake! Our expert guide Dan was amazing, along with all the other guides and guests!



← This was our guide Dan's license plate, he really does love snakes! Great shirt (and snake), Dan! →



← There are two guides on the ridge! We all eventually hiked the ridge ourselves-- just a bit later that morning!



← This Scurf Pea was in full bloom, the tiny flower is just gorgeous!

There were so MANY beautiful Prairie Forbs in full bloom!



Dawn and Nelle and I worked on the Brome --and marking good Native Plants in the Pocket Prairie today!!

← Dawn, Nelle and I worked on removing Brome, small tree seedlings, and hardly any Leafy Spurge from the Friends of Stone Park Pocket Prairie! The method we have used on the Leafy Spurge is to pull it and trash it when it is in full bloom. The first year there were 37 bags of bloomin' spurge, now in year 4 there were just a few blooms! It is definitely worth it on a small area to pull and trash those future seed heads and stress the plant when all the energy is above ground-- according to our Citizen Science project!

We are SO looking forward to The Tea Party and Plant Share at The Flower House this Saturday!

Tom installed the connections for the Rain Barrel-- and it filled up completely the FIRST night!

Woooooowww and THANK YOU, Tom, Cheri, Dawn, and Nelle for all your help! What fun to Play in the Yard together!



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

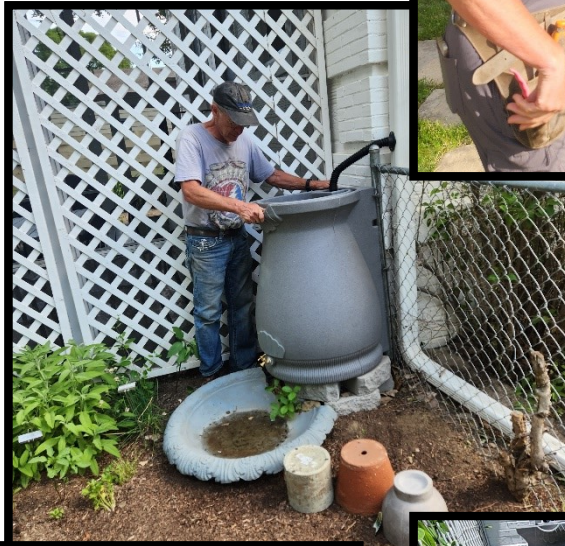
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Bring your extra plants to share or re-home some plants brought by others!
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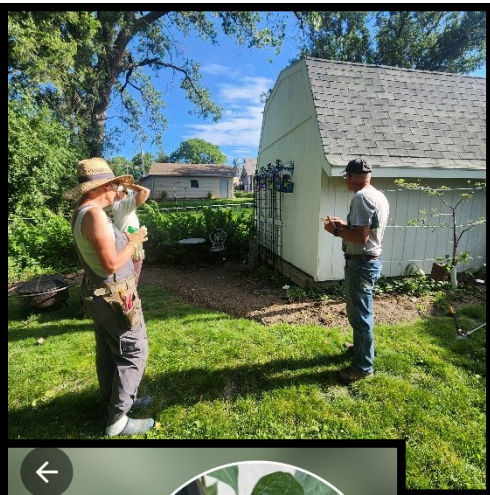
We admired the new trellis!

The three upside down pots protected our baby plants while Tom worked on that project!



Cheri trimmed sedges-- and we kept the seed heads to share with visitors!

We added Rose Sedge to the areas next to the pathway, and we think we found a Native Climbing Milkweed volunteer! Help us out-- if you know this vine!



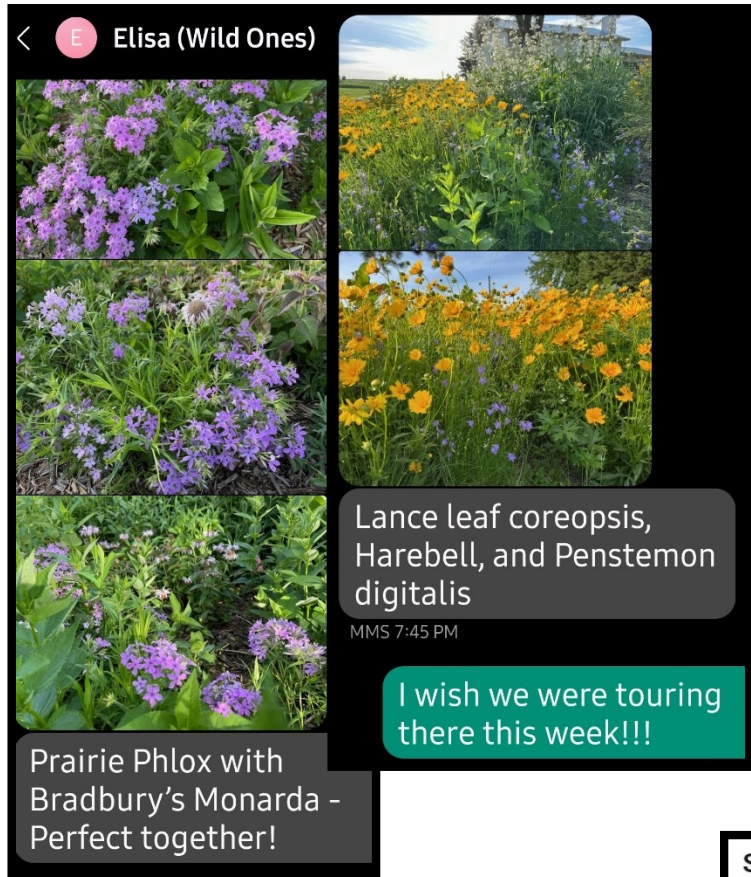
Honeyvine, a species of Swallow-wort

Also known as:

- Blue Vine
- Sand vine
- Blue vined milkweed
- Honeyvine milkweed
- Bluevine
- Climbing milkweed
- Smooth swallow-wort

Botanical name: *Cynanchum laeve*



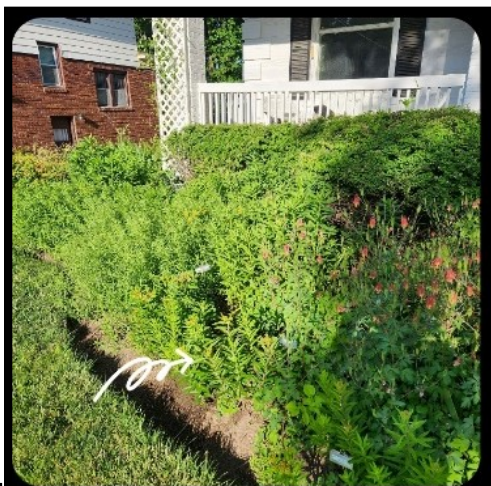


← Elisa shared her gorgeous garden photos with us, and we LOVE these plant combinations!

Thanks, Elisa, for the great ideas!

We saw our FIRST Monarch caterpillar for the year at *The Flower House* on the Butterfly Milkweed!


Find what you need, Future Butterfly!! →



Square Meter of Prairie 2024 – May: Part 2
 Posted by Chris Helzer

In my last post, I shared a bunch of photos taken during May in my square meter plot at Lincoln Creek Prairie. Just for something different, in today's post, I'm sharing a bunch of photos taken during May in my square meter plot at Lincoln Creek Prairie.

These are different photos, though, and they come with some stories. The main story, of course, continues to be that ALL OF THIS is happening within one tiny 1m by 1m plot of prairie.




We LOVE the fact that Chris Helzer is renewing his love of his Square Meter Prairie! We have 3 sites in the area where we are copying his idea! You can start one, too! →

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 for Loess Hills Wild Ones!

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!

Wishing you a week filled with "Working the Wild!"

