

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*What a Week of "Plant Share and Tea Party!"*



We had SO much FUN at the Wild Plant Share and Tea Party at 'The Flower House'! THANK YOU to Mercedes and her generous family who loaned us their yard and home to play in—AND helped with set up, clean up, dishes, food...So MANY details!

Special THANK YOU to all who volunteered in the gardens, hosted guided walks, answered questions, donated foods and plants, and attended the AWESOME event! We loved every minute of this great event!



Dianne, Founder and Board Emeritus supervised Jeff, newest Board Member, in setting up our new banner, designed by Dawn! Nice Bow Tie, Jeff! You rock!



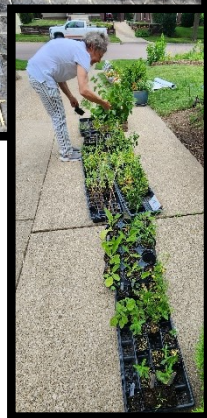
Ruth and Danielle are never allowed to touch the banner again-- after near destruction...OOPS!

Below left, Mercedes showcased the Butterfly Milkweed growing in abundance at 'The Flower House'!

Below, We picked up plants grown from seed and donated by Coral!



After the Members AND the Public had taken MASSES of DONATED plants home, there were still many flats of plants left for future donations to friends, family, and the general public!  
Thank YOU Loess Hills Wild Ones!





Taylor from KTIV came over and gave us **WONDERFUL** publicity!  
She was so much **FUN!**

← Click for link!

There were **MASSES** of  
plants shared by many  
enthusiastic Members,  
Neighbors, and friends!

<https://www.ktiv.com/2024/06/20/flower-house-sioux-city-is-hosting-one-day-event-public/#lxnkwe8fxn449puyub>



'The Flower House' in  
Leoss Hills Wild Ones is hosting a t...



And the **FOOD!!!** So many  
fabulous treats were  
donated by friends and  
members! Marcie made  
every dish a gorgeous  
Wildflower Sign!

← Those two were her own homemade  
**DELICIOUS** masterpieces!!

Coronation Chicken  
Salad Tea Sandwiches  
Chicken, mayonnaise, mango  
chutney, curry powder

Scones

Devonshire Cream &  
Strawberry Jam



Cheri & Luis made  
mouthwateringly good  
contributions as well, and  
Dawn shared homemade  
Violet Jelly for Angel Food  
Cake-- and shared the  
recipe!



**Violet Jelly**  
A recipe for Violet Jelly is provided. The recipe includes ingredients like boiling water, sugar, and violet petals. It also includes instructions for making the jelly and a note about the recipe being shared by Dawn.





## Free Fieldtrips for All Ages

Come experience the beauty, charm, and wonder of our awesome Loess Hills Prairies. Field trip leader Dr. William Zales (Bill) has inspired numerous students during his college professional career with trips to Appalachia, the Rocky Mountains, and many other protected natural areas in the Midwest. He now enjoys leading groups to appreciate the wonders of nature in Iowa's Loess Hills.

The tours are being offered at Five Ridge Prairie State Preserve June 29, July 13, August 24 and September 14, 2024 at his Prairie Hills Preserve all from 4:00 – 6:30 pm.

Come prepared to learn about the plant, animal, and microbe diversity that makes the Loess Hills special, and what sustainability is all about.

Five Ridge Prairie State Preserve is located 15561 260<sup>th</sup> St, Westfield, Iowa.

Prairie Hills Preserve (September 14) is at 15384 North Ridge Road, Westfield.

See the Five Ridge Prairie State Preserve website for park details.

← **Mark Your Calendars!**

**Bill shared this awesome opportunity to learn SO MUCH from a lifetime of All Things Prairie!**

← **Click for link to learn more about Five Ridge Prairie!**

**Chris keeps inspiring us with his awesome observations in his Square Meter Prairie!**

**Click for link! →**



What is this red (droplet?) (egg?) (something else?) on lead plant

I've been seeing green lacewing eggs pretty often. They're small enough that I don't know if new ones are appearing or if I'm just finding eggs I've previously overlooked. Either way, given the number of eggs, I've been hoping to see some lacewing larvae and finally got my wish last week.



**IOWA**  
BUMBLE BEE ATLAS



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## Happy Pollinator Week!

Hi Team,

This week is [National Pollinator Week](#), an annual celebration of pollinators and their vital role in the environment! What better way to celebrate than by completing an Atlas survey?

**Pollinator Week! (We think it should be EVERY week, haha)**  
There are so many wonderful activities, and Xerces is hosting so many of them!

**Click for link! →**

*Wishing you a week filled with "Iced Tea and Plants!"*

