

Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 18th, 2024

What a Week of "Sales and Studies!"

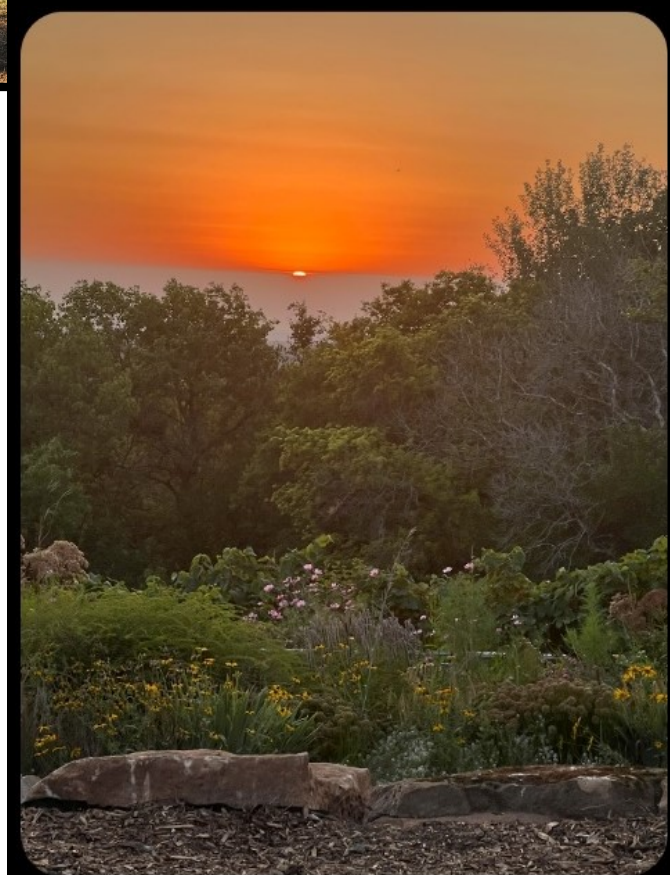
← Set-up was SO much FUN when the plants arrived for the Plant Sale! Cheri, Tom, Marcie, Lisa, Ruth, and others helped out with unpacking, watering, labelling, and set up of the tables and chairs! Of course there was FOOD!!

Grant Awards were fun and fulfilling!!



← Monarch Tagging was a HUGE hit! Everyone who participated was so

complimentary and so excited about all they learned from Dawn! She carefully walked the taggers and netters through safe practices for this important Citizen Science project!



← Lilly was overcome by gravity after several hours of chasing and tagging Monarchs!

Cheri and Tom enjoyed their brand new 'Overlook Deck' while summing up ALL our feelings in her text! →



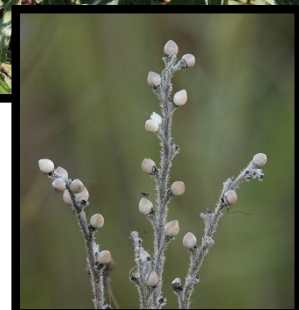
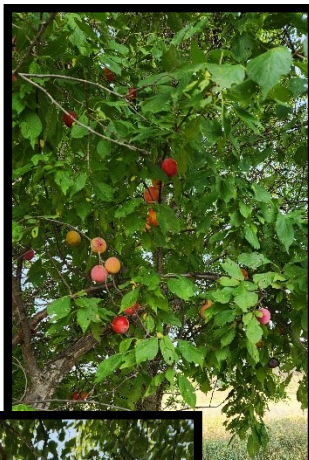
The end of a good day



← At the 'Wild Mess in Progress' we found a grouping of Snakeroot, Showy Goldenrod, and Mist Flower that was absolutely stunning!

Nelle and I headed out to the 'Once and Future Prairie' to pick some Wild Plums for Dotty and Bill, who are making Wild Plum Jam!

Nelle showcased a False Gromwell which was just starting to set very hard shiny white stony seeds!



Bill took us on a fabulous guided tour of Prairie Hills, with lots of information on preservation, prairie care, and all the equipment he has modified over the years to take care of his many acres of remnant and restored prairie! Thanks, Bill and Dotty!

We learned so much, and had a GREAT time exploring the many wonders of the multiple prairies-- with new and long-term friends!



I was at the Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul and spoke to the Wild Ones Twin Cities. They had some interesting information sheets including ones on keystone species, native trees for changing climate and seed collection. There were even more but the one they were most enamored with was the keystone sheet. I am putting their resource link below. These sheets are listed quite a ways down in the left column.

http://www.wildonestwincities.org/p/resources_20.html

← Click for a link to Twin Cities resource page with excellent information!

Thanks, John, for this link!

Below, mark your calendar for our upcoming events! Click the photo for a complete list of currently scheduled events!

There will be additional dates!

Click below for the complete article!

Hummingbird migration: how gardeners can help native birds | Homes & Gardens

<https://www.homesandgardens.com/gardens/hummingbird-migration>

4000 is a LOT of miles!!



The 4,000-mile migration

Upcoming Events

- **"The Beauty and Benefits of Hedgerows" with Heather McCargo**

Hosted by Wild Ones National

Sep 19th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- **Prairie Seed Harvest-Members and guests!**

Oct 19th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- **"Matrix Landscape Design" with Benjamin Vogt**

Hosted by Wild Ones National

Oct 24th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- **Adopt a Street Cleanup**

Oct 26th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

- **Annual Meeting and Potluck/Native Plant Seed Share**

Nov 9th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wishing you a week filled with "Research and Rambles!"

