

Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 25th, 2024
What a Week of "Monarch Migration!"

Sunrise with MASSES of Goldenrods, Heath Aster, so many kinds of purple Asters, and other Fall blossoms had us hoping that our overnighing Monarchs at the "Wild Mess in Progress" were still safe!

They WERE!

We were thrilled to look at the trees and shrubs and count over 70 overnight guests! Find what you NEED, little travelers!

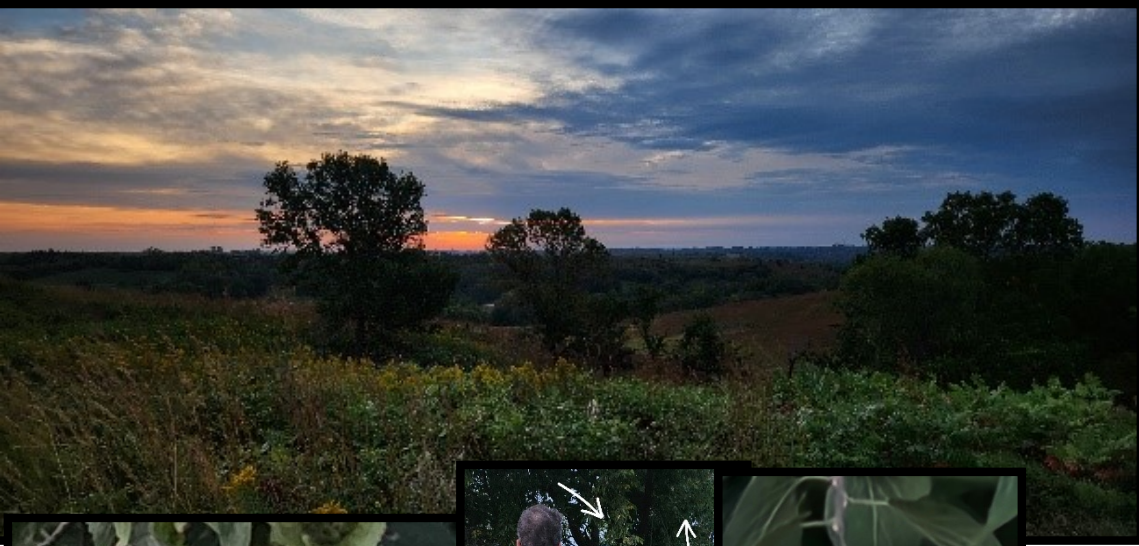
ALSO--
THANK
YOU--
La Vone
and Bill!! →



Look what we found at the RR Museum today! Bill Zales spotted it first--a Monarch crysalis

MMS 1:17 PM

That is SOOOOOOOO
FABULOUS!!!!
Yippeeeee!!!



The fourth generation of monarch butterflies has the most prolonged and arduous lifespan. They leave the ever-dropping temperatures of North America and Canada in August to fly up to 2,500 miles to their overwintering sites.

Click photo →
for a full article
about this ridiculous
travel plan! So many
wonderful details
about these
gorgeous flutterby's!





We had a guided tour of the Glacial Hills Preserve with The Nature Conservancy!

This property is open to the public for hiking, but be prepared for **NO trails** and **TALL grasses** at this time of year!

If you take your dogs, there is a nearby park called Buena Vista that allows dogs on leashes!

But **NOT** on the Preserves, so be very careful with the weather!



Prairie Sage!



The Prairie Sage is in full bloom in several areas around Siouxland, including in our gardens! This is one of the **MANY** plants we cannot appreciate without our phone zooms-- or other enlargement devices!!

Do **NOT** hesitate to get close and personal with the various Prairie Plants—you might be **VERY PLEASANTLY** surprised!!

- [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

← Mark your calendar for our upcoming events!

Click the photo for a complete list of currently scheduled events!

There will be additional dates!



We are so excited about what is happening in the pasture this year! Thanks Bill and Dotty for the seed and to all who collected it!!!

We are, too, Tom and Cheri! →

Grow, Pasture to Prairie!!



[Prairie Seed Harvest](#)
[Five Ridge Prairie State Preserve](#)
[Monday, September 30, 2024](#)
[5:30-7:00pm](#)
[Meet at the west entrance along Highway 12, north of Sioux City.](#)
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[Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center](#)
[4500 Sioux River Rd.](#)
[Sioux City, IA 51109](#)
[Tuesday, October 1, 2024](#)
[5:30-7:00pm](#)

Loess Hills Wild Ones MEMBERS seed harvest on October 19th (ABOVE) at Flathers-Wetmore Prairie are for you to SHARE seeds OR TAKE SEEDS HOME for your OWN PERSONAL USE!!

BUT--You can help harvest seeds-- and turn OTHER 'Pastures to Prairies' by joining all of us in the Loess Hills area for Golden Hills RC&D's NEXT TWO Prairie Seed Harvests!! These seeds are for restorations!

There are even more Harvest Opportunities listed on their website, so click on the photo above for details and additional harvest dates!

SEPT 30 530-7PM FIVE RIDGE PRAIRIE
 OCT 1 5:30-7PM DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER
 OCT 14 5:00-7PM SMOKEY HILL (MONONA COUNTY)

Volunteers needed! No experience necessary. Events may be rescheduled due to inclement weather, so check back the day of the event.
 Details at goldenhillsrcd.org/prairieseed

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Wishing you a week filled with "Monarch Magic!"



