

Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 9th, 2024

What a Week of "Wild Rose Research!"

← Dawn and I have harvested MANY kinds of seeds under the expertise of Bill and Dotty Zales at Prairie Hills. One of the things Dotty shared were her Wild Rose Hips! We picked a bucket full that Bill will put through a VERY LOOSELY bolted hand meat grinder, dry, and broadcast directly on a prepared bed after the first snowfall.

There are so many differing methods on rose seed germination. All you have to do is look for a video or a step-by-step method on your search engine-- and you can pick the experiment you wish to follow!

Most of these methods work for tame roses, too!

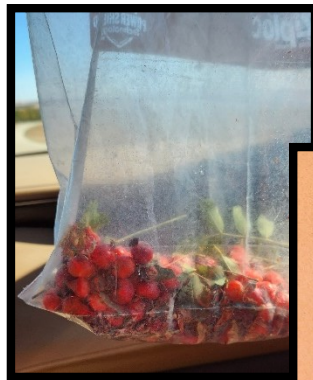
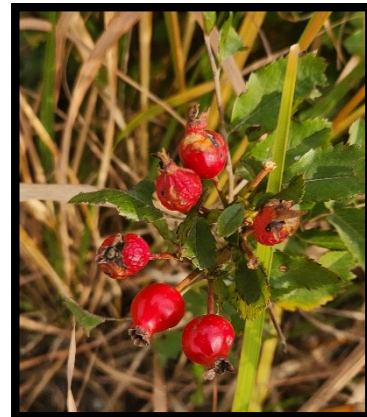
← At the 'Wild Mess in Progress', our personally collected seeds are being propagated through a fermentation process! First, we gathered them in a plastic bag to keep them moist.

← We squished each soft rose hip while still within the bag.

Above, we filled the bag with tap water and left it for 24 hours.

Far L-R, we poured the water off, leaving the hips and seeds.

We spread the pulpy mix out on a paper towel and squished everything flat with a heavy spoon. This will dry for a couple of days in complete darkness in a cool area with a fan blowing for sharing at Winter Sowing!



Speaking of seeds--

Come Join us and harvest your OWN seeds for sharing with others. Or keep these seeds-- For your OWN projects!!

Thank you, Mark, for sharing your Prairie Bounty with us!!

There will be helpers at the harvest, just in case you have not harvested seed and/or need help with plant identification and sowing information!



For Loess Hills Wild Ones Members and Guests

Flathers - Wetmore Prairie

1610 Lee Ave.,
Correctionville, Iowa

Join LHWO members by special invitation at this special reconstructed prairie to collect prairie grass and wildflower seeds. Bring your own bags and envelopes. Seeds collected can be used in your own gardens or shared at the seed share during the LHWO Annual meeting in November.



SEED HARVEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 ~ 1:00 - 3:00PM



Please Join Us at South Ravine Park at the Parking Lot at Lincoln Way and Lewis Blvd!

Saturday October 24th from 10AM-Noon!



← Lunch and Garden Seed Harvest at 2801 S. Cecelia to follow! Thanks Cheri!

I would like to invite the road clean up crew back to the old house for lunch. I'll provide sloppy joes. People can byob and a side dish. Also they are welcome to collect any seed they want from our garden. BYO containers.

Wild Ones
NATIVE PLANTS. NATURAL LANDSCAPES
LOESS HILLS

Loess Hills Wild Ones

Annual Meeting,
Elections, Potluck,
& Seed Share

Saturday,
November 9
11 AM - 1 PM
Sioux City Public
Museum
607 4th Street
New Location

Sneaky's Chicken & beverages will be provided.
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE.
Bring seeds to share
(please label type and source)
Send photos of your gardens for our slide show to loesshillswildones@gmail.com by Nov. 1st.

**LHWO 2025
Slate of Candidates**

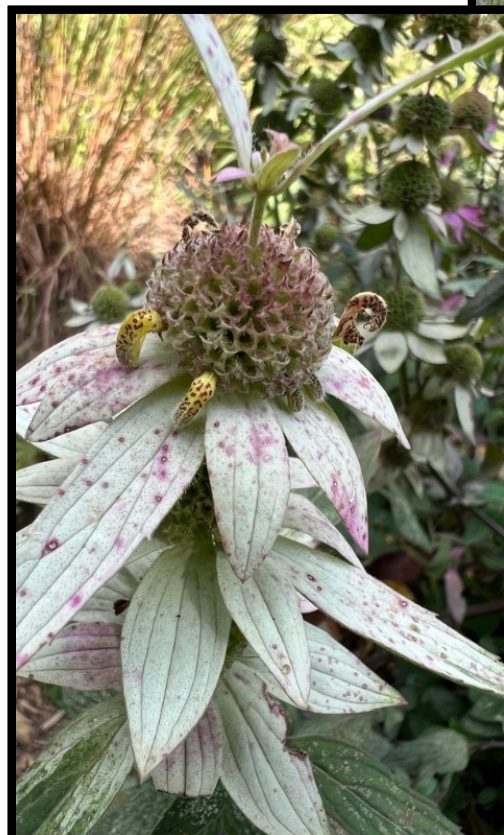
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Ruth Rose
Dawn Snyder
Dotty Zales
- Board Emeritus:**
Dianne Blankenship

Membership Vote on November 9 at Sioux City Public Museum

Drum Roll!!!!
← **Announcing our Slate for 2025-2026!**

We are SO excited about the upcoming YEARS!!

We will have FOOD from Sneaky's Chicken, a potluck for side dishes, seeds to SHARE, and a recap in photos of our year!! If YOU have photos to share, please send them to loesshills.wildones.org by Nov. 1st!!



Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Rose Research!"

