

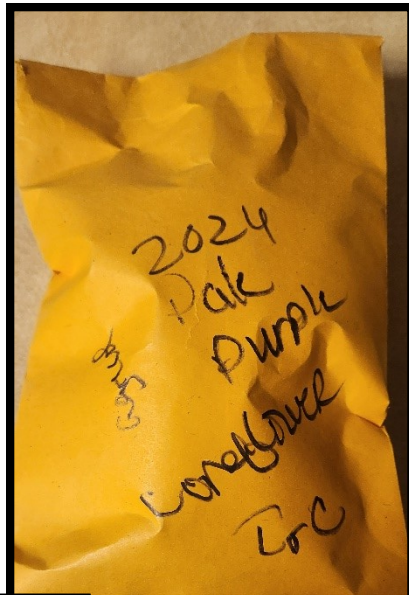
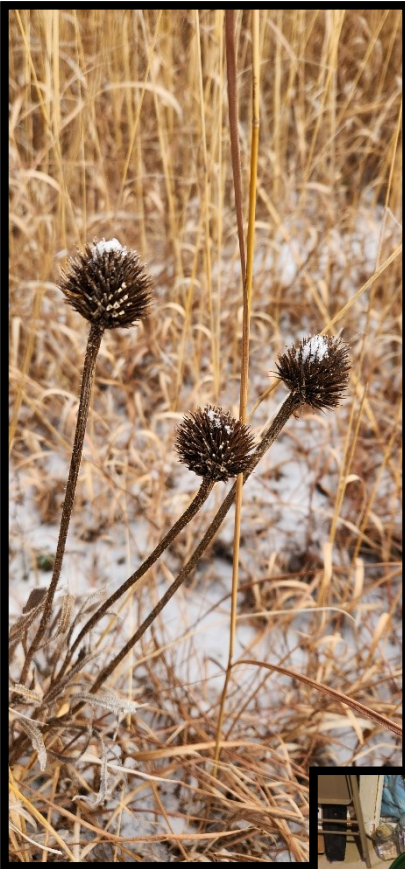
Weekly Wild Wednesday

December 4th, 2024

What a Week of "Saving Seeds!"

While walking at the 'Wild Mess in Progress', we saw some Pale Purple Coneflower Seed heads in the snow- which we left in place to seed this area! BUT it made us remember that two weeks ago we harvested these seed heads in Tom and Cheri's (T&C) garden-- and they should be dry enough to process! Yippee! We reviewed the process from Growitbuildit below right, and watched the short video on this blog as well!

Click the photo below for link!

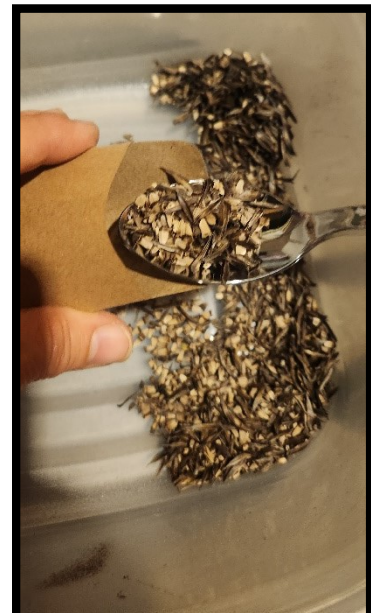


All these seeds from 10 seed heads....

We gathered our fancy and kitchen sieves, seed shaker (recycled pet treat container), nuts and bolts, seeds, seed packets, and a spoon and went right to work! We shook the bolts & seeds in the container and then sieved them till we had nearly all seed and just a bit of chaff! We rough packaged the seed and bits of chaff together. The **WHITE** ones are seed, so you could easily sort them out if you have

time and need really clean seed! We don't! This is **REALLY** fun!

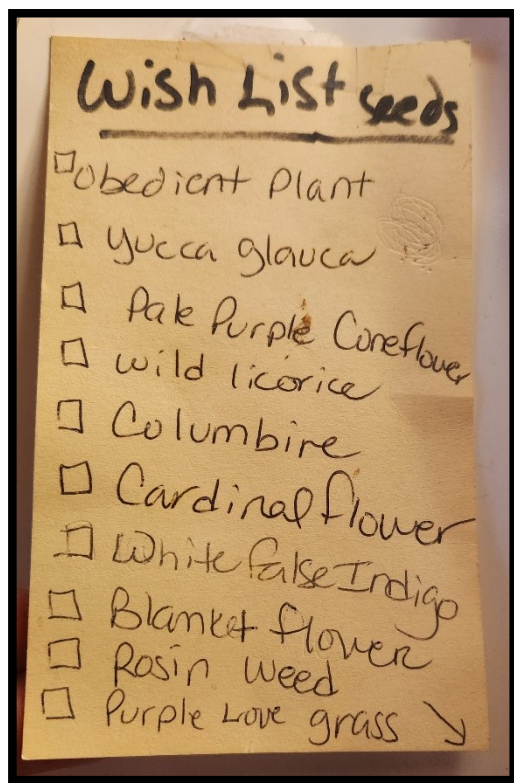
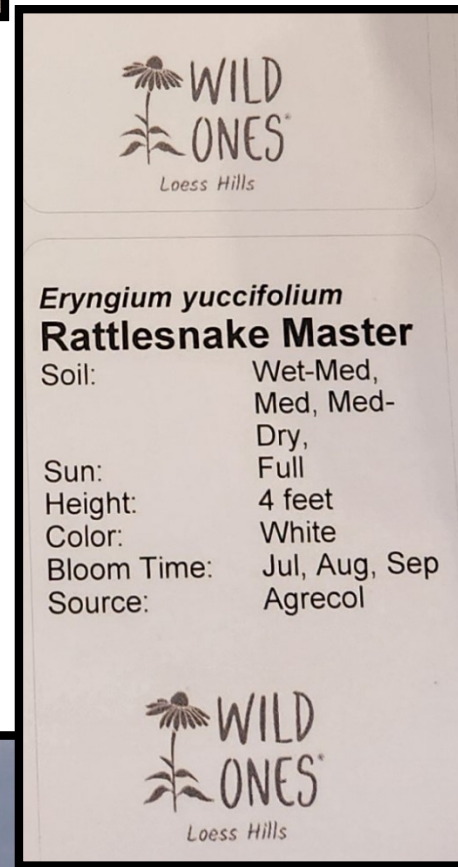
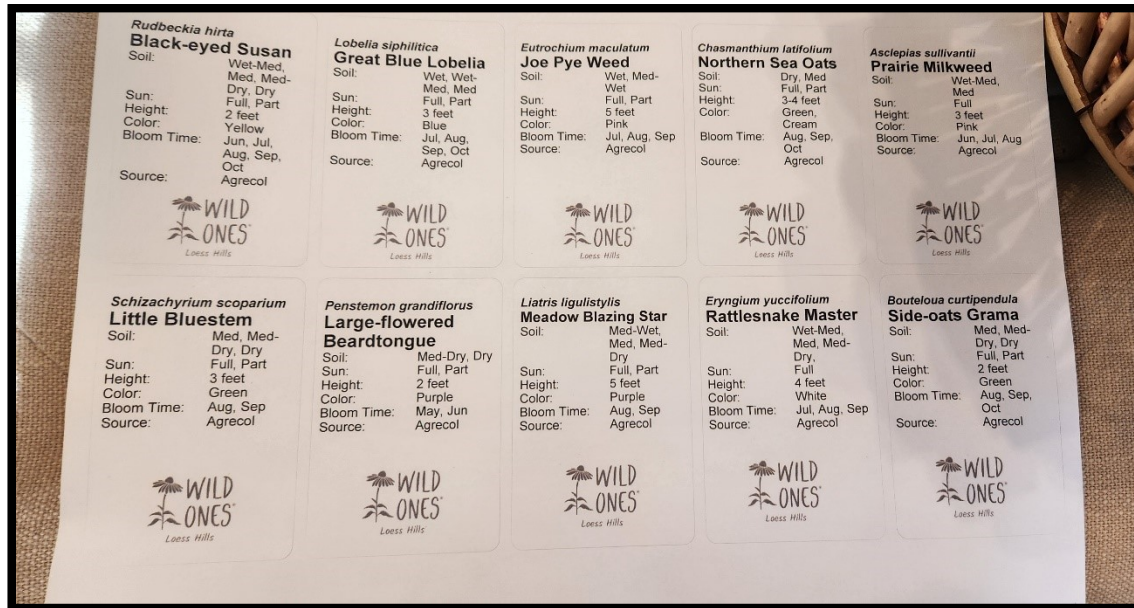
These seeds are being packaged for [Winter Sowing!](#) Our class is on [January 11th](#) From 1-3pm at the [Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!](#)



The seeds are also being saved in a cleaned and labelled package format for the Seed Library in progress!!

Marcie shared a prototype of the labels that will be used at the Seed Library, which will also be hosted at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center! Thank you to Theresa, Tyler, Dawn, Marcie, Rex, and Ruth for this work in progress!

We are so excited!

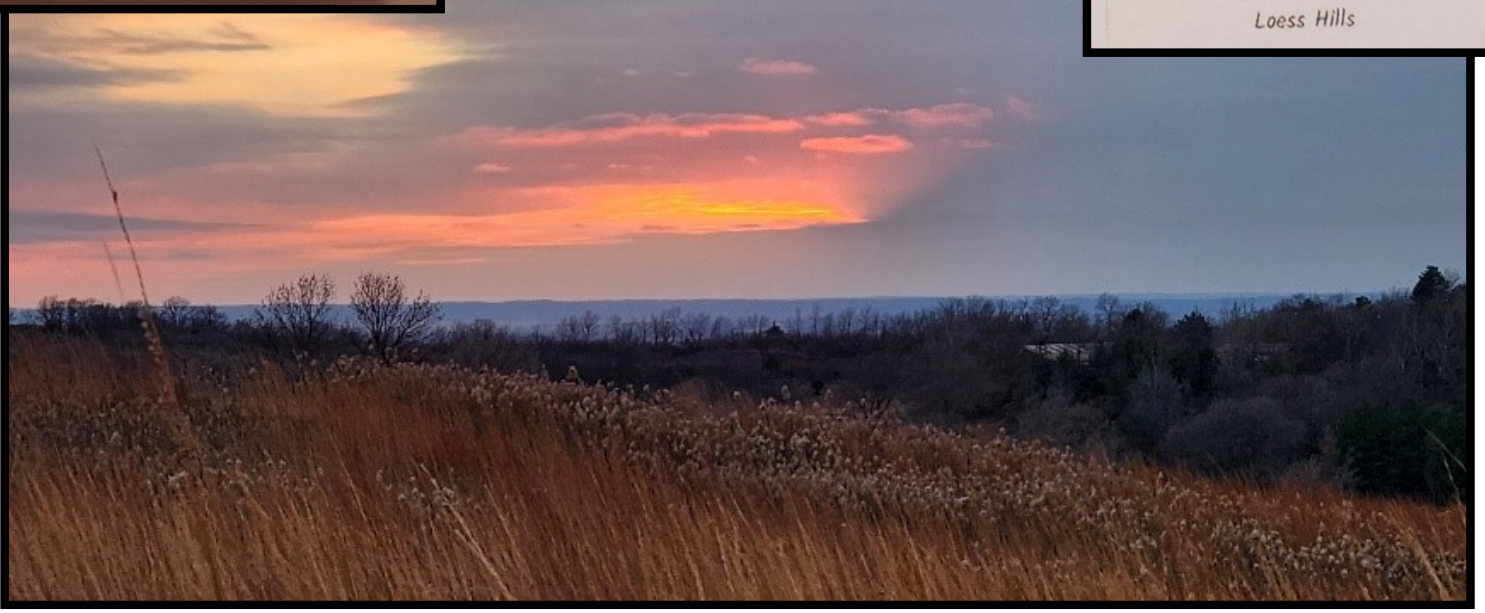


We started a Wish List for the seeds others have requested for the Seed Library, AND for the Seed Shares or the Winter Sowing Class!

If YOU have a Wild Seed on YOUR Wish List, Please let us know!

We will do our very best to get a fresh supply!

After our Seed Adventures, we took another walk to see what seed heads we could find for MORE Seed Packaging Adventures! Wooooowwww—Were we ever rewarded for our efforts!



[Click here for our complete list of upcoming programs and past program videos!](#)

Upcoming Events

- **[Neonics & Advocacy: Protecting Pollinators and Influencing Policy](#)**
Hosted by Wild Ones National
Dec 12th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **[Winter Seed Sowing](#)**
Jan 11th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- **"San Diego, CA Native Garden Design" with Jeanine Sharkey**
Hosted by Wild Ones National
Jan 23rd, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **"Albany, NY Native Garden Design" with Kate Brittenham**
Hosted by Wild Ones National
Feb 27th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **September Wild Ones National Webinar**
Hosted by Wild Ones National
Sep 18th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

← Click for link to ALL upcoming programs—And check back often for updates!

If you decide to grow those Pale Purple Coneflower seeds, there are other options to Winter Sowing-- and you can watch a GREAT video [HERE!](#)

Click photo for link!



You can watch our detailed overview of Echinacea Pallida by clicking on the above video!

Growing Pale Purple Coneflower from seed

The Iowa Prairie Network Winter Seminar is February 15th, all day!

← Click photo for link!

Loess Hills Wild Ones will have a display table at this event, so check us out!

We will have treats!!

Save the Date!

IOWA PRAIRIE NETWORK

Winter Seminar

Ames High School
February 15, 2025
Doors open at 8:30 am

For Love of Prairie

Wishing you a week filled with "Saving Seeds!"

