

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Winter Sowing!"

It's TIIIMMMEEEE!! YIPPEEEEE!!! Winter Sowing Time, that is! We are SO excited to be able to start Direct and Winter Sowing our seeds—  
←Just like Nature is seeding the Native Seeds!!

Click for full video and written Winter Sowing guides from GrowItBuildIt!! →

Joe has been getting started with his winter sowing projects, so we wanted to be sure to share our guide and video with you. Perhaps you have winter sowed in past years, or perhaps this will be your first season to give it a try.

We have detailed guides both on our website and on Youtube to assist you with your winter sowing projects. I'll be sharing this today on our GrowIt BuildIt Facebook and GrowIt BuildIt Instagram pages where you can comment to share your experiences & questions. You can also share the posts with others from there.

ON THE BLOG: Winter Sowing



VIDEO: How To Sow Winter Seeds



At the 'Wild Mess in Progress', we are sowing Wild Rose seeds we dried earlier this season, harvested at Dotty and Bill's Prairie Hills! THANK YOU, D&B!!



Our INDOOR work was a solid 3 hours on the 2024 State of the Chapter! We were SO EXCITED to finish this report and get the CONFETTI Screen from

National Wild Ones! THANK YOU to our NEW Co-Presidents Elisa and Jeff! And a SPECIAL thank you to ALL our Board Members!

100% retention of our Board in 2025!!!

Thank you for completing the 2024 SOCR

Please tell us about your experience by completing the short [Feedback Survey!](#)

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Each year, Wild Ones chapters report on their leadership, activities, community impact, engagement and outreach. The State of the Chapter Report (SOCR) is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate your chapter's accomplishments.

A thank you to all who have helped to make Wild Ones mission focused. Data collected from the Wild Ones to the State of the Chapter Report.





**THIS SATURDAY!!! JOIN US for a LIVE TAKE HOME IN PERSON Winter Sowing Event!!! We can hardly wait to share our SEEDS and our SKILLS!! Family Friendly!! Details below, or click photo for in depth details!**

# WINTER SEED SOWING



**SATURDAY,  
JANUARY 11TH**

**DOROTHY PECAUT  
NATURE CENTER**

1 - 3 PM

Bring 1-2 empty milk jugs.  
We will provide the  
instructions, soil, and seeds.  
Free!

**Weather Date: January 18** - same time



## Upcoming Events

- **Winter Seed Sowing**  
Jan 11th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- **"Difficult Native Plants to Germinate"**  
Feb 8th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **September Wild Ones National Webinar**  
Hosted by Wild Ones National  
Sep 18th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **October Wild Ones National Webinar**  
Hosted by Wild Ones National  
Oct 16th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **November Wild Ones National Webinar**  
Hosted by Wild Ones National  
Nov 20th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[View All Events](#)



**And Mark your Calendars  
for the upcoming program  
on Germinating Difficult  
Seeds!**

**This is sure to be a hit with  
those of us who have had  
SOME success with our  
seedlings but wish we had  
a lot MORE sprouts!**

**Grow some Wild with us!!**

## GERMINATING DIFFICULT SEEDS with ROD TONDREAU

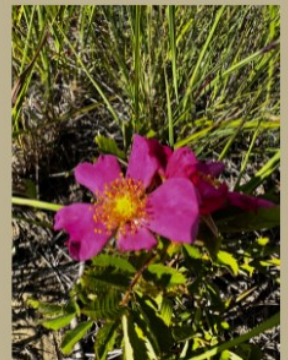
**Saturday, February 8**

10AM

Dorothy Pecaut  
Nature Center



*Loess Hills Species*







← So many trends this year include **NATIVE plants** and **Natural landscapes!**

Click either photo for two styles of gardens that are friendly to the Wild!! →

We say a bittersweet goodbye to a dear and cherished friend and fellow gardener, **Buddy**. He never failed to help with any gardening project, hike, garden walk, frog search, seed harvest, winter seeding with his coat, or just plain bringing a smile! Winter was his favorite time of year, so it is fitting that we say goodbye during this Season.

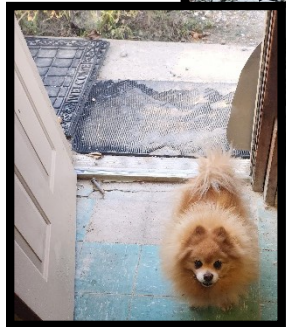
He will be sorely missed by everyone who shared his long and happy life.

Off He Goes, to his Next Adventure!



Mowed emerald, green lawns are on their way out, say garden experts, and the same is true of backyards.

Instead of green grass backyards, gardeners are turning to “chaos gardening,” says Amy Yarger, Butterfly Pavilion senior director of horticulture. Think of this type of gardening as like mixed meadow plantings or [wildflower gardens](#), something you’d find easily thriving in nature.





*Wishing you a week filled with "Nature Plant Winter Sowing!"*

