Weekly Wild Wednesday February 12th, 2025

What a Week of "Roses and Romance!"



Rod kept us enthralled with his hints and tips on 'Germinating Difficult Seeds!' He brought many seeds with him as examples and to share, one of these was a huge bag of Rose Hips to be processed! They smelled wonderful!!

Dawn recorded the program, which will be edited and shared on our YouTube Channel soon!



in Ames this coming Saturday!!

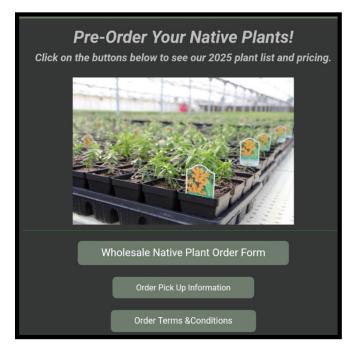
Cheri and the Plant Sale Committee will be meeting **SOON to Pre-Order the** plants for this years' **Spring Plant Sale** May 16-18th!

You can request plants for consideration for the sale by clicking this link > and checking the availability of the plants!

Cheri can also Pre-Order a whole flat of a SINGLE plant type-- if you wish!

Let us know!







Nature Center Offers Pollinator Friendly Plants and Habitat Program

Learn how to help our essential native pollinators on Saturday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Jamie Beyer will present the program, *Pollinator Friendly Plants and Habitat* Pollinators include butterflies, hummingbirds, native bees and honeybees. Beyer will share EASY and FUN ways to help these critters like planting beautiful nectar producing plants. The HARD part is creating a different attitude and habits such as less mowing and less use of herbicides/pesticides. Truly, this should be the easy part since it requires less work.



PLEASE Mark Your Calendar!

Co-sponsored by:

Dorothy Pecau

WILD ONES

Saturday March 8th at 10AM

Click Jamie's photo for a detailed bio-And AWARDS!!!

There will be two basic themes to this presentation; "In nature, diversity is the key to stability" and the other is "the more you know the less you mow"!!

Beyer is a Lifetime Master Gardener, a beekeeper, and water garden consultant from Boone, Iowa. He has received numerous accolades for his efforts over the years including from the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Iowa Beekeepers Association. This presentation is cosponsored by the Loess Hills Wild Ones and the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. The free program is open to the public.

For more information contact the Nature Center at 712-258-0838.



Owls - Our Early Nesters

Marla Mertz, Marion County Conservation

The cold seems to make winter quiet, almost too quiet. The only sounds are of wind, plows, snow shovels, and the crackling of ice and snow under your feet.

If you were out stargazing in the light of the January moon, you may have heard the distant calling of the male great horned owl, lowa's earliest nester. Finally, the sounds of





Often we feel like this is the perfect time of year to do some tree removal and snag trimming---But---Our Native Owls are NESTING NOW!!

If it is not a necessary emergency-PLEASE be sure to check the trees carefully for nesting owls-- before removing or trimming trees!

Those babies are SOOOOO Cute!! And precious!

Click for links to a GREAT article!

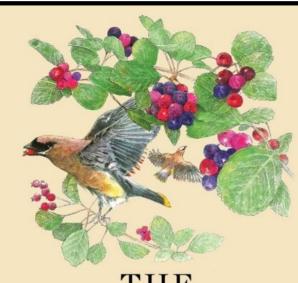
The Lending Library has a NEW book!

Reserve it now!

It's currently already on loan!

GrowltBuildIt has a fabulous list of the latest and greatest Top 15 Fragrant Natives!

← Click for link!



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Wishing you a week filled with "Roses and Romance!"



