

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Shocking Shivers!"

This was a GREAT week to stay indoors and catch up on Seed Packaging, reading, and indoor fun with friends! And speaking of friends, Laura Fischer Walter from the Tallgrass Prairie Center sent us these notes and a photo taken by Lilly! We were SO excited to hear

from her! In case you have forgotten, she is the Plant Materials Program Manager at the center, and she has

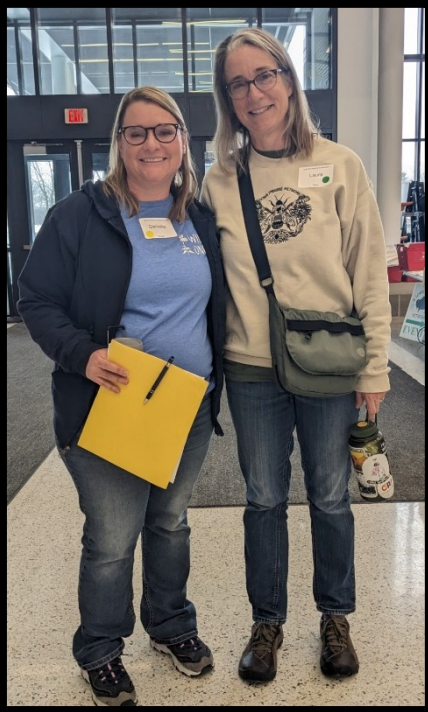
Look who introduced herself to me at the IPN Winter Meeting! It was fun meeting Danielle and Lilly (photo credit to her) in person! It was like meeting a celebrity after seeing her in your newsletters many times! :-)

Things are going well; kind of the calm before the storm. I'm getting ready to be gone next week for the National Native Seed Conference in Tucson, and my student and I have been enjoying checking our flats in the greenhouse for new seedlings. To me, seedlings embody hope! And from a practical standpoint, they also mean that we'll be very busy soon.

helped us endlessly with tips on seeds-From harvest to long term storage to 'Plants in the Ground!' And then some! She is one of OUR celebrities, and we cannot thank her enough for all her help over the years! We cannot wait to hear about the National Native Seed Conference, which we did NOT know about until this note!

Grow, Laura!

Best, Laura



And you can meet OUR celebrities, Danielle, Bill, Dotty, and more at the upcoming Native Plant Day March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025! Thank you to EVERYONE who is helping with this event! Register TODAY!! Click photo! →

The Plant Sale Committee met at Tom and Cheri's 'The Old House' and picked out plants for the Spring Sale! We had SUCH a great get-together! Thank you, Committee!

## Native Plant Day- March 1, 2025

Native Plant Day
Plants, Design, Prairie, and Conservation
Free & Open to All!
Register for any or all sessions.

- 10 AM- Native Plants - Troy and Sarah Davelaar, Siouxland Prairie Farm
11 AM- Residential Landscaping with Native Plants - Danielle Metzger, Wild Ones Loess Hills
1 PM- Creating or Rehabilitating a Prairie - Dr. Bill and Dotty Zales and Bev Rutter, Prairie Flower
2 PM- Integrating Prairie Strips on Farmlands - Tim Youngquist, ISU Agricultural Specialist

March 1, 2025
Sioux County Extension Office
400 Central Ave. NW
Orange City
\*Lower Level, East Entrance

Register by February 27, 2025.
Register at: https://go.iastate.edu/NATIVEDAY2025
or call (712) 737-4230



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Table with 3 columns: Grasses, Sedges, & Rices; Wildflowers; and a third column of plant names. Includes handwritten note 'I like Anna' and 'I like Anna'.

Join us for  
EVERYTHING!

We can hardly wait  
to see you!

Click 'Upcoming  
Events' for these-  
and many more-  
offerings!



## 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.

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 co-sponsored 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](tel:712-258-0838).

## Upcoming Events

- [Native Plant Day in Orange City](#)  
Promoted Event  
Mar 1st, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- [Pollinator Friendly Plants & Habitat with Jamie Beyer](#)  
Mar 8th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [National Panel Discussion: The Advocacy Power of Public Native Gardens](#)  
Hosted by Wild Ones National  
Mar 20th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [Meet the Plants & Roll-out the Grants](#)  
Apr 12th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- [Spring Native Plant Sale - Members Preview](#)  
May 16th, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm



What do crazy people do when it is 12 below zero—actual temperature—and snow is everywhere? We bundle up in many layers, cover every inch, strap on snowshoes, and head out anyway!

Here's a LOT of prairie birds eating seeds off the grasses where you guys burned last year cooperatively!

We snowshoed to Dorothy Pecaut to check out the seed library with a hot drink and several back up emergency items in our backpack! We are so happy we didn't need any of those emergency back-up items!



The Seed Library is a huge success, and we are re-stocking those empty jars just as quickly as we can!

We saw some bluebirds!! This early!! Did they just stay over this Winter?

GrowItBuildIt has a birdhouse cleaning guide, and it includes Blue Bird Houses! Click for details! →



*Wishing you a week filled with "Warmer Weather!"*

