

Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 2nd, 2025

What a Week of "Pasque Passion!"

Yippeeeeeee!!! They DO exist!!

Here in the
Siouxland
Area, the
earliest Native
flowers of
Spring are the
Pasque
Flowers!

Dawn went South to [Preparation Canyon](#), and both of us went to [Joy Hollow](#) and [Broken Kettle Grasslands](#) with GREAT results! From the tiniest of tiny green, gray, and pink fronds to the final flower, these take a ZOOM and a lot of careful hunting!

By careful, we mean STAY on the PATH to keep from crushing the nearly invisible buds! My fingernail dwarfs these tiny flowers! Click links or photos above for a DEEP DIVE into Pasques!

Check out the pollinators hiding in many of these photos!



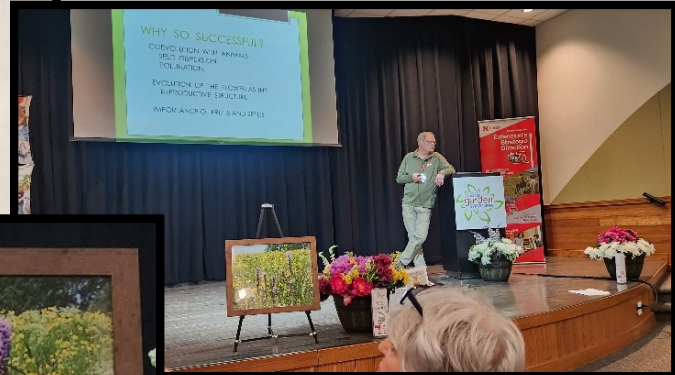
The Siouxland Garden Symposium was amazing! We learned SO much! The extended season Food Gardener, Meg, specifically mentioned Prairie as her example in her new book "Plant, Grow, Harvest, Repeat!" And she had so many pollinator and Native plants in her thriving veggie garden!

Ian shared such fabulous landscaping ideas with Native plants, and Rod Tondreau inspired us with not only a fabulous presentation on WHY we should plant Native plants, but so MANY photographs showcasing Prairie splendor! He also gave a GORGEOUS framed photo as a prize for the drawing!

We were not the lucky recipients, drats...



Schedule	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 10:00	Meg Cowden - Sowing Hope: Grow More Across the Seasons
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11:00	Ian Petersen - Pollinator Habitats and Landscaping with Natives
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch
12:00 - 12:45	Amanda Beck - Spray What! An Introduction to Chemical Use in the Garden & Landscape
12:45 - 1:00	Break
1:00 - 1:45	Shawn Tabke - The Greenhouse Guide - Expectations and Reality
1:45 - 2:00	Break
2:00 - 2:45	Rod Tondreau - Why Should we plant Native Plants



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NEBRASKA EXTENSION IN DOUGLAS-SARPY COUNTIES



256 CERTIFIED POLLINATOR HABITATS IN NEBRASKA AS OF NOVEMBER 2024

Nebraska Pollinator Habitat Certification

Above, Ian's Pollinator Certification!
 Click photo for link!

Thanks to Danielle, Cheri, Tom, and Jeff we are quite sure we had the VERY BEST Table at the show! We might be a tiny bit biased...



We met a wonderful couple, Sterling and Pat, who stayed overnight at the 'Wild Mess in Progress!' They were on their way from the Sandhill Cranes in Nebraska through Iowa to their home in Wisconsin! They sent this information about their stop at the Necedah Wildlife Refuge! Whooping Cranes! Click photos for links!

On the way home we stopped at the Necedah Wildlife refuge in Wisconsin. We saw two whooping cranes and two people from the International Crane Fdn going out to check on them in cranes suits.



THANK YOU Pat and Sterling!

A woman at the refuge told us the International Crane Foundation folks were out there looking for nests and intending to encourage the birds to NOT nest this early, as our finkle spring weather often results in nest failures when they lay too early. Or, eggs could be taken to ICF for incubating - with the hopes that the whoopers would re-nest. Interesting!



Join Us at our next program on Saturday, April 12th at 1pm at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center to Learn about the native plants that will be available at the upcoming Spring Plant Sale.

This is a great way to Learn More about native wildflowers and grasses which can help you plan own beautiful garden.

The program will also feature a rollout of the native plant mini-grants available to both individuals and local organizations.

Look for Dawn and I on April 3 talking about meet the plants and grants!!!

Danielle

← Mark Your Calendar!

We will definitely be looking for Dawn and Danielle on April 3rd on Around Siouxland!!!



Around Siouxland Loess Hills Wild Ones



Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Wonder!"

