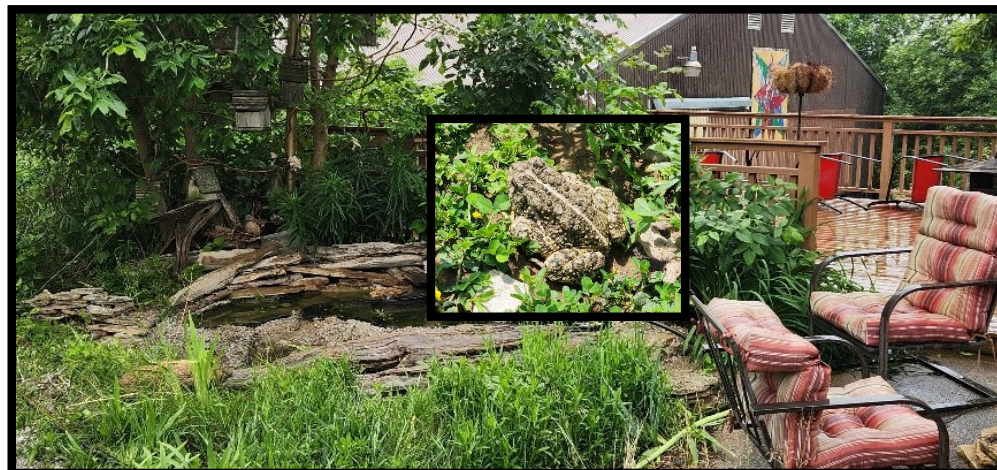


# Weekly Wild Wednesday

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Helping The Wild!"



At the 'Wild Mess in Progress', we are working on the ponds, adding driftwood natural areas for frogs and toads. We were rewarded by hearing frogs, and seeing TWO toads! One made its way over to the Garden Shed and set up residence there, so we quickly added some flagstones and a bit of décor to that area as well!

"Find what you need, Frogs and Toads!"



Several weeks ago, as you can see from the Bluebell comment, John sent us this note and photo! We finally have room to showcase this awesome new post! Thanks, John!

Greetings Ruth

I thought I would share pictures of our Virginia bluebells. Also, last weekend I put up a post to hold our Wild Ones grant sign, Monarch way station sign and a couple of bee hotels.



Marcie sent this!



The bees are all over the Early Figwort.

MMS 12:03 PM

Wooooooooowwww!!!

Below, Dianne sent this!



Notice the license plate!!

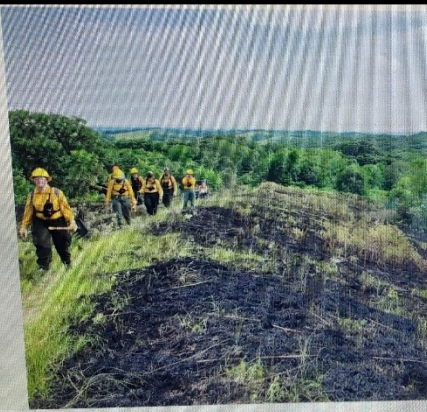


Indigo Bush Amorpha fruticosa in bloom! Off our front deck.

← And Dotty sent this!!

Click plant photos for links!





**The Nature Conservancy in Iowa**  
 March 15, 2024  
 Trailblazers Academy: Empowering Women in Prescribed Fire Workshop

We're thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for Iowa-based female fire practitioners! Join us for a workshop designed to empower and elevate your fire management skills at Broken Kettle Grasslands in Westfield, IA, from June 4 - 6.

Why attend?

- Gain hands-on experience in a safe and supportive environment.
- Learn from experienced women fire practitioners.
- Enhance your operational and leadership abilities.
- Open to all levels, whether you're just starting or a seasoned pro, we welcome all women fire practitioners to this enriching experience.

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**Crispy on purpose!**  
**The Trailblazers Academy burned several prairies immediately next to us on Talbot Road!**

**Nelle and I went to take a look!**

**Trailblazers Academy: Empowering Women in Prescribed Fire Workshop**  
 We're thrilled to announce a unique opportunity for Iowa-based female fire...

**They also burned the Friends of Stone Park Pocket Prairie, below!**



**Speaking of Pocket Prairies, Dianne also sent us these photos of an article in Better Homes and Gardens featuring Benjamin Vogt!**



**And Danielle and I both sure hope the 'Always and Forever' landscape trend is a 'modern meadow'!**

**This popped up in our Google News Feed!**



**Is the next landscape trend a 'modern meadow'?**



My grandparents Perry and Hilda Zenor  
Built their house on this hill in 1925...  
It's been loved by the same family ever since!  
So to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Of our Old House,  
You are invited to an

Open House & Garden Walk!

2811 South Cecelia Street

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:00-1:00

Refreshments will be served with  
Cake cutting and champagne popping at noon!

No RSVP required

**Birthday Party for  
'The Old House'  
at Tom and Cheri's!**

**This is a MEMBERS  
ONLY EVENT, so  
[Join Us](#)  
And come on over!**

**Garden Walk &  
Celebration!**

Tom spends a bit of time talking to Grok (the AI on X). Yesterday he asked her which native plants might compete with lambs quarter and mares tail in Sioux City. She had several suggestions and gave advice on availability...wow.

Tom and Cheri also shared their surprise when both Loess Hills and Loess Hills Wild Ones Plant Sale popped right up when they did a search!

**We really ARE on the map for Native Plants! Grow Native, Siouxland!**

**Requirements:** Full sun, well-drained soils. Loess Hills plants tolerate dry to mesic conditions.

- **Availability:** Often available at Loess Hills Wild Ones plant sales.

2. **Pasque Flower**  
(*Pulsatilla patens*, syn.

**Plant Sales:** The Wild Ones chapter in Sioux City hosts annual spring plant sales (e.g., May 16–17, 2025, at Tom and Cheri Stewart's home, 2801 S. Cecelia St.). Plants like prairie smoke, pasque flower, and native grasses are often available. Check their website ([loesshills.wildones.org](http://loesshills.wildones.org)) for species lists and grant opportunities for native plant projects.

*Wishing you a week filled with "Helping Something Wild!"*

