

Weekly Wild Wednesday

August 27th, 2025

What a Week of "Prairie Moon Nursery!"

We got on line in MAY to secure our tour for Prairie Moon Nursery!!
They host VERY LIMITED tours of the property, so set your reminders for May 2026 if YOU want to visit Prairie Moon NEXT year!



We were SO EXCITED
to find the property!!



Minnesota has AWESOME options
for license plates supporting Critical
Habitat! Above and far left, we were
greeted by a friendly gardener with
her "Let's talk Native Plants" shirt!
We were READY to LISTEN!

The staff who hosted our entire
experience were FABULOUS!
They shared EVERY aspect of the
process of bringing us Native
plants and seeds in GREAT detail
and answered each question
thoroughly! They were so
entertaining!

Their motto—
"WE ARE CONSTANTLY
LEARNING FROM EACH
OTHER IN AN EVER CHANGING FIELD". We love that!



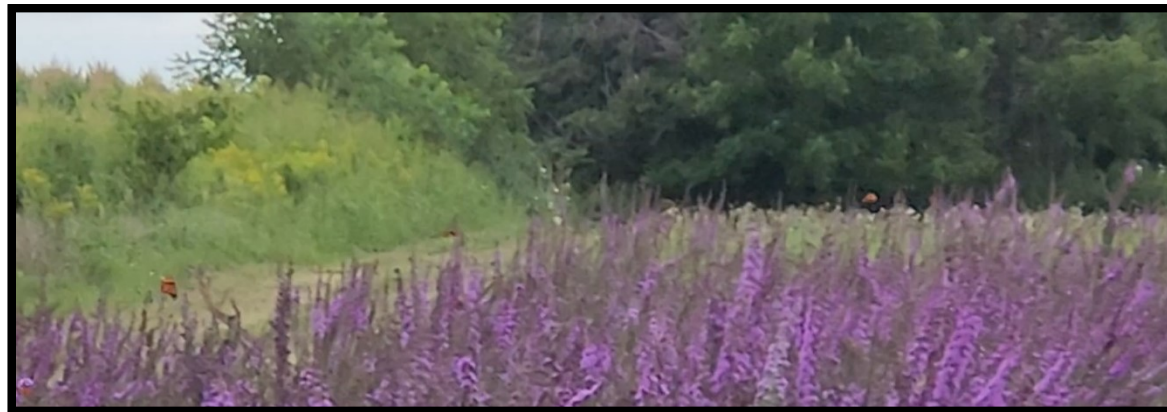
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"Off We Went- On Our Next Adventure"; touring the
Planting Fields for bare root plants and SEED
production!!

Meet the staff on the link below!

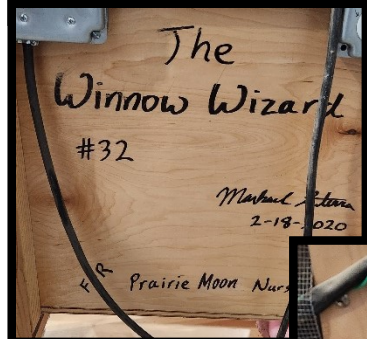
<https://www.prairiemoon.com/meet-prairie-moon.html>





We were stopped in our tracks- with jaws dropped- by the fields of Meadow Liatris in full bloom-AND FULLY MONARCHED!
 ← Every single orange dot in that photo is a MONARCH!

WOOOOOOWWWW!!!!



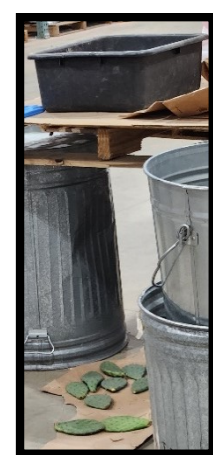
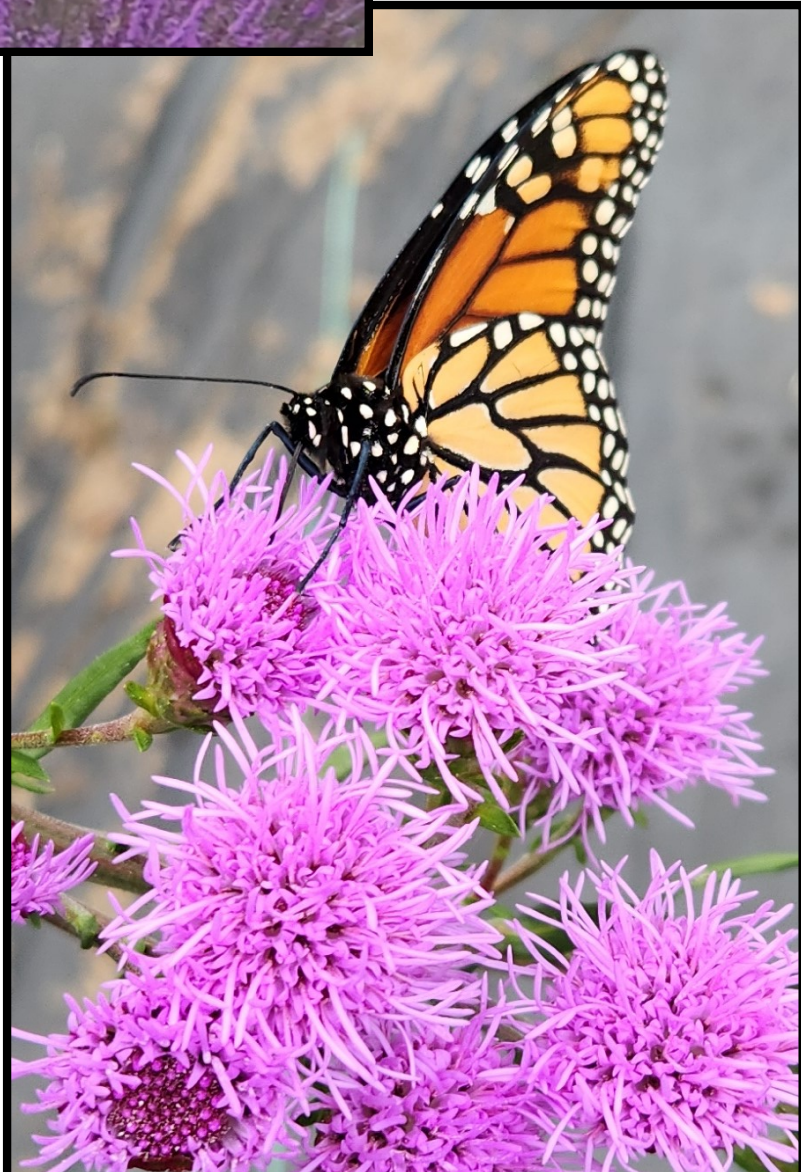
We visited the HUGE bags of newly collected seed, above, drying enough to go to the Processing Warehouse below left!



There were SO MANY sizes of screens for the seeds! And we thought WE had a lot of choices!

HA!

The Prickly Pear Cactus was being sorted, dried, and propagated by HAND! OUCH!





The MOST exciting part if you are a Seed Nerd, would be the SEED STORAGE and PACKAGING building! WOOOOOWWWW!



The seed is measured, weighed, and packaged TOTALLY by HAND! That seed packet you get in the mail? Above top center is the kind and smiling face behind your seed packets! We LOVE this! Some seed is refrigerated, and all the seed stored is temperature and humidity controlled. Dawn (right) looked at all the available kinds of REFRIGERATED seed packets, waiting to be filled after purchase, one at a time! Who knew?



We visited the Equipment Field with HUGE wind Winnowers for the Milkweed Seeds!



← We saw a **BRAND NEW Bare Root Plant Digger**, which has yet to be put into use! Hand digging has been the way you get your Bare Root Plants, and that will continue, but many of the Row

Plants might be able to be harvested with this new tool, if it every dries out enough to try it successfully in the fields!

← Then 'Off We Went' to the distant greenhouses!

← The seeds are started in **VERY SMALL** containers, indeed! The cell packs were either 144 cells per tray, or a whopping 288 cells in the **SAME SIZE TRAY**!

The seeds are up-potted only once to the size of container you get in the mail when you order your plants. These are grown for 1-2 years, depending on the plant, in the greenhouses before they reach sales size.

The plants Dawn is photo-ing are about 8 months into their upsized containers! Her friend Polly is getting some of these exact plants in her order this Fall--delivered to New Jersey!

We drove to the Old Barns that are still in daily use---

--Drying & storing seeds! These are the **ORIGINAL Prairie Moon Nursery sites**-- prior to expansions! We checked out the Bare Root Hand Dig Gardens! What a **TREAT** this entire tour turned out to be, with weather also cooperating to make our day **PERFECT!**
THANK YOU PRAIRIE MOON NURSERY!!

Wishing you a week filled with “Prairie Moon Nursery!”

