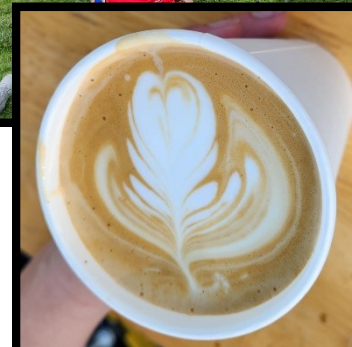
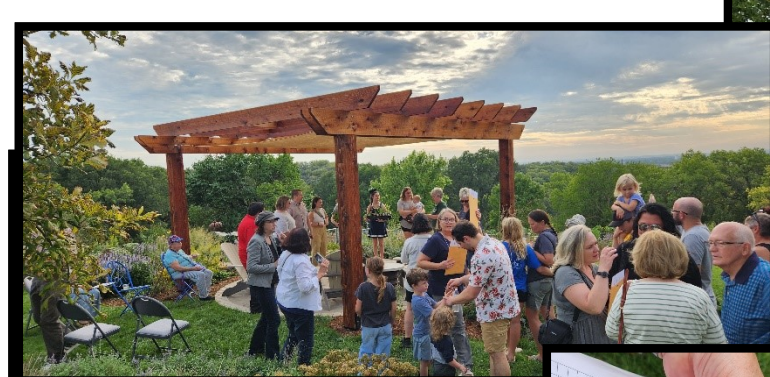


# Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
What a Week of "Wild Events!"

Weather and plants all came together for the Fall Plant Sale! We had coffee from Cherry Berry, plants from Coral and Siouxland Prairie Farms, and food from EVERYONE! Cheri's new copper rabbits RAN down the path to the new pavilion (Ha!) along with all the Grant Recipients, family, friends, and shoppers!



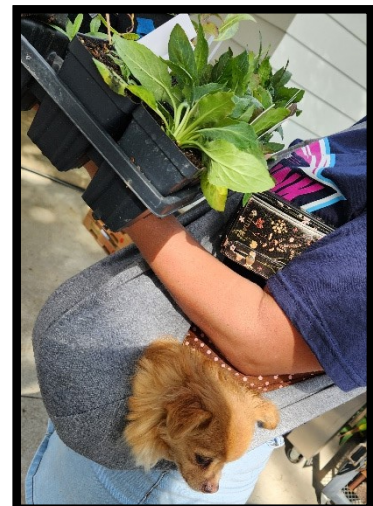
Lisa's 'Sunflower' →  
dip was darling  
AND delicious!

Dogs were  
welcomed! →

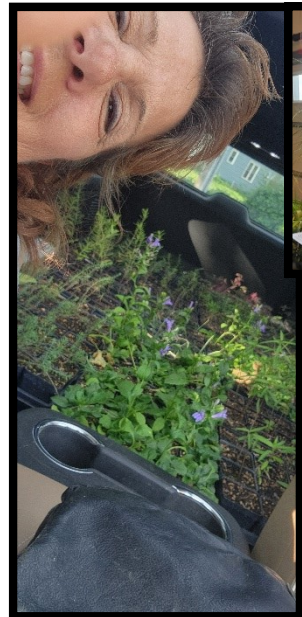
← The Monarch  
Tagging was a HUGE success!  
More than 50 individual monarchs  
were recorded! Dawn skillfully  
handled the monarchs and  
supervised their careful tagging  
while teaching others about these

gorgeous butterflies! The tags were from Monarch Watch and were purchased by Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!

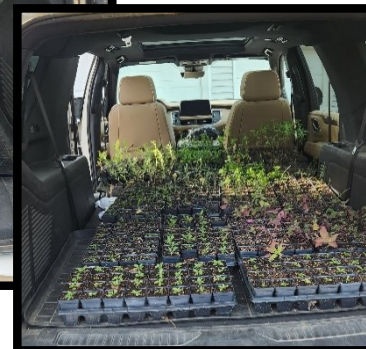
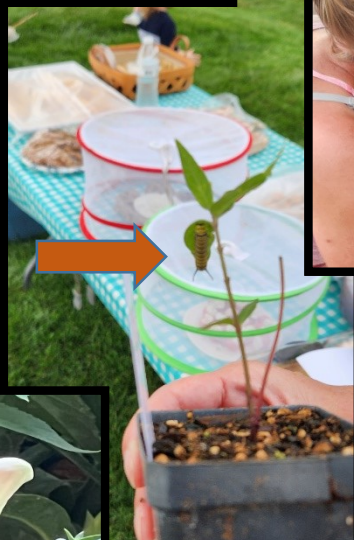
← Lilly's 'Nosy New Friend' shows that even in an urban setting, you can plant native plants and do your part to help these gorgeous creatures find what they need to fly all the way to their overwintering site and return next Spring! Find what you need, migrating creatures!







There's a lot that goes into a plant sale! Deciding what to have, ordering, growing, delivering, tabling... However YOUR plants were cared for before they were Purchased, Granted, Gifted, and Planted is a labor of time, energy, and love!  
**THANK YOU to ALL!!**



← This little monarch caterpillar hitched a ride on a Rose Milkweed! Coral rescued the plant and the passenger by planting it near an existing stand of milkweeds! Find what you need, little guy!

Below, The 'Wild Things Welcome' Event was also a huge success!! Dotty and Dawn rocked their presentation!



This white turtlehead arrived yesterday afternoon from Bluebird. Guess who already found it...

**Bloom to Brew: Local Beer Infused with Summer Flowers Grows Community, Education, and Native Plants**

KWIT | By Mark Munger

Dawn did this interview! Click for link!

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Jefferson Beer Supply

Wild Things Welcome was brewed by Jefferson Beer Supply with the Loess Hills Wild Ones

As the summer's flowers go to seed, Jefferson Beer Supply and the Loess Hills Wild Ones have found a way to preserve and enjoy some of the color. They've made a beer with them! But the enjoyment goes





**Saturday, September 27**

**1:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Prairie Hills Farm**

## Seeds & Snacks Prairie Seed Harvest

Bring clippers, gloves, drinking water. Refreshments afterwards.

Seed will be collected for seed share library & local sources.

**Sponsored by:**



Our NEXT event is SURE to be a crowd pleaser!

Come to Prairie Hills Farm September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 to harvest seeds! If you have never done this before, this is the perfect opportunity to learn all about collecting and preserving Native Seeds!

15384 N. Ridge Road,  
Westfield Iowa!

Click below for ALL the upcoming events!

### Upcoming Events

- **Free Webinar: "EcoBeneficial Landscape Strategies for the Climate Crisis" with Kim Eierman**

Hosted by Wild Ones National

Sep 18th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- **Seeds and Snacks- Seed Harvest at Prairie Hills**

Sep 27th, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

- **Native Seed Harvest at WITCC**

Sep 30th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- **Native Seed Harvest at Hilltop Gardens**

Oct 11th, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

- **Free Webinar: "Next Steps for Nature" with Doug Tallamy**

Hosted by Wild Ones National

Oct 16th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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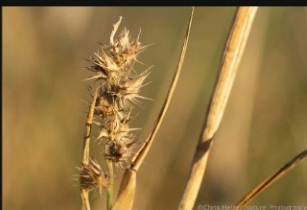
#### Celebrating Sticky Seeds

By Chris Helzer on September 9, 2025

Early autumn is a season of surprise and wonder. Colors are changing and animals are scurrying all around, trying to check off all their pre-winter tasks. For nature enthusiasts like us, it's also a great time to appreciate the complex and sophisticated ways plants move their seeds around the world.

For example, there's the unexpected prick of joy when you accidentally sandwich a heretofore unseen sandbur between calf and hamstring as you kneel down to re-tie your boot laces.

(I think that's the first time I've ever used the word "heretofore". I hope I used it correctly. I would have used "previously", but when I typed it out, the spelling looked wrong for some reason. Brains are funny.)



Sandbur (*Cenchrus longispinus*)

Anyway, upon discovering the sandbur, you immediately stand back up, lick your fingers, and remove it (and its friends) from your pantleg. As you have so many times, you ask yourself why licking your fingers helps it hurt less when you grab sandburs. Surely, the surface tension of saliva can't provide that much protection? Regardless, seeing and feeling the sandburs is a terrific way to celebrate their particular seed dispersal strategy. Hurray for nature!

After you identify a winding path that will allow you to avoid more nearby sandburs, you step forward - only then remembering that you'd stop to tie your boots. That's when you glance down and realize your boot laces must have pulled loose when you walked through a patch of cocklebur a little way back. Now, a cheerful cluster of cocklebur seed pods

Dawn shared this hilarious and apt clip of Chris Helzer's Sticky Seeds!

← Click photo for link!



*Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Events!"*

