

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Seedy Creativity!"

**Saturday, October 11**

**Noon - 2:00 PM**

**Hilltop Gardens**

## **Native Seed Harvest**

Bring clippers, gloves, drinking water.

Seed will be collected for LHWO's  
Seed Share Library. Open to all.



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**Upcoming! This Saturday! Join us in harvesting Native Seeds to help stock the Seed Library!**

**Or Come just to see the beauty of the Hilltop Gardens!**

**Tom and Cheri's  
2801 S. Cecelia Street  
Sioux City, Iowa**

**Noon-2PM!**

**Marcie shared this live action photo she took with her GOOD camera!**

**Good-ness! (Ha!)**

**The cute bee hovering below the Monarch is especially cute in live action!**





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Wild Ones Loess Hills Chapter member Marcie Ponder, left, keeps the seed library well stocked. The cabinet was built by Tyler Flammang, right, a nature center employee and carpenter.

to the mission, turning participants into advocates for native plants.

#### Advice for other chapters

The Loess Hills team suggests other Wild Ones chapters considering a seed library to start small, noting that Rose's traveling library was a low-cost way to test the concept. Second, partner with a trusted community hub like a nature center or library to maximize reach and credibility. Third, invest in education; workshops and detailed resources empower users to succeed. Finally, engage trusted volunteers in seed collection to build community and ensure a sustainable supply.

"It's about creating a cycle of giving and growing," Rose said. "The more people participate, the stronger the impact."

#### Beyond the seeds: A vision for the future

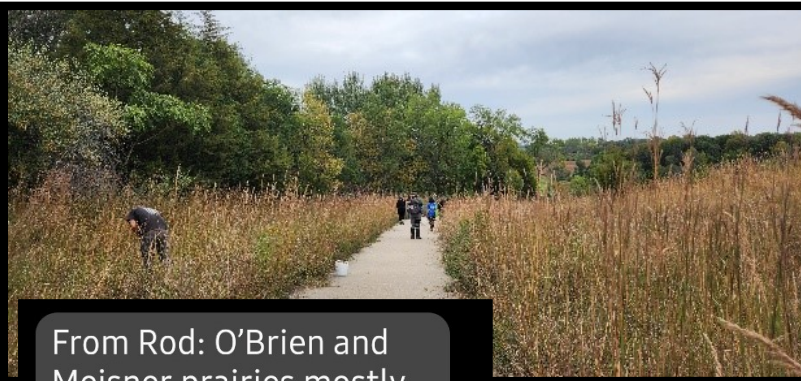
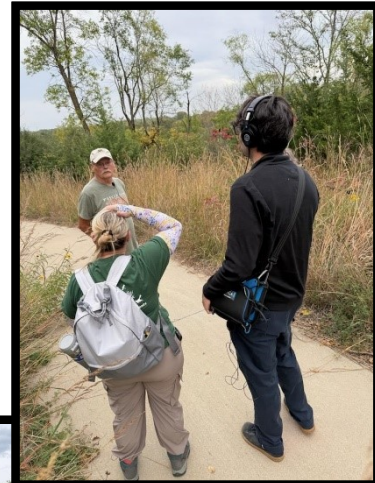
The Loess Hills Seed Library is more than a collection of packets; it's a movement to restore the ecological

**Speaking of Marcie, Seeds, and the Seed Library, check out her article in the Fall Wild Ones Journal!**

**So exciting!!**

← **Click photos for link!!**

**Right and below, Rod Tondreau and Dawn organized and led our successful hunt for even MORE seed for the Seed Library! Rod, Danielle, and Mark Munger led the hunt over at Western Iowa Tech's Prairie, Hummingbird, and Butterfly Gardens! Stay tuned for Mark's podcast later this year! We will send a link!**



From Rod: O'Brien and Meisner prairies mostly. Baldwin hill prairie near Center Neb also. Prairie onion from Waterman prairie Sioux county.

All native!

4:47 PM

**Yippeeeeeee!!!!!!**

← **Rod and his students collected ALL of the seed for these projects by HAND and managed these areas into the gorgeousness they are today!**

**Those are TALL!! →**



**THANK YOU to EVERYONE who helped collect all those seeds for the Seed Library!**

**Special thanks to Rod for GROWING these Native Plants!!**



While you are harvesting seeds, keep an eye out for natural seed items you can repurpose as Native Plant Decorations in your own settings!

← Dotty made THESE out of recycled Milkweed Pods! Woowooooowww!!!

← We are in flat out DECORATING MODE at The O'Connor House representing Loess Hills Wild Ones!

We were honored to be selected to decorate the Impact Room, which is the very first room guests will see in this Historical Home! The O'Connor House is open to the public the FIRST TWO weekends in November, so mark your calendars and GO! It's a wonderful way to kick off the Holiday Season!

← We used Wild Sumac that we cut and hung LAST YEAR in the dark garage to slowly dry, while leaving PLENTY behind for the Wild!

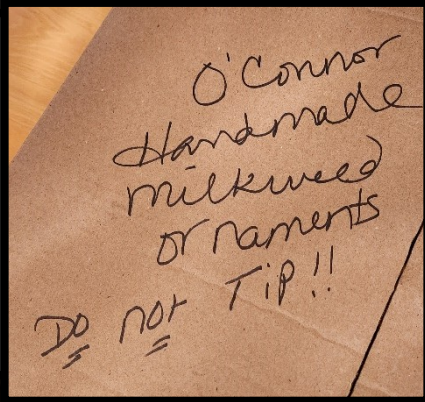
Milkweed Angels, Hummingbirds, and Stars decorated with feathers, Oak Acorns, Pinecones, and plenty of gorgeous non-native items we have been making BY HAND for a year-- or more!

THANK YOU to Cheri for teaching us to be artists, and hosting so many fabulous and FUN Garden Artisan days!



Join us for these upcoming events!  
Click for details! →

- [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
- [Adopt-a-Street Clean-Up: Lincoln Way](#)  
Oct 19th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- [Annual Meeting, Elections, and Potluck](#)  
Nov 15th, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [Free Webinar: "Living in the Liberated Landscape" with Larry Weaner](#)  
Hosted by Wild Ones National  
Nov 20th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



*Wishing you a week filled with "Seedy Adventures!"*

