

Weekly Wild Wednesday!

January 21st, 2026

What a Week of "Year End and Year Planning!"



Jeff, Danielle, Lisa, Dotty, La Vone, Cheri, Tom, Rebekah, and Marcie **ROCKED** the Year End Report on a **BRUTALLY** cold day at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!

THANK YOU to the hard working and dedicated Board Members who also planned **MOST** of the upcoming events for 2026 and entered them on our Loess Hills Wild Ones Events Calendar!!

Speaking of Upcoming Events, Click the Calendar for everything we have so far!

Check back often for updates! →

Native Gardens in the Home Landscape: A personal account by Danielle Metzger.



Come and join us for an afternoon of learning how native gardening fits into the home landscape. Our very own Danielle Metzger will be sharing her families personal experience with native plants around their home. She will present information on why native plants are important, a little information about Monarch butterflies, and how she creates her beautiful native gardens. There will be beautiful pictures and lots of plants to learn about!

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Saturday March 7 at [1:00pm](#).

March 7th at 1PM at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, Our Own Danielle will be presenting Native Gardens in the Home Landscape!!

We can hardly wait!

← Click photo for details!

Upcoming Events

- [Free National Webinar: "Intergenerational Care for Land and Community: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer and Esther Bonney"](#)

Hosted by Wild Ones National
Jan 21st, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- **Free National Webinar**

Hosted by Wild Ones National
Feb 18th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- [Native Gardens in the Home Landscape](#)

Mar 7th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- **Free National Webinar- March 2026**

Hosted by Wild Ones National
Mar 18th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

[View All Events](#)

Support

PASSING THE DRIP TORCH

PRESENTING:

Iowa Bumble Bee Atlas:

Engaging individuals in conservation through community science
Sarah Nizzi- Pollinator Conservation Specialist, NRCS Partner Biologist, Iowa, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Importance of Pollinators to Plant Diversity in Restorations/Reconstructions

Brian Wilsey- Iowa State University

IDNR Timber Rattlesnake Monitoring

Rachel Ruden- State Veterinarian, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Paul Frese- Natural Resources Technician 2
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Discover the Four Corners of the Little Sioux Watershed: A Prairie Stronghold

Amy Crouch, Little Sioux Project Director

Many Hands: Collaborative Conservation

Big Sand Mound Preserve in Louisa and Muscatine Counties
Dale Maxson, Eastern Iowa Land Steward & Fire Specialist, TNC, Don Becker BSM Research and Management Team

Native Americans on the Great Plains

Cherie Haury-Artz, Education Assistant, Office of the State Archaeologist

Prairie origins, transitions, and exploitation, culminating in 250 years of resilience

Thomas Rosburg, PhD Professor, Department of Biology, Drake University

Conservation Happens One Mind at a Time

Kent Boucher Production Manager, Nicolas Lirio CEO, Hoksey Native Seeds, The Prairie Farm Podcast

Growing Season Prescribed Fire Panel

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Iowa Prairie Network

WINTER SEMINAR

SATURDAY JAN 24

AMES HIGH SCHOOL
8:30 AM-5:45PM
REGISTER BY JAN 16TH



← Click for details!

This Saturday!!



You know it's cold-- when the local LAKES are frozen solid!

Luckily Bill's daughter Amy sent us this Birthday photo of Bill- to warm us up! Happy Birthday, Bill!!!
Thank you, Amy!!



Somehow COLD makes the SUNSETS so spectacular!



Wishing you a week filled with "Happy Memories and Fabulous Futures!"

