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If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children, I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life, as an unfailing antidote against the boredom and disenchantments of later years, the sterile preoccupation with things that are artificial, the alienation from the sources of our strength.

Rachel Carson, *A Sense of Wonder*



Plant the Seeds for Education in Your Community

by Steve Maassen

A good understanding of basic environmental principles will be critical to our next and future generations. They will be affected directly by global warming, ozone depletion, massive species extinctions, and the depletion of fossil fuels.

Future problem solvers will need to understand the principles of ecology. Our culture's current widespread ignorance of these principles has brought on the threat of cataclysmic changes. Other cultures that have managed to live in harmony with their environment for thousands of years consider this knowledge the very foundation of an education.

School grounds are "naturals" as sites for natural landscaping. The natural area can serve as an outdoor classroom for the study of ecology as well as the applied study of biology, math, art, history, and other "core" subjects. Naturally landscaped school grounds also function as aesthetically pleasing, low maintenance, more environmentally responsible alternatives to the large expanses of unused lawn typically present at schools.

The national Wild Ones Seeds for Education Committee is introducing a program to help chapters facilitate natural landscaping at their local schools. It is patterned after a very successful program used by the Fox Valley Area Chapter (FVAC) in Wisconsin.

To get started in your community, local chapters can:

- Establish a local "Seeds for Education" committee;
- Invite local teachers and school administrators to be committee members;
- Use resources such as the award-winning "Tapestry of Learning" video, its associated handout, and the websites listed on the handout to educate the committee;
- Use these resources to introduce other teachers, parents, and community groups to the benefits of school natural areas;
- Serve as a source of information;

A member of the national Wild Ones board of directors, Steve Maassen is the national Seeds for Education (SFE) Director. He is a charter member of the Fox Valley Area (WI) Chapter (FVAC), the FVAC Schools Committee chair, and past president of FVAC.

- ❑ Provide plants donated from members' gardens or rescued from harm's way; and,
- ❑ To a limited extent, volunteer help for the projects that result.

The main function of the Seeds for Education committee should be to act as facilitator, informational resource, and a source of native seeds and plants. Many of us have learned that the more work that students, teachers, and parents do with natural landscaping, the more it becomes part of the culture of the school and ultimately, the more it is utilized for education.

Serving on a chapter Seeds for Education committee can be very rewarding. For the FVAC, the formation of such a committee resulted in more than 10 school nature areas being established within a three-year period.

Startup packages for local Seeds for Education committees are available through the national office; contact executive director Donna VanBuecken. (The various ways to reach the national office are listed on page 10.) ❁

The photo on page 1 was taken by Phyllis Fitzgerald, a member of the Louisville (Ky) Chapter. Her two-year-old twin granddaughters Sylvia and Clare Bosco love to play in her front naturalized garden.

Seeds for Education

Wild Ones members and chapters have always worked with schools and nature centers to plant and maintain natural landscapes at these centers of learning. In 1995, the Wild Ones board of directors started the Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund to further foster such projects. Schools, nature centers, and other places of learning (including houses of worship) may apply for grants. To be considered for a grant, projects must: use and teach about native plants; involve young people; increase the educational value of the site; offer a creative solution to a landscaping problem.

Lorrie Otto is long-time Wild Ones member, active in the Milwaukee Area WI chapters, and is considered by many to be the heart and soul of the Natural Landscape Movement.

Seeds for Education project report: Miami-Dade Community College

The Joy of Natives

A postage-stamp sized plot on the Miami-Dade Community College campus in Florida has been converted from a dull carpet of St. Augustine grass to a delightful garden oasis, filled with native plants and enjoyed by thousands of students and visitors — as well as by birds and insects. Joy of Natives is just one of the projects which received a cash award from the 2001 Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund.

The 36-foot by 21-foot area is bordered by walkways. Located alongside the Environmental Demonstration building, it is adjacent to the classrooms and work areas used by children who attend various day camps on the campus. In other words, a perfect location for the young workers who prepared and planted the plot and will continue to maintain it.

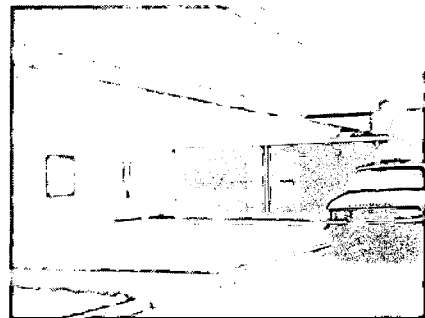
According to the project report, the project is a resounding success. "Thanks to the grant from the Seeds for Education Project, we were able to take an unused plot of land and turn it into an educational project for elementary and middle-school children; a resource for the college's Landscape Technology Department; an example of Florida horticulture for the community, students, and visitors; and a restful retreat for those seeking to escape from the stresses of everyday life."

In addition, the Seeds for Education project has allowed the Environmental Center to strengthen an already existing partnership with the college's Landscape Technology Department. As a result of this project, the Environmental Center has taken the lead in developing landscape design for the small South Florida yard.

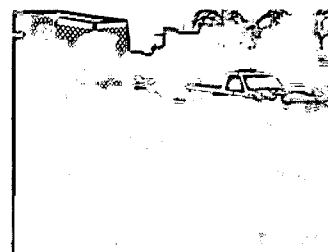
Like all successful Seeds for Education projects, the Miami-Dade Community College site will receive a Wild Ones yard sign to show that at least one spot on campus is "truly in harmony with nature."

For more information about Seeds for Education, please contact the national Wild Ones office.

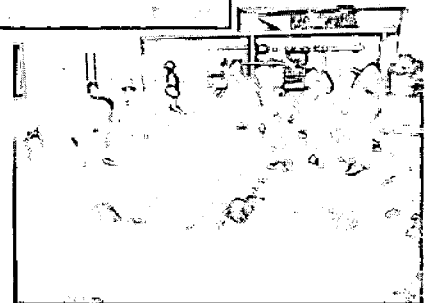
A Seeds for Education grant and hard work by youngsters attending various day camps at the Miami-Dade Community College transformed a tiny piece of land from this...



...to a pleasant oasis. The campers planted trees, shrubs, plants, and trees. They used computers and other resources to learn about the importance of creat-



ing wildlife habitats and are continuing to work with naturalists to record their observations about the plants.



The Inside Story

by Janice Stiefel

Family: *Ranunculaceae*
(Crowfoot)

Other Names: cowslip, kings cup, meadow bright, meadow routs, colts foot, water blobs, horse blobs, may blobs, capers, soldiers buttons, palsy-wort, drunkards, roots, gools, leopards foot, cow lily, water goggles, and *verrucaria* (Latin for wart).

Habitat: Wet meadows, swamps, marshes, along streams and creeks.

Description: This is a succulent plant with shiny yellow flowers; glossy, heart-shaped leaves; and a thick, hollow, branching stem. The flowers consist of five to nine petal-like sepals. There are no petals, but numerous stamens and pistils.

Height: 1 to 2 ft.

Flowering: April to June

Comments: Marsh marigold is a native perennial. The flower opens at the rising sun and closes at its setting. In parts of the south, the flower buds are picked as a substitute for capers. The flowers have often been used to make dye in England and Scandinavia. The yellow floral pigment can easily be removed from the cell sap of the sepals by boiling them with alum. This gives a rich and delicate dye which has been used for tinting paper, cotton, and fine silk. Unfortunately, the color is not permanent.

Medicinal use: The leaves were used to treat anemia because they contain a high amount of iron. They should be cooked first, since they could be poisonous if eaten raw. Rubbing the leaves on insect bites or bee stings was thought to alleviate pain and itching.

The plant was also used to loosen mucous and hardened phlegm from the throat and bronchial passages. The sap was used for curing warts, hence the name, *verrucaria*. Several of my sources warned that all parts of the plant may irritate and blister the skin. Sniffing the bruised leaves can induce sneezing. Intoxication has resulted from the use of the raw leaves in salads or using the raw flower buds as caper substitutes.

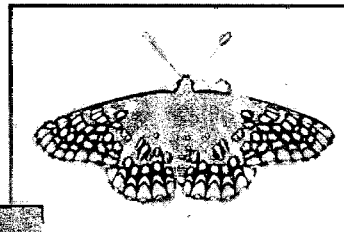


MARSH MARIGOLD (*Caltha palustris*)



Name origin: Some writings say the plant was named in honor of the Virgin Mary. In the *Grete Herbal* of the 16th Century, the flower is referred to as Mary Gowles, which in time became corrupted into marigold. In 17th Century slang, marigold or marygold meant "a sovereign."

The genus name,



Caltha (KAL-tha), is from the Greek word, calathos, meaning "a cup or goblet," alluding to the shape of the flowers. The species name, *palustris* (pa-LUS-tris), is

Latin for "of the swamps," indicating where the plant grows.

The name, cowslip, is from the Anglo-Saxon word, cuspype, with cu meaning "cow," and slyppe meaning, "slop." So cowslip actually means "cow slop" and "cow dung."

Author's note: After the skunk cabbage, marsh marigolds are some of the first flowers to bloom in spring. They transform the drab winter grays and browns into a vibrant yellow. If I had the time, I'd sit amongst the blossoms of the marsh marigolds for hours, listening to the bubbling springs and the mating calls of the spring peepers. How I wish more special places like that could be preserved for those who follow in my footsteps.

The words of President Lyndon Johnson are even more appropriate today. Soon after he was elected to the presidency in 1964, he said, "We have always prided ourselves on being not only America the strong and the free, but America the beautiful. Today that beauty is in danger. The water we drink, the food that we eat, and the very air we breathe are threatened with pollution. Our parks are overcrowded and our seashores overburdened. Green fields and dense forests are disappearing. A few years ago we were concerned about the Ugly American. Today, we must act to prevent an Ugly America. And once man can no longer walk with beauty or wonder at nature, his spirit will wither and his sustenance be wasted."

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Ed. note: Medical views expressed in this article are the opinions of the author.

The Grapevine – We Need Your Input

by Maryann Whitman

Greetings!

The Grapevine is a new column for the *Journal*. We need your input to keep our 38 chartered chapters plus seedling chapters aware of each other's activities and to support each other. The possibilities and opportunities are limitless!

As Wild Ones has grown beyond its cradle in Wisconsin to include chapters in ten other states, it has become increasingly difficult and important for the Chapters to find a way to maintain contact with each other. Staying in touch can also serve to fortify seedling chapters, giving our newest members ideas for activities and fund raising, and letting them know that other groups have survived what they are now experiencing.

In the field of natural landscaping with native plants, Wild Ones is not quite like any other organization out there. Our membership is composed of people who are eager to acquire information for themselves, to implement what they learn, and to share this information with anyone who will listen. The *Journal* offers us an unequaled opportunity to share our ideas and information with each other, thereby potentially sharing both with an even broader audience.

So, let's hear from you. Is your chapter involved in a community project? Have you had a particularly interesting speaker at one of your meetings? How does your chapter raise money for its activities? Have you read a particularly instructive or inspiring book and would like to tell others about it? Have you learned something in your garden?

Send your ideas or information to: Wild Ones, PO Box 231, Lake Orion MI 48361. Or e-mail your notes to Journal@for-wild.org and put "Grapevine" in the subject line.

CHILDREN'S WET MEADOW

Jeannine Palms is an active member of the Ann Arbor (MI) Chapter of Wild Ones. Her front yard and utility strip between the sidewalk and the street are planted with a wondrous variety of native plants—from ferns and spring ephemerals to black-eyed Susans and prairie dock. On

her back deck one is likely to find yogurt cups serving as seedling starters, tended by the children who come to her house after school. Beyond the gate in her back fence lies Buhr Park, one of the city's many open areas. With Jeannine's support and encouragement her after-school charges have made some inspiring contributions to the park.

Abby Huth, age 10, writes this in her first prize-winning photo-essay in a contest sponsored by the Michigan Environmental Council, published in the *Detroit Free Press*:

"The Children's Wet Meadow is a solution to the environmental problem of storm water. Before its creation by a group of kids called 'Super Swampers' (including me), heavy rains quickly flooded the grass and caused nearby Mallett's Creek to rise. The water flowing into the creek was dirty, carried garbage, and polluted the Huron River. Our teacher, Jeannine Palms,



Many members of Ann Arbor's Chapter of Wild Ones are also employees of the city's Natural Areas Preservation prescribed burn team—a convenient overlap.

explained how wet meadows let water soak into the ground slowly. All the plants' roots, which are very long, hold the water longer and clean it. It was our idea to make a wet meadow in Buhr Park. With the help of neighbors, it has become a model for others, showing what people can do to help clean our water. It's a beautiful and natural habitat that helps keep the water clean."

The Ann Arbor Wild Ones Chapter has helped the children by donating seed and burning the meadow when it was three years old. This chapter, chartered in 1996, was the first Michigan chapter of

Wild Ones and has fostered nine chartered chapters and three seedling chapters.

NATIVE PLANTS GO TO SCHOOL

Thanks to Eileen Guthrie and the Central Wisconsin Chapter of Wild Ones, the plantings around Hewitt-Texas Elementary School's pond in Wausau, WI will have maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), bee-balm (*Monarda fistulosa*), and round lobed hepatica (*Hepatica rotundifolia*). When Eileen found out that the local landfill would be expanded during the next five years, plowing under more than 80 species of upland and wetland native plants, she worked to make these plants available for rescue by anyone willing to replant them on public land. Eileen and members of the Central Wisconsin Chapter dug the plants in the construction area, then, with children from all six elementary grades involved, sloshed about in the school's wetland, replanting the rescued plants. The principal, teachers, and children responded very positively to this educational experience. Eileen hopes to continue this rewarding relationship with the children in the coming years.

The Central Wisconsin Chapter of Wild Ones was established in 2001, and currently has approximately 50 members. ❁

Maryann refers to her bachelor of arts degree and her graduate work in psychology as her misspent youth. When she came to her senses, she went back to read biology, botany, chemistry, physics, and ecology and has not yet stopped. She discovered Wild Ones in 1995 and was the founding president of the Oakland Chapter (MI) of Wild Ones in 1999. Currently she is serving as her chapter's membership and programs chair, on the national Communications Committee, and as the feature editor for the *Journal*. She and her husband, Doug, tend an acreage of Michigan wetland, oak-hickory-maple upland, and a small remnant wet/mesic prairie. Maryann is also active in environmental organizations in her part of southeastern Michigan.

Introducing...

Donna VanBuecken, executive director

Donna VanBuecken comes to her position as executive director for Wild Ones naturally, having a bachelor of arts degree from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in Organizational Management and experience with a variety of companies in an organizational role. A member of Wild Ones since 1986, she was charter president for the Fox Valley Area (WI) Chapter. She and her husband, John, have a 1/3 acre prairie in their backyard in the Appleton area, complete with a wet/mesic area, and a small woodland restoration in their side yard. They also have 80 acres of cedar swamp in north central Wisconsin. And, she loves her work!

Merry Mason Whipple, Journal editor

In 1986, Merry started her company, The Newsletter Service, using a 512e Macintosh computer with a 10-megabyte hard drive! Times have changed. Still a Mac user, she's upgraded her equipment several times since then. Merry holds a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota and helps several organizations produce newsletters and other promotional material. Merry and her husband live in Neenah, Wisconsin on a large lot which is adjacent to a park preserve. Merry is a member of the Fox Valley Area (WI) Chapter and spends much of her free time battling buckthorn and devising (unsuccessful) ways to keep deer out of her yard.

Peter Chen, webmaster

Peter belongs to the DuPage (IL) Chapter of Wild Ones and has been the chapter's webmaster for the past several years. He guides school groups as they tour the Morton Arboretum. Last summer, Peter was an interpreter at the James Woodworth Prairie Preserve, a small, but high-quality prairie remnant owned by the University of Illinois. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in biology from Columbia University, his master of science degree in computer science from DePaul University, and his master of science degree in genetics from the University of Chicago. While at Lucent Technologies, Peter was on the team that managed Lucent's Web site. ☘



Shooting Star...

WILD ONES MEMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW: BARBARA GLASS

"It's been like a college education," explains Barbara Glass "learning about new species and where they grow."

After devoting 13 years to her native plant nursery business, Barbara Glass is planning to retire as owner of Little Valley Farm near Spring Green, Wisconsin. Barbara purchased Little Valley Farm 13 years ago from its original owner, David Kopitzke, who operated the nursery in the Richland Center (Wisconsin). Dave, a friend of Wild Ones and occasional contributor to the *Wild Ones Journal*, developed the nursery in 1978 with the goal of providing a variety of habitats. Barbara has expanded upon and developed that goal. Besides the Midwestern wildflowers and grasses of prairie, savanna, and wetland, Little Valley Farm offers woodland species as well. She has continued to provide native woodland plants as well as native shrubs.

Barbara says she did not start out with a life-long goal of being a native plant specialist; it just happened. She recalls that while she and her husband, Brad, were volunteers helping with the North Branch Prairie Project along the Des Plaines River in the Glenview and North Brook, Illinois suburbs, she realized she wanted to continue working with native plants and the people who grew them.

When she and her husband moved to the driftless area in Wisconsin some years later, she decided to pursue this work in a more earnest way. And she hasn't been disappointed. One of her biggest joys has been the continuous discovery of new species, such as the eastern wahoo (*Euonymus atropurpureus*). Native to southern Wisconsin, the wahoo is found only in Milwaukee and Dodge Counties. "It is so great when you can offer something new and exciting to your customers," she says.

A long-time *Journal* advertiser and Seeds for Education partner, Barb is looking forward to continuing her relationship with Wild Ones and becoming a contributor to the *Journal*.

A tip from Barbara: For gardeners trying to keep deer away from newly-planted shrubs, try piling dead branches around the shrubs, almost like a hedge. The barrier of dead material seems to keep deer away from the tender new plants.

Although Barbara hopes to sell Little Valley Farm along with its inventory, supplies, mailing list, and catalog design, she will continue to fill past orders and, at least through this season, continue to supply some local outlets. To contact Barbara, please call 608-935-3324.



Barbara and Brad Glass.

Eastern wahoo is an uncommon native in southern Wisconsin, found in Milwaukee and Dodge Counties. A tree-like shrub, it grows 12'-24' tall in various sites, usually in a lime-based soil. In Wisconsin, it occurs in fence rows and woods edges on land a few feet above lowland marsh.

Wild plants seem to be susceptible to powdery mildew by mid summer, and lose most of their leaves by August. The plants are easy to spot in the fall when the pale pink fruit capsules ripen. One way to tell native *Euonymus atropurpureus* from the European species is that the eastern wahoo has purple flowers and the European species has green-yellow flowers. Also the fruit on eastern wahoo is very pale, flesh-tone pink, while the fruit on the European euonymus is bright pink or red.



Grow It! Don't Mow It

by Bret Rappaport

The economic progress that followed our Civil War brought ecological regress in its wake. We plowed up the prairies, chopped down forests, dammed mighty rivers, and eventually carpeted our front, back, and side yards with a lush monoculture of turf grass.

In the dark 1890s, environmental awareness started a slow shift away from turf grass to wildflower gardening with its focus on natural landscapes. In 1981, Darrel Morrison, a professor at the University of Georgia and member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), defined three characteristics necessary in natural landscape design:

- 1) regional identity (sense of place)
- 2) intricacy and detail (bio-diversity) and
- 3) elements of change.

Not surprisingly, the first professional and amateur landscapers who attempted to realize Morrison's vision ran into public opposition. For several decades, natural landscapers from Florida to Canada faced prosecution for violating local weed laws. These laws, designed to protect the public from neglectful landowners, promoted monoculture and the accompanying notion that man and Nature are independent of each other. Neighborhoods that opposed the non-conformity of the natural landscape attempted to find valid objections for their claims. They argued that natural landscapes resulted in:

- rats and mice
- mosquitoes and pests
- fire hazards
- air-borne pollens
- lower property values

Each argument is flawed.

Rats and vermin are products of civilization, not nature. They do not live in natural landscapes, eating plants and berries: they live in man-made structures, dining on garbage.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water. Naturalistic landscapes tend to absorb more water than traditional lawns, thus reducing, rather than increasing, run-off and standing water. By providing a habitat for birds, natural landscapes may also increase the population of mosquito predators.

Properly managed naturalistic landscapes do not present any greater fire hazard than any other landscape type. Not only does prairie grass burn quickly and at a low temperature, but natural landscapes comprise mostly green, leafy material that does burn readily.

Allergens are primarily produced by exotic grasses, oak trees, and ragweed. Most native yards are insect-pollinated and so cannot produce air borne allergens.

Finally, property values are a function of public perception. As naturalistic landscaping becomes more familiar and gains acceptance, it will be viewed as an asset rather than a liability. Furthermore as suburban sprawl continues to consume open space and natural settings are lost, those rare elements of nature that remain in a landscape will increase its value.

It has been and continues to be a long, tough row to hoe for those who would rather "grow than mow." Confronted with out-dated and ambiguous weed laws, a growing number of environmentally concerned home owners are standing up to their neighbors and municipal officials and reclaiming their right to landscape naturally. And, they are winning.

For those who undertake natural landscaping in their own front and backyards, five simple steps may minimize potential conflicts and avoid "weed wars." They can be remembered by the acronym, BRASH.

BORDERS can provide a sense of order and purpose preferred by most homeowners. A "wild" yard tends to conflict with that preference and can disrupt equilibrium. A simple border – a mowed edge or low stone wall – can keep neighbors mollified, if not happy.

RECOGNIZE the rights of others. You have a right to your coneflowers and bluestems, but your neighbor has a right to his clipped lawn, plastic sunflowers, and concrete lawn deer. Avoid arrogance by remembering that you are trying to win converts, not be a martyr willing to go down in a flood of litigation and neighborhood hostility.

ADVERTISE. Let your neighbors know what you are doing – and why. Tell them about your project before you start, and continue to provide updates as you progress. You may want to consider putting up a small but readable sign that announces that your property is a special place that saves water, eschews toxic chemicals, and provides sanctuary for wildlife. Wild Ones provides such a sign, as does the National Wildlife Backyard Federation. You may also simply make a sign of your own.

START SMALL Daniel Burnham, an influential architect at the turn of the century, once said, "Make no little plans; they

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have no magic to stir men's blood." The sixth century philosopher Lao Tzu taught: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Both ideas apply to successful natural landscapes. Having an overall plan, but proceeding in small stages, will reduce expenses, increase learning and enjoyment, and engender less hostility from skeptical neighbors.

HUMANIZE. Once we recognize that we are a part of nature, adding spontaneous personal touches to our gardens provides a human element to the natural setting. Strategically placed bird feeders, birdbaths, stone benches, pathways, sundials, and gazer balls create interesting accents. These touches also tell onlookers that the landscape is intended.

Many people create natural landscapes and never face hostile neighbors or uptight town officials. A good example is Wild Ones member Rochelle Whiteman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When she converted her yard into a naturalistic prairie

landscape, her neighbors asked her to help them do likewise. Today, her neighborhood boasts seven natural landscapes all on the same street.

Although a lush green mask of Kentucky bluegrass covers some 32,000 square

miles of suburban and urban America, change is in the air. The natural landscaping "movement" has taken root, and its adherents are a varied lot. They all share a common goal – to harmonize gardening and landscaping practices with nature. ☘

A Church Grows a Prairie



"Grow it, don't mow it" at work can be seen on the grounds of Grace Presbyterian Church in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin where church members and others in the community replaced a small portion (100' x 70') of the church grounds with native prairie grasses and forbes.

The project began in 1994, when the congregation took seriously the call issued by the national denomination "to sustain and restore God's creation."

After receiving a waiver from the city's weed ordinance, committee members met with surrounding neighbors to introduce the plans and answer any questions or concerns. Technical support was provided by Bill Volker, a teacher/naturalist at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Connie Ramthun, a natural landscaping professional.

In spring, 1995, the labor-intensive work of preparing the soil for planting began and on June 12, hand sowing of seed, roller compression, and mulching were done. A prairie was born.

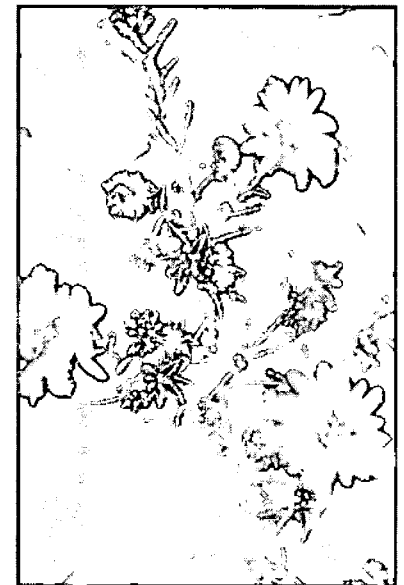
Church members waited patiently for the first two years while the prairie plants were establishing their roots. A cover crop of annual rye and blue flax grew tall and green while the little prairie plants remained unseen.

Finally, by late June of 1997, a succession of colorful flowers and grasses began to bloom. The prairie now includes a variety of black-eyed Susans and coneflowers (*Rudbeckia* sp.), wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), common evening primrose (*Oenothera biennis*), New England asters (*Aster novae-angliae*), calico aster (*A. lateriflorus*), Ohio goldenrod (*Solidago ohioensis*), Missouri or prairie goldenrod (*S. missouriensis*), stiff goldenrod (*S. rigida*), grey goldenrod or dyer's weed (*S. nemoralis*), prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*), wild Canada rye (*Elymus canadensis*), and Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*).

The effort has been a cooperative one. Besides church members, others have contributed in many ways. A high school environmental science class helped with site preparation, the city donated and delivered wood chips, and the Beaver Dam senior citizens placed bluebird houses around and in the prairie.

Two memorial benches allow visitors to meditate on the beauty of the surroundings. Today, Graceful Prairie is a place in which to enjoy the beauty and diversity of nature, and to experience the sense of awe found in even a small natural setting.

Information and photos provided by Holly Bartholmai, a member of the Fox Valley Area (WI) Chapter of Wild Ones, a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, and one of the volunteers who was instrumental in establishing Graceful Prairie. She and her husband Jack have been photographing the prairie since its birth in 1995.



DEFINITIONS OF TERMS FOUND IN THIS ARTICLE:

Natural Landscaping. The practice of cultivating plants which are native to the bioregion without resorting to artificial methods of planting and care, such as chemical fertilizer, mowing, or watering by other than natural processes. The goal of natural landscaping is to create harmony between the landscape and the larger ecosystem of the immediate and surrounding bioregion.

Exotic. A plant growing outside its natural bioregion.

Weed. A plant generally considered undesirable, unattractive, or troublesome; especially one growing where it is not wanted, as in a garden.

Weed Law. Any federal, state, county, or local statute, regulation, or ordinance that limits the type or size of vegetation cultivated on land within its jurisdiction.

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Keynote address:

Andy Wasowski

The Landscaping Revolution

Hear an informative and humorous presentation by a self-described botanical missionary. Andy's work has appeared in Time-Life books and *The American Gardener*, *Audubon*, *Fine Gardening*, *Life*, *Sunset*, and *Sierra* magazines. He has also presented on-air commentaries for National Public Radio's "The Cultivated Gardener" and "Living on Earth." Andy and his wife Sally are honorary directors of Wild Ones.

Pre-conference event

Thursday, July 11, 7:30-9 p.m.: Sierra Club-Central Ohio Group monthly program, **Andy Wasowski:**
Building Inside Nature's Envelope
Free; public welcome. OSU Museum of Biological Diversity auditorium (free parking) 1315 Kinnear Rd.

Conference program (subject to change)

Friday, July 12, 5 - 10 p.m.: Wild Ones reception
6 pm: field trip & lecture: *Why is Darby Creek One of America's last Great Places?* presented by Anthony Sasson, Darby Watershed Program Manager, The Nature Conservancy-Ohio Chapter
8 pm: dinner provided
Cedar Ridge Lodge, Battelle-Darby Creek Metropolitan Park, 1775 Darby Creek Drive (transportation available from Fawcett Center)

Conference program (subject to change)

Saturday, July 13 Vendor & sponsor displays & silent auction open all day.

All Saturday programs and sessions (except social gathering and barbecue) at Fawcett Center.

7:45 - 9 a.m., lobby: Registration & Continental Breakfast

8 - 9 a.m., auditorium: Wild Ones annual meeting; all Wild Ones members are encouraged to attend.

9 a.m., auditorium: Opening remarks by Clyde Dilley, chair of Wild Ones 2002 Conference Committee

9:15 a.m., auditorium: Bret Rappaport, Wild Ones national past president, *Landscaping in a Neighborly Way*

10:15 a.m., lobby: Break & refreshments; view vendor & sponsor displays; silent auction

Saturday, July 13 continued

10:30 a.m., auditorium: Keynote address

Andy Wasowski, *The Landscaping Revolution*
introduction by Bret Rappaport

11:30 a.m., lobby: Book signing by authors; view vendor & sponsor displays; silent auction

12 noon, conference room: Lunch.

View vendor & sponsor displays; silent auction

1 p.m., Session 1, select one of the following:

A: Attracting Wildlife with Native Plants

Randy Sanders, landscape designer,
Classic Gardens

B: Propagating Native Seeds

Robert Harter, owner, Seeds of the Tall Grass

C: Managing Parks for Diversity of Wildlife & Habitat

Dave Nolin, Assistant Director, Five Rivers Metro Park,
Dayton, Ohio

D: Planning a Park Using Native Plants

Patricia Stevens, ASLA, landscape architect, Schmidt
Copeland Parker Stevens

2 p.m., Session 2, select one of the following:

A: Landscaping a Sunny Lot with Native Plants

David Dvorak, Jr., naturalist, writer, photographer

B: Restoring Landscapes Using Native Plants for Public & Private Spaces

Dr. Don Geiger, Director, Marianist Environmental
Education Center

C: Restoring a Native Prairie at a Metro Park

Jack McDowell, former land management coordinator,
Columbus & Franklin Country Metro parks

D: Low-allergy Landscaping

Tom Ogren, horticulturist, author of *Allergy-Free
Gardening*

3 p.m., lobby: Break & refreshments; view vendor & sponsor displays; silent auction

3:30 p.m., Session 3, select one of the following:

A: Landscaping a Shaded Lot with Native Plants

Robert L. Henn, Professor Emeritus, Sinclair
Community College Biology Department, Dayton

B: Designing Sustainable Urban Gardens

Susan Weber, landscape designer, Urban Wild

C: The Impacts of Invasive Plants

Jennifer Windus, Research & Monitoring Administrator,
Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

D: Integrating Restored/Constructed Wetlands into the Urban Environment of Filtration, Habitat & Recreation

John Kiertscher, restoration ecologist, Envirotech
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4:30 p.m. field trip to a major corporate storm water
retention/wetlands project

5 p.m., lobby, silent auction ends:

winners may pick up their items

5:30 - 9 p.m., social gathering & barbecue, Ohio State University, Chadwick Arboretum

Meet & talk with conference presenters &
participants

(\$10 ticket required; must be purchased
by 9 a.m.)

Sunday, July 14

8 p.m., Fawcett Center: Wild Ones national board of directors quarterly meeting; all members invited & encouraged to attend.

9 a.m., field trips, car pool from Fawcett Center Parking lot

A: Tour of Wild Ones gardens

B: Original tallgrass prairie remnants at 1814 & 1816
pioneer cemeteries, led by Guy Denny, former chief,
Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

C: Slate Run Wetlands wildlife Refuge, led by Andrea
Haslage, park naturalist

D: Calamus Swamp, led by Jim McCormac, botanist,
Division of Natural Areas & Preserves, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

E: Herbarium, Museum of Biological Diversity, Ohio
State University, led by Dr. John J. Furlow, curator,
Plant Biology

Accommodations

We have reserved blocks of rooms **which must be reserved by June 12** at:

Fawcett Center (\$85 plus tax per night for room with queen-sized bed or two double beds); includes airport shuttle (requires 24-hour notice), continental breakfast & exercise room. Book online (www.fawcettcenter.com) or call 1-800-637-2316.

Red Roof Inn-OSU, 441 Ackerman Rd., corner of Olen-tangy River Rd. (\$69.99 plus tax per night for room with two double beds). Phone 1-800-874-9000; cite confirmation number B121000991.

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2001 Conference: Beauty Around the Barn

"Informal" and "informational" were the watchwords when the Kentucky Wild Ones chapters joined together to hold their first mini-conference in conjunction with the national Wild Ones annual meeting in Shelbyville, Kentucky in August, 2001.

The event was hosted by Wild Ones members Portia and Jerry Brown. They opened their farm, Skylight Acres, to Wild Ones members who traveled from as far west as Nevada and as far north as New York to participate. The conference included speakers discussing a variety of topics, tours, and many enjoyable activities. Kentucky Native Plant Society members from across the state were also on hand. The Browns are co-presidents of the Louisville Chapter of Wild Ones.

"Holding the meeting in the country on a farm where people had an opportunity to interact with one another and nature at the same time provided a unique opportunity for us to bond with one another and our natural heritage," said Portia. "In the past, the annual meeting and conference had been held in an institutional atmosphere with all the amenities of public facilities. Hosting the event on the farm was very challenging, but the results were equally rewarding."

Program offerings included sessions about medicinal herbs, edible plants, and landscape restoration, as well as walking tours and field trips. Vendors were on hand to display their wares and answer questions. And, of course, there were ample opportunities to get acquainted and learn from other Wild Ones members.

This year's conference and annual meeting will be back indoors, complete with "mod cons," as the British might say, but will be just as exciting and interesting. "Low-Maintenance Landscaping with Native Plants" is the theme of the conference which will be held in Columbus, Ohio on July 12 through 14. Complete details and registration information can be found on pages 8, 9, and 11 of this issue.

Wild Ones spreads its roots in many ways. Conferences offer some of the most effective forums for Wild Ones members to exchange information, learn from the experts, meet new people, and recruit new members. When you can, take time to attend a Wild Ones conference. You'll be glad you did! ☘

Jerry and Portia Brown (right) invited Wild Ones members to their farm (below) for the 2002 national annual meeting which was held in conjunction with a conference co-sponsored by the Kentucky chapters. Portia serves on the Wild Ones national board of directors.

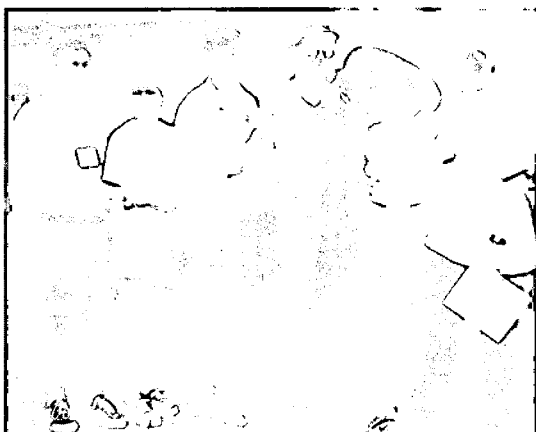


Various displays were available at the conference. Olivia Lightle (left) and Marti Booth, Frankfort (KY) and Annette Alexander, Milwaukee-North (WI) examine materials at the Wild Ones booth.



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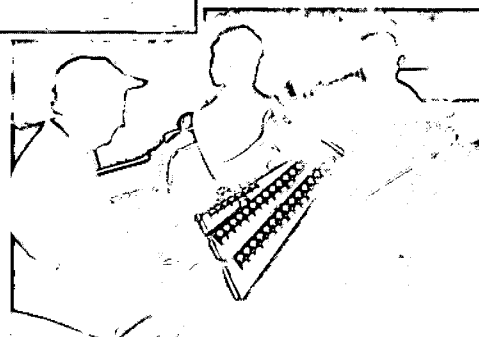
At right are (l-r) Tracy and Sheila Stegner, Root River Area (WI), Donna Van Buecken, national executive director, Fox Valley Area (WI), Lorrie Otto, Milwaukee North (WI) Marti Booth, Frankfort (KY), and Dorothy Boyer, Milwaukee North (WI).

Mark Charles prepares for one of the many excellent meals served at the conference. Mark recently "retired" from his volunteer position as Wild Ones' national webmaster.



Please join us
this year.

Registration form below;
complete details on pp. 8 & 9.



Registration form: Wild Ones 2002 National Conference: July 12-14, 2002

- ☐ \$40 Pre-registration for Wild Ones members (postmarked by June 15, 2002)
- ☐ \$50 Pre-registration for non-members (postmarked by June 15, 2002)
- ☐ \$50 Registration for Wild Ones members (postmarked by July 5, 2002)
- ☐ \$60 Registration for non-members (postmarked by July 5, 2002)
- ☐ Friday evening reception: Yes ___ No ___
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Transportation needed for reception? Yes ___ No ___
- ☐ \$10 for Saturday night barbecue

Total enclosed

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, two snack breaks & lunch. Food will **not** be available for late registrants.

Preference: ___ vegetarian lasagna OR ___ meat lasagna

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Complete, current conference information, membership applications & directions available on Wild Ones' web-site: www.for-wild.org

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On-site information: Clyde Dilley (dilley.2@osu.edu) or Mike Hall (614) 939-9273.



QUARTERLY NATIONAL BOARD MEETINGS

All members are encouraged and invited to attend the quarterly meetings of the Wild Ones national board of directors. More details will be printed as they become available, or can be obtained from your chapter officers.

Saturday, May 18, 2002: The Kalamazoo chapter will host the May quarterly meeting from 8:30 a.m. - noon at the Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 N. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI. The Nature Center has waived all fees for this meeting; refreshments will be supplied by the Kalamazoo chapter. Special field trips are planned. Contact: Donna VanBuecken, executive director, at (920) 730-3986 or ExecDirector@for-wild.org

July 12-14, 2002: Columbus Ohio Chapter will host the 2002 Annual Meeting and Conference. See pp. 8 and 9 for details.

October 19, 2002: hosted by St. Louis (MO) Chapter.

OTHER MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

March 3 & 4, 2002: 15th annual Michigan Wildflower Conference will be held at the Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. Keynote speaker will be William Cullina, nursery manager and propagator, New England Wildflower Society.

Contact: Marilyn Case at (517) 630-8546 or MCase15300@aol.com; Marji Fuller at (616) 948-2496 or marjif@iserv.net; Amy Sue Yeip at (810) 329-6186 or asascy@ameritech.net

March 8 & 9, 2002: The Wisconsin Prairie Enthusiasts annual meeting and conference will be held at UW-La Crosse in La Crosse, WI.

Contact: www.theprairieenthusiasts.org

March 16, 2002: The Madison Chapter of Wild Ones and the University of Wisconsin Arboretum will host the 2002 Native Landscaping Conference at the Alliant Center, corner of John Nolen Drive and Rimrock Road (County MM), in Madison, WI. This year's conference is titled "Sustainability: Seeking an ECO Balance" and the keynote speaker will be professor Jon Foley, direc-

tor of the Center for Sustainability and the Global Environment (SAGE) and the Institute for Environmental Studies at the UW-Madison.

Contact: Nancy Schlimgen at (608) 262-2746 or NJSchlim@facstaff.wisc.edu

March 23, 2002: The first annual Thoughtful Gardener Symposium, "Raising Heirloom Plants," will be held at the University Union, UW-Green Bay, Green Bay, WI. Program sponsors are Friends of the Cofrin Library, Green Bay Botanical Garden, UW-Green Bay Center for Biodiversity, and the Office of Outreach & Extension.

Contact: e-mail mcclureb@uwgb.edu or call (800) 892-2118.

April 26-28, 2002: The 20th National Pesticide Forum "Streams to Schools: Finding Alternatives to Pesticides" will be held at Bastyr University, 10 miles north of Seattle, WA. The Forum will include workshops about pesticide issues and how to more ef-

fectively work in your community to address pesticide problems and advocate for solutions. Contact: www.beyondpesticides.org

June 6-8, 2002: The annual Native Plants in the Landscape conference will be held at Millersville University in Lancaster County, PA. "Changing the World - Starting in Your Own Back Yard" will include a native plant sale, expert speakers, break-out sessions, and field trips.

Contact: Office of Professional Training & Education, Millersville University, (717) 872-3030 or roma.sayre@millersville.edu

If you do not have internet access, your local public library may have public access computers available for your use.

Information about conferences and meetings will be listed as space is available. Preference will be given to meetings sponsored or co-sponsored by Wild Ones chapters. To submit information, e-mail it to Journal@for-wild.org or send it to Merry Mason Whipple, editor; Wild Ones Journal, 922 S. Park Ave., Neenah, WI 54956.

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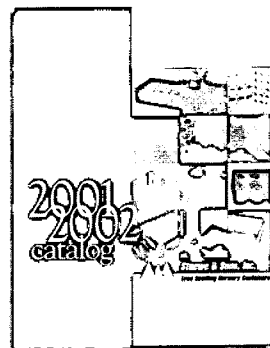
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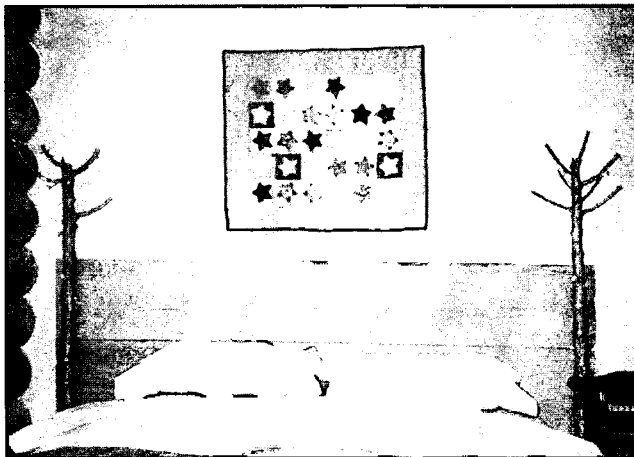
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The meeting place

You are encouraged to participate in all Wild Ones activities, even when you travel! For complete details about upcoming events, consult your local chapter newsletter or call the local contacts listed for each chapter. Customary meeting information is included here, but because it is subject to change, please confirm dates and locations.

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PAT CLANCY: (630) 964-0448

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Usually third Thursday of month, 7 p.m.,
College of DuPage, Building K, Room 161,
unless otherwise noted.



Mar. 21: "Shawnee Wilderness Slide Show" with Douglas Chien, Sierra Club Field Representative.

Apr. 27: 6 p.m. 10th anniversary dinner meeting, Arrowhead Golf Club, Wheaton. Speaker: botanist Gerold Wilhelm, co-author of *Plants of the Chicago Region*. Call Hotline for reservations.

LAKE-TO-PRAIRIE CHAPTER

KARIN WISOL: (847) 548-1650

Usually second Monday of month, 7:15 p.m., the Byron Colby Community Barn at Prairie Crossing, Grayslake (Rt. 45, about 1/2 mile south of Ill. 120).

Mar. 11: "The Story Unfolds," with Karma Grotelueschen of *Plantscapes*. Members only.

Apr. 8: "Grand Finale." Open workshop with natural landscape designers Kerri Leigh, Karma Grotelueschen, John Gishnock, and Vallari Talapatra. Members only.

NATURALLY WILD of LA GRANGE CHAPTER

MEREDITH AZARK: (708) 482-9325

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First Thursday of month, 7 p.m., The Natural Habitat Wildlife and Organic Garden Supply Store, 41 S. LaGrange Rd., LaGrange, unless otherwise noted.

NORTH PARK CHAPTER

BOB PORTER: (312) 744-5472

Usually second Thursday of month, 7 p.m., North Park Nature Center, 5801 N. Pulaski, Chicago, unless otherwise noted. Call Bob Porter for more information.

Mar. 14: "Landscaping (with) Herbs," with Barbara Collins; focus on US native herbs.

Apr. 11: "Gardening with Insects," with Janice Cook, focus on insects native to Chicago region.

ROCK RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER

SHEILA STENGER: (815) 624-6076

Usually third Thursday of month, 7 p.m., Jarrett Prairie Center, Byron Forest Preserve, 7993 N. River Road, Byron, unless otherwise noted. Call (815) 234-8535 for information. Public welcome.

Mar. 21: "Native Plant Communities of N. Illinois," with botany professor Jay Friberg.

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Apr. 18: "Midwestern Grassland Birds," with Lee Johnson from Sand Bluff Bird Banding Station.

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Usually second Monday of month, 5:30 p.m., Salato Wildlife Education Center Greenhouse #1 Game Farm Rd, off US 60 W (Louisville Rd.), Frankfort, unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 11: Topic: increasing membership ideas.
Apr. 8: 5 p.m. Wildflower walk at Cove Spring Nature Preserve.

LOUISVILLE CHAPTER

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Usually fourth Tuesday of month, 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 26: "Plant Rescue from A to Z," by Debbie Doering. Louisville Nature Center, 3745 Illinois Ave.

Apr. 23: Cherokee Park Walk in the Woods to see spring ephemerals. Meet at Hogan's Fountain.

Fourth Saturday Work Days: 9 a.m.-noon, weather permitting, Wildflower Woods in Cherokee Park. Contact Ward Wilson 593-9063 or ward.wilson@home.com

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Usually fourth Thursday of month, 7-9 p.m., Lincoln School, 125 Ayer St., Cadillac, unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 21: Mark Herbert will discuss Native American philosophy and use of native plants, and ceremonial use.

Apr. 25: Duke Eisner will discuss local butterfly species and habitat.

CALHOUN COUNTY CHAPTER

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Usually fourth Tuesday of month, 7 p.m., Calhoun Intermediate School District building on G Drive N. and Old US27, unless otherwise noted.

Mar. 26: Dan Skean from Albion College presenting "Woodland Wildflowers."

Apr. 23: 6 p.m., Spring Wildflower Walk, Voorhees Audubon Sanctuary, 24 Mile Rd.

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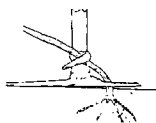
Mar. 19: 7 p.m. "Native Plant Design Workshop," Bay College, Escanaba.

Apr. 30: 7 p.m. Wild Ones Informational Meeting. Goals of U.P. Chapter; slide show of native flora. Bay College, Escanaba.



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Usually second Thursday of month, 7 p.m.,
Woodside Church, 1509 E. Court St., Flint.
Mar. 7: "Edible Native Plants" with Theresa
Broden. Lecture and demonstration.
Apr. 11: "Landscaping with Native Plants," a
mini-seminar with Elynn Meijer of Hidden Lake
Gardens, MSU. \$5.00 charge per person.

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER

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Fourth Wednesday of month, 7:30 p.m.,
Christian Church, 2208 Winchell.

(EAST LANSING) RED CEDAR SEEDLING CHAPTER

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Usually third Wednesday of month, 7-9 pm,
various locations. For details, see www.for-wild.org/redcedar/.

OAKLAND CHAPTER

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Usually third Thursday of month, 7 p.m., Old
Oakland Township Parks/Police Building,
Rochester.

Mar 21: 7 p.p., "Ecosystems of Michigan &
How to Use This Information to Plan Our Own
Yards," Elizabeth McKenney (member, Detroit
Metro Chapter).

Apr. 19: 6:30 p.m., gather at township hall;
good weather – plant bank rescue; bad
weather – indoor program.

MINNESOTA

ARROWHEAD CHAPTER

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Usually fourth Thursday of month, 6:00 p.m.
unless otherwise noted. Different location
each month. Check website for details. Public
welcome.

Mar. 28: Meeting and workshop about starting
seeds indoors. Seeds and materials provided.
Woodland Middle School, Rm 240.

Apr. 25: Plant identification and specimen
pressing; transplanting seedlings. Location to
be announced.

OTTER TAIL CHAPTER

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Fourth Monday of month, 7 p.m., Prairie
Wetlands Learning Center, Fergus Falls.
Visitors always welcome.

ST. CLOUD CHAPTER

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Usually fourth Monday of month, 6:30 p.m.,
Heritage Nature Center.

TWIN CITIES

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Usually third Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.,
Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E.
Minnehaha Pkwy, Minneapolis, unless other-
wise noted.

Mar. 19: 7 p.m. Native Plant Expo, Southdale
Library, Edina.

Apr. 16: Planting native trees and shrubs in
your landscape.

MISSOURI

MID-MISSOURI CHAPTER

LESA BEAMER

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Usually second Saturday of month, 10 a.m.
unless otherwise noted. Location varies.

Mar. 9: Discussion about native plant garden-
ing: plants to use, designing, advising begin-
ners.

Apr. 13: Plant habitat home garden and new
area at Forum. Continues on Apr. 14, if not
completed.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

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Usually first Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m.
unless otherwise noted; call Shaw Nature
Reserve (636) 451-3512 for directions and info.
Public welcome.

March: TBA; call Shaw Nature Reserve.

Apr. 6 (Sat): 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Meeting and walk at
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GREATER CINCINNATI CHAPTER

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Mar. 27 (Wed.): 7:30 p.m. Native seed giveaway. Questions answered by Don Brannen.

McKie Center, 1655 Chase Ave., Northside.

Apr. 13 (Sat.): 10:30 a.m. See early wildflowers in a walk through California Woods, led by Dr. Victor Soukup of Cincinnati Wildflower Preservation Society. Bring lunch; cookies and drinks provided.

Apr. 24 (Wed.): 7:30 p.m. Invasive species workshop, with Don Brannen. McKie Center.

COLUMBUS CHAPTER

MICHAEL HALL: (614) 939-9273

Usually second Saturday of month (unless otherwise noted), 10 a.m., Innis House, Inniswood Metropolitan Park, 940 Hempstead Rd., Westerville. Meetings free; public welcome.

Mar. 9: "Organic Lawn Care and Native Gardens," with John Stock of Watershed Organic Lawn Care.

Apr. 14: 9:30 a.m. Tour of Gorman Nature Center with Naturalist Larry Smith, then a visit to the Kingwood Center's gardens. Bring lunch. Contact above for carpooling information.

SOUTH CAROLINA

FOOTHILLS CHAPTER, CLEMSON

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Mar. 28 - Plant sale and information table at SC Midlands Master Gardeners Assoc.

Symposium, Columbia.

WISCONSIN

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER

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Usually fourth Thursday of month, 7 p.m.,

Rooms 1 & 2, Portage County Extension Building, 1462 Strongs Ave., Stevens Point, unless otherwise noted.

DOOR COUNTY CHAPTER

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Meets November - April, first Monday of month, 7-9 p.m. Location varies.

Mar. 4: 7 p.m. "Plants in Your Landscape," roundtable discussion. Bring questions and photos. Slide show of native plants. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bailey's Harbor.

Apr. 1: 7-9 p.m. "Native Trees and Shrubs for Your Yard," presented by Mike Schneider, Horticulturist & Director of The Clearing. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bailey's Harbor.

FOX VALLEY AREA CHAPTER

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Indoor meetings at 7 p.m. at either Memorial Park Arboretum, 1313 E. Witzke Blvd., Appleton, or Evergreen Retirement

Community, 1130 N. Westfield St., Oshkosh.

Mar. 28 (Thurs): "Restoration of Native Plant Communities," with Mike Brandel. At Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Dr., north of Appleton.

Apr. 25 (Thurs): "Raptors," with Ann Rosenberg and live birds she has rehabilitated. At Evergreen.

GREEN BAY CHAPTER


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Usually third Wednesday of month, February through November; most meetings at Green Bay Botanical Garden, 2600 Larsen Rd., except in summer.

Mar. 20: 7 p.m. topic/speaker to be announced.


Apr. 17: 7 p.m. topic/speaker to be announced.



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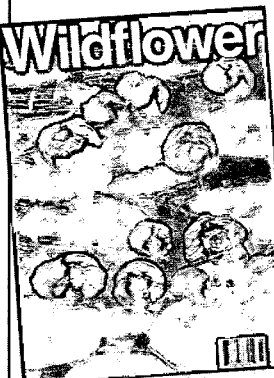


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Last Wednesday of month, 7 p.m., UW Arboretum, Madison, unless otherwise noted. Public welcome. Meetings listed are tentative; contact above to confirm.

Mar. 27: Photographing wildflowers.

Apr. 28: 9 a.m.-noon, Work Party: planting UW Arboretum Native Gardens.

MENOMONEE RIVER AREA CHAPTER

JAN KOEL: (262) 251-7175

JUDY CRANE: (262) 251-2185

Indoor meetings on second Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m., Community Room, Wildwood Highlands Senior Apts., N78 W17445 Wildwood Dr., Menomonee Falls.

Mar. 13: Presentation by Ellen Gennrich of the Waukesha Land Conservancy.

Apr. 10: Ken Solis from Weed Out! and Park People: Invasive Plants.

MILWAUKEE NORTH CHAPTER

MESSAGE CENTER: (414) 299-9888

Usually second Saturday of month, 9:30 a.m., Schlitz Audubon Center, 1111 E. Brown Deer Rd., Bayside.

Mar. 9: "Harmony in the Natural World: Symbiotic Relationships Among Plants & Animals in a Native Planting," with Dave Kopitzke.

Apr. 13: "Waters of Wisconsin to the World: Drop of Life," with Mary Gruhl, UWM Center for Science Education, speaking about her kayak journey through Wisconsin; focus on impact of people on native landscapes.

MILWAUKEE SOUTHWEST-WEHR CHAPTER

MESSAGE CENTER: (414) 299-9888

Usually second Saturday of month, 1:30 p.m., Wehr Nature Center.

Mar. 9: "Waters of Wisconsin to the World: Drop of Life," with Mary Gruhl, UWM Center for Science Education, speaking about her kayak journey through Wisconsin; focus on impact of people on native landscapes.

Apr. 13: Joe Powelka, national Wild Ones president.

ROOT RIVER AREA CHAPTER

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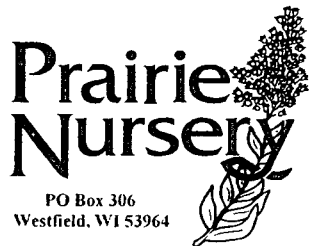
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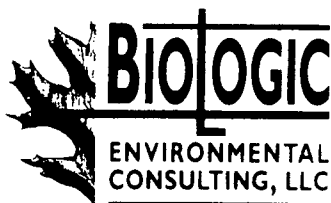
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Betty and the Invaders

by Ann Mackenzie

A woman with a ready, cheerful smile, an enormous spirit of concern, a knowledge of invasive species, and a willingness to share her knowledge — Betty Czarapata needs our help.

Betty has been the coordinator of the Weed-Out project for Park People these past several years while working on her new book, *Invading Weeds: A Growing Threat to Biological Diversity in the Upper Midwest*. She is a member of the Milwaukee Southwest-Wehr (WI) Chapter of Wild Ones.

Weed-Out!, sponsored by the Park People of Milwaukee County, is a program in which our growing band of dedicated volunteers is able to make "hands-on" contributions to the well-being of Milwaukee County parks by ridding them of garlic mustard (*Alliaria officinalis*), burdock (*Arctium* sp.), buckthorn (*Rhamnus* sp.) and honeysuckle (*Lonicera* sp.)

Invading Weeds promises to be an exhaustive resource which should be in public libraries and on the book shelves of park departments and landscapers throughout the upper Midwest. Hundreds of photos will accompany the text.

The book will include a foreword by Kelly Kearns of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, five chapters, a glossary, an index, appendices, and an index of common and scientific names. For example, the chapter entitled "Controlling Weeds" includes the following topics: general guidelines, prioritizing areas, controlling herbaceous plants, controlling woody plants, using controlled burns, treating with herbicides, foliar treatment, and more.

This is Betty's second book. The first, which is no longer available, was about identifying invasive plants in Wisconsin.

Betty has been an active volunteer for years, focusing on efforts to improve the environment by planting native species and eliminating invasive species. She has spoken about invasives to countless groups in Wisconsin, encouraged high school environmental groups, worked with the state's DNR to identify the worst invasives, and helped other organizations become involved in the effort.

She has spent hundreds of hours taking photographs of invasives in all seasons, traveling throughout Illinois and Wisconsin. In addition, Betty has consulted with experts to get exact knowledge of conditions in the field before writing the text.

Her book is almost ready to be published, but Betty is now fighting a very personal battle against cancer.

Invading Weeds is so close to being finished, and it will be such a valuable asset to land managers of the Midwest (as well as to all of us who want to identify an exotic invasive weed and learn exactly the correct method of removing it), that those of us who have seen the manuscript and photos want to help make sure the book is published and available.

In order to ensure publication of *Invading Weeds*, we hope to raise \$10,000 by the Garlic Mustard Weed-Out month of May. The Park People office staff will collect and manage the funds; publishing details have not been finalized. To contribute, mail your check (payable to Betty's Fund) to: Park People, attn: Beth, 750 W. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Suite 301, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Because Park People is a non-profit organization, all contributions are tax-deductible. ☘

Ann Mackenzie worked with Betty for many years. Ann recently moved to Eau Claire, WI and now belongs to the Seedling Chippewa Valley Chapter of Wild Ones.

It's a party!

The Park People of Milwaukee County are hosting a party to honor Betty Czarapata.

Friends are invited to join the festivities planned for Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mitchell Park Pavilion (in Mitchell Park behind The Domes). To make reservations or for more information, call the Park People at (414) 273-7275.

