

Dear Wild Ones Member:

Wild Ones is a Wisconsin corporation and as such is governed by a Board of Directors. As a corporation, we must hold an annual membership meeting and you, our members, must elect the Directors to the Wild Ones national Board. By our Bylaws, our Board is made up of 15 people, seven elected every two years and eight elected every other two years. 2010 is an election year for seven members of the Board. Therefore, the Wild Ones Nominating Committee is presenting nine board member nominees for your consideration. All nominees are Wild Ones members and are volunteers. You will be electing **seven** of these nominees to the national board. They will serve a four year term. The new board members will be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting on November 6, 2010, at New London, Connecticut. We hope you will join us.

We want to thank the members who are stepping down from their positions as national board members. Please share with me a huge thank you to Janet Allen, Habitat Gardening in Central New York Chapter, who has served on the board since 2006 and will continue in her position as Member Certification Committee Chair and as a Contributing Editor for the *Wild Ones Journal*; Carol Andrews, Arrowhead (MN) Chapter, who has served on the board since 2006 and held the position of Vice President in 2006 and President from 2007-2010, was instrumental in establishing our national marketing committee and will continue on with that committee, and will hold the position of Past President for at least 2011; and Scott Woodbury, St Louis (MO) Chapter, who has served on the board since 2006 and will continue to chair the Website Committee. Thank you all for your past and continuing support. We really appreciate all your efforts.

Please complete the attached ballot, fold and mail to Wild Ones headquarters by August 15, 2010, or go to the Wild Ones website and cast your ballot by August 20, 2010. To get to the electronic ballot, go to the member login button in the upper right-hand corner of the Wild Ones website homepage. If you haven't already registered for access to the members only webpages, you will be required to do so first. Your entry into the secure pages of the Wild Ones website will bring you to a number of pieces of information including the ballot. Click on the link to the ballot and cast your vote. (www.for-wild.org/members/ballot.html)

The following table lists the Wild Ones members nominated for national board positions and gives you a brief biography and their vision statement for Wild Ones. I am pleased to introduce you to 01 Trish Hacker-Hennig, 02 Bonnie Harper-Lore, 03 Katrina Hayes, 04 Brian Parsons, 05 Diane Powelka, 06 Joe Powelka, 07 Marty Rice, 08 Michelle Vanstrom and 09 Maryann Whitman. All great candidates for the position of national board member.

NOMINEE	BIOGRAPHY AND FUTURE VISION FOR WILD ONES
01 Trish Hacker-Hennig North Oakland Chapter (Michigan)	<p>Trish grew up on a farm in Michigan and in her adult life has become an advanced Master Gardener, a NWF Habitat Steward Training, and a leader for local and County conservation efforts. Trish has been a member of Wildflower Association of Michigan (WAM) since 1996 and currently sits on the board.</p> <p>As a Wild Ones Member and past president Oakland (MI) Chapter, she has participated in and managed many activities from plant sales to book sales, including building and manning the information booth. Worked with Wild Ones member Jim Brueck to develop the North Oakland Wild Ones Chapter this past year and to create the rain garden in Clarkston's Depot Park where she has taught volunteers, and grown and donated many of the plants in the gardens. She is also a volunteer and advisor for Brandon Middle School Native Plant Garden and Natural Area, for WAM Grant Children's Plant Zoo project Depot Park in Clarkston and on the committee for the Ortonville Native Plant Landscape Demonstration Project to create buffer along Kearsley Creek. Trish also routinely holds tours at her home for the many garden clubs in the area.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: As an educational organization, I believe a main theme should be to teach that function equals beauty. That the function of the plants is what makes them beautiful. When I do my talks introducing people to natives, I have a smattering of photos of certain native plants. I end with 2 pictures...both contain my daughters...pretty girls in front of pretty flowers both. In the first, the girls are pretty, as are the flowers, but not one plant in the photo is native. In the second, the girls are pretty, as are the flowers, and ALL the plants are native...prairie plants. So I relate how I tell my girls that it's great that they are pretty, but it's not enough JUST to be pretty. That they should learn a skill, and get educated, and be able to do something in this world. And the same is true for plants. We should demand that they do something besides look pretty for a little while. That function should equal beauty. It's great to be pretty, but it's not enough JUST to be pretty. Currently most homeowners and traditional landscapers mostly only do pretty, everything is visual, maybe sometimes fragrance is valued, but mostly all visual. This is a huge thing to change. Usually after my talks, I am told by most that no one ever told them these things before. I know what they mean. I grew up on a farm, became a Master Gardener, etc, yet only recently have come to understand these principles. I will never be the same.</p>
02 Bonnie Harper-Lore Twin Cities Chapter (Minnesota)	<p>Beginning with her first wildflower garden on her parents' western Wisconsin farm at age 12, Bonnie has always worked with native plants. Back then she did not know that digging from the wild with a shoebox and tablespoon could disturb her favorite woodland for the sake of her first garden.</p> <p>After planting natives for an outdoor classroom at her daughters' school, Harper-Lore returned to school herself. In the University of Wisconsin-Madison graduate program, she focused on restoration of native plant communities. In 1984, the University of Minnesota offered her the opportunity to teach Ecological Principles of Design in their Landscape Architecture Department. In 1986, she began work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation while she continued teaching at the University and designing native landscapes on the side. In 1990 she founded the Midwest regional office of the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center, with the help of the Minnesota legislature.</p> <p>In 1993, Bonnie went to Washington D.C. as the Wildflower Coordinator for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), to aid and oversee plantings along 12M acres of State and Interstate highways. During her 16 years with FHWA, she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Served as chair of the White House Task Force on the use of native plants, o Helped found two interagency partnerships: the Plant Conservation Alliance (natives) and FICMNEW on invasive terrestrial plants. o Educated via Greener Roadsides newsletter, brochures and field guides. o Published State-by-State information in Roadsides Use of Native Plants, Roadsides Vegetation Management, and An Ecological Approach to Management . o Created "Weeds Across Borders", a North American weed alliance. <p>Vision for Wild Ones: Bonnie believes that native plant choices and invasive plant control will only happen nationally, if education approaches and public awareness are strengthened.</p>

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<p>03 Katrina (Trina) Hayes Partner-at-Large (Tennessee)</p>	<p>Trina began gardening and native plant gardening at the same time, in 1987. She quickly lost the bloodroot, beebalm, dwarf crested iris, columbine--fundamentally ignorant of the need to water or site plants as to sun or shade. She dove into learning about native plants, reading and rereading <i>Noah's Garden</i> and <i>Planting Noah's Garden</i> and <i>Grow Wild!</i> for inspiration and encouragement. She has lived for the past 10 years on 11 acres of woods/ barrens in middle Tennessee, with no lawn, no indoor plumbing, using rainwater for bathing and pet needs. She is actively involved in habitat restoration, has become a self taught amateur botanist thru field trips, walks, reading and study, and is a National Wildlife Federation Habitat Steward and Master Gardener in Davidson County TN.</p> <p>Trina is a lifetime member of the Tennessee Native Plant Society and has joined the native plant societies of IL, IA, IN, MO, MS, GA, TX, FL, NC, AR, and the GA Botanical Society. Her goal in life is to live lightly on the earth, composting, organic gardening, in her strawbale house with passive solar orientation, on land that is a NWF certified backyard wildlife habitat. Trina most recently was inspired by the writings of Brad Lancaster to build check dams to keep more rain water on her property and by Doug Tallamy about the importance of insects in feeding wildlife. Wild Ones has inspired Trina with their stories of people who care for the Earth, using native plants in their landscapes, and ridding their properties of invasive exotic weeds. She just found a patch of 9 purple fringeless orchids under some honeysuckle vines. One of her ongoing passions has been to learn to ID the invasive exotic plants as she works to restore the native plant community on her land. She loves to participate in native plant rescues, and has saved plants on 1- 3 rescues a year for the last 5 years. She gets paid as a licensed clinical social worker, working as a therapist for 19 yrs.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: To grow Wild Ones membership across the country, especially with chapters in the southern states. She is interested in helping Wild Ones introduce its message to more people, to inspire them to go native and decrease their lawn sizes to include more plants for wildlife. She is especially interested in Wild Ones influencing its members to become less dependent on the water grid, using rainwater for their landscaping needs, capturing the rain that falls on their property, as water becomes an increasingly scarcer more precious asset.</p>
<p>04 Brian Parsons Western Reserve Chapter (Ohio)</p>	<p>I was bit by the "Prairie Bug" as a Botany student at Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin in 1976 and haven't looked back. I have been working professionally with native plants at The Holden Arboretum in Northeastern Ohio since 1977. During that period of time I participated in native plant inventories of Holden's 3000 acres of natural area and designed and built the 5 acre Myrtle S. Holden Wildflower Garden which focuses on Ohio's native flora. Many of these projects involved working closely with the Ohio DNR and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.</p> <p>Developing some of Holden's rare plant community-style plantings led to working with rare Ohio plant species. Our successful propagation work with rare Ohio native plants led Holden to be one of the founding gardens in the Center for Plant Conservation in 1985. During my tenure in building the wildflower garden, we accumulated a propagation database of over 600 Ohio species and the display of approximately 700 Ohio native plant species. Concurrently my team managed Holden's 3000 acres of natural areas. Evolving job responsibilities have allowed me to build and design Holden's award winning Butterfly garden, install the Cleveland area's first green roofs with native plants, and in recent years the planning of several vernal pool restorations and a 750 stream restoration planted entirely with 5000 native plants propagated from local germ plasm.</p> <p>My work as Holden's Director of Planning involves managing Holden's current Master Plan, portions of which were selected to be part of the Sustainable Site Initiative's (SITES) national pilot program. I was on the board of the Eastern Native Plant Alliance in the 1980's and 1990's and have represented Holden in the Center for Plant Conservation since 1985. I am an active photographer and speak regularly to area garden clubs and at professional conferences on the use of native plants in the home landscape, native plant communities, and natural area management. I see native plants as critical components of sustainable Horticulture and only growing in use and acceptance nationally and in the greater NE Ohio region. Holden has long been a native plant resource and I would bring over 30 years of working closely with Native Plants to the Wild One's board.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: My journey from student, to native plant enthusiast, to native plant gardener, to native plant propagator, to native plant garden designer, natural manager, and finally to ecological restoration reflects a conservation path that I hope others involved with the Wild Ones will follow.</p>
<p>05 Diane Powelka Madison Chapter (Wisconsin)</p>	<p>Besides serving as a Director since 2000, I have served the Wild Ones Madison (WI) Chapter as Secretary, Vice President and President and I established the first National Wild Ones photo contest. Outside of Wild Ones I currently serve as the Madison District Director of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation (WGCF), my second time in this position, and as the State Operation Wild Flower Chairman. I have also served as State Recording Secretary for WGCF and in all of the executive positions of the Sun Prairie Garden Club. I have led the effort to establish a native plant preserve in our Township and have worked with numerous youth groups in developing the park. I have held two financially successful, independent native plant work shops at the park.</p> <p>I have enjoyed being on the Wild Ones Board and hope to continue to be a voice for the children.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: I have always enjoyed working with plants and Wild Ones is another avenue to explore. My favorite plant from childhood was Jack-In-The-Pulpit. My Dad introduced me to this plant when it was given to him.</p> <p>So where am I going with this? We need to spend more time working with youth by introducing them to the world of native plants. The younger generation needs someone to take them outdoors and into the world of plants. We as Wild Ones need to personally reach out to children to introduce them to our world. We can have all the programs, write all the books and articles and talk the talk but without reaching out to youth, we have failed. Our childhood memories and experiences are what condition us to a love of nature and native plants as adults.</p>
<p>06 Joe Powelka Madison Chapter (Wisconsin)</p>	<p>A member of Wild Ones since 1994 when he and his wife Diane helped start the Madison (WI) Chapter, Joe Powelka has been involved at the national level since 1996 when he was President of the Madison Chapter. He has served as President of the National Board as well as Vice President and Secretary since 1998. Joe has also served as an officer/director with AIA Wisconsin, the Southwest Chapter of AIA WI, the Sun Prairie Garden Club, the Madison District of the Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, American Legion Post 333 and the Business Recovery Planners of Wisconsin. He currently owns and is President of ONE Plus Architecture in Sun Prairie, WI (www.oneplusarchitecture.com) which celebrated ten years of operation in 2009. As a practicing architect, Joe has been involved in sustainable design and facility operating efficiencies since the late 1970's. Native landscaping considerations became a part his design ethic when he learned about Wild Ones and helped form the Madison Chapter.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: The long term sustainability of Wild Ones is foremost on my agenda for the future. While I am not always popular with other members of the Board when it comes around to budget time, I work very hard to maintain the Board's fiscal responsibilities when considering current and future Board actions. In addition, if Wild Ones is to last another 35 years, we will need to broaden our appeal and expand our membership base. Currently the average life expectancy of a typical membership is about three years, i.e we have a high turn-over rate. The Board has struggled to establish new programs to entice people to maintain their memberships longer, but we have not been entirely successful in that effort. If we truly are to become the voice of the native plant movement, then we need find a way to encourage our members to see Wild Ones not as another "club" to participate in but as a movement to create a sustainable future through our landscaping practices.</p>

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<p>07 Marty Rice Twin Cities Chapter (Minnesota)</p>	<p>My long-standing love for native plants began while growing up in rural Milwaukee. Since then I've become Master Gardener certified in rural Wisconsin where the focus was on keeping the birds and butterflies in the gardens and the deer out, which de-emphasized watering, herbicides, pesticides or other toxins – my kind of certification. Although no longer an urban home owner I have volunteered to set up and care for the rain gardens in the park behind our condominium, as well as a native garden at a historical site in Burnett County, WI.</p> <p>With the encouragement of an officer from another MN Wild Ones chapter, I started the Twin Cities (MN) Chapter in 2001 with a beginning membership of 17. We've now grown to over 140 actively-involved members who sponsor an annual native plant conference, a native plant sale in May, summer tours, a strong series of programs throughout the rest of the year and a commendable Chapter newsletter. I continue to be active in our Chapter currently as Co-President as well as having served on the National Wild Ones Board as Treasurer.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: As Wild Ones treasurer for the past 4 years, I feel we need to be financially self-sustaining while also getting our message out to a wider audience, and the best means of doing both is by increasing our membership, hopefully doubling it in the next few years --- an ambitious goal in this economy.</p> <p>How to accomplish this? I'd like to see us explore more ways to connect with those outside of our immediate native plant community with particular focus on urban homesteads where native habitat has virtually disappeared. How can we interest neighborhood garden clubs, Master Gardeners, city park managers, traditional landscape designers and architects in native plants and landscaping? How do we help others attain sustainable and aesthetically-appealing native landscapes? With the help of our marketing team we can hopefully find some answers.</p>
<p>08 Michelle Vanstrom Niagara Falls and River Region Chapter (New York)</p>	<p>Michelle Vanstrom joined Wild Ones in 2001 as a partner-at-large member and has served as a founding Chapter President since 2006. She became a Wild Ones Lifetime Member in 2010. Michelle is a member of the Sierra Club - Niagara Chapter, The National Association for Olmsted Parks, and the Niagara Relicensing Environmental Coalition, which includes a seat on the Niagara River Greenway Ecological Standing Committee. She is a 20-year member of the Youngstown Garden Club where she served several times in various officer positions. She serves on several business, professional and community boards.</p> <p>As Chapter President she has coordinated Chapter public outreach programs with the Youngstown Garden Club, Just Words - Niagara's Literary Forum, Residents for Responsible Government, Ecology and Environment, and the New York Council for the Humanities. Established a regional resource-based website: www.wildonesniagara.org. Established critical partnerships with businesses, organizations, and civic leaders. Obtained a corporate sponsor. Collaborated on a rare black oak regeneration project. Served as the sponsoring Chapter for four SFE grant applicants.</p> <p>Current Chapter projects include participation in the Regional Economic Growth Through Ecological Restoration of the Niagara Gorge Rim. This project won a grant of \$140,000.00 enabling them to hire Environmental Design and Research (EDR), an integrated, resource-based, environmental design firm from Syracuse, NY. We're also creating and certifying perennial Monarch WayStation container gardens and planting annual WayStations/pollinator gardens down Main Street, Niagara Falls, along with conducting a letter campaign for National Pollinator Week (last week in June) at the State, County, Regional and local levels.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: Wild Ones most pressing issue today is growth and recognition. Michelle envisions Wild Ones National, and by extension the chapters, as growing into the go-to leaders in Native Plant Ecology across the nation. She believes this can be accomplished by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • making current chapters stronger financially • using the <i>Wild Ones Journal</i> as an annual marketing tool for subscription memberships to chapters • helping National create not-for-profit management resources /webinars / conference calls/ for chapter officers and interested members • advocating and helping National obtain capacity development grant resources for the chapters so they have additional funds for their local projects and programs • helping National create a National Wild Ones Speakers Bureau so all chapters have access to program experts using capacity funded grants to bring them to their local public
<p>09 Maryann Whitman Oakland Chapter (Michigan)</p>	<p>Maryann Whitman has been a Wild Ones member since 1996 serving in several capacities and including <i>Wild Ones Journal</i> Editor since 2004. She was founding President of the Oakland Chapter in 1999 and continues to be active in the Chapter's activities. In 2003, Maryann became the Editor of the <i>Wild Ones Journal</i>, while serving as the National Vice-President of Wild Ones. While in graduate school, she became enamored with biology and botany and hasn't missed an opportunity since to develop her knowledge about the role of native plants in ecosystems. Maryann handles the book sales for her Chapter as well as the Wildflower Association of Michigan (WAM) so she can "become acquainted with all the good stuff coming on the market and that which has been around for a while."</p> <p>Maryann serves on the Board of the Wildflower Association of Michigan, and as the 'voice for native plants and natural areas' on several local governmental Boards and Commissions. She continues to work diligently for preservation of open space in her township and continually assists in whatever way she can to share information on the benefits of landscaping with native plants and in preserving and reconstructing remnants of healthy ecosystems. She continues to be an active member of a number of environmental organizations. Maryann and her husband, Doug, live on acreage that has a wetland, a woodland and a dry open upland. Her stewarding, educating and preservation activities have introduced her to a broad variety of systems.</p> <p>Vision for Wild Ones: I would like to see Wild Ones doing more with youngsters. Our Seeds for Education Program has successfully funded many school plantings over the years. A large portion of these have been outside the range of our chapters. As a result we don't always get to see and follow the development of what we have fostered. I'd like to see preference in granting given to schools and public places that are within the working range of chapters, a few of whose members are willing to follow through with the grants. This might give us the opportunity to connect with parents who would like to pursue a native planting education with their children. Home schooled children are also a potential audience. This is far-out dreaming but perhaps we could establish something like the Ecoscaper Program for Children – we could call them Wildlings. If we could influence the 'next generation' we would have a powerful effect on the future.</p>

Please mark your ballot which appears on the reverse side of this page with the seven candidates you'd like to see represent you on the Wild Ones National Board. Fold the ballot, place in envelope, affix 44¢ stamp and mail to

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By order of the Wild Ones Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee.
Thank you for being a Wild Ones member.

Donna VanBuecken
Executive Director



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B A L L O T	<p>This is the official ballot for Board of Directors for Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd. Cast your vote to elect seven (7) directors to the Board of Directors and mail to Wild Ones by August 15, 2010 or click on the member login button in the upper right-hand corner of the Wild Ones website homepage www.forwild.org to vote electronically by August 20, 2010. This will bring you to http://www.for-wild.org/members/ where you will need to cursor down to the ballot link.</p> <p>VOTE FOR SEVEN (7) NOMINEES by checking the box which follows the name:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">01 Trish Hacker-Hennig <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td style="width: 50%;">02 Bonnie Harper-Lore <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>03 Katrina Hayes <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>04 Brian Parsons <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>05 Diane Powelka <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>06 Joe Powelka <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>07 Marty Rice <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>08 Michelle Vanstrom <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>09 Maryann Whitman <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>WRITE-IN nominee(s): _____</p> <p>_____/_____/_____ Signature of Wild Ones Member Date</p> <p>We must receive your ballot no later than August 20, 2010.</p>	01 Trish Hacker-Hennig <input type="checkbox"/>	02 Bonnie Harper-Lore <input type="checkbox"/>	03 Katrina Hayes <input type="checkbox"/>	04 Brian Parsons <input type="checkbox"/>	05 Diane Powelka <input type="checkbox"/>	06 Joe Powelka <input type="checkbox"/>	07 Marty Rice <input type="checkbox"/>	08 Michelle Vanstrom <input type="checkbox"/>	09 Maryann Whitman <input type="checkbox"/>	
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2009-2010 Members of the National Wild Ones Board of Directors:

Name	Chapter Affiliation	Current National Board Position(s)	Board Member Since	Board Status
Janet Allen	Habitat Gardening in Central NY	Member Certification Comm Chair, Climate Change Comm	2006	Retiring
Carol Andrews	Arrowhead (MN)	President, Marketing Comm Co-Chair, at-large member of all national committees	2002	Retiring
Scott Woodbury	St Louis (MO)	Website Committee Chair	2006	Retiring
Pat Armstrong	Greater DuPage (IL)		1997	Continuing
Kathy Dame	Mountain Laurel (CT)	SFE Comm	2008	Continuing
Tim Lewis	Rock River Valley (IL)	Discussion Group Chair, Bylaws Comm Chair, Website Comm, Photo Contest Comm, Merchandise Comm	2004	Continuing
Chris McCullough	Greater Cincinnati (OH)	Vice President, Membership Comm Chair	2008	Continuing
Carol Phelps	River City - Grand Rapids Area (MI)		2008	Continuing
Bret Rappaport	Lake-to-Prairie (IL)	Legal Counsel, Membership Comm	1995	Continuing
Karen Syverson	Fox Valley Area (WI)	Governance Comm	2008	Continuing
Maryann Whitman	Oakland (MI)	<i>Wild Ones Journal</i> Editor, Climate Change Comm, SFE Comm, Membership Comm	2002	Continuing
Stephen Windsor	Greater DuPage (IL)		2009	Continuing
Diane Powelka	Madison (WI)	Climate Change Comm Co-Chair	2000	Nominee
Joe Powelka	Madison (WI)	Secretary, Climate Change Comm Co-Chair, Membership Comm	1998	Nominee
Marty Rice	Twin Cities (MN)	Treasurer, Merchandise Comm	2006	Nominee