Thank you, everyone!

Thanks to you, Wild Ones has had an awesome 35th year. We are delighted to tell you that we were only 34 members away from 4000 in October and are looking forward to definitely hitting President Tim Lewis’ 4000 member goal or even more in 2015. This growth and everything else we’ve done this year could only have been accomplished because of you and your generous support toward our mission. Thank you, everyone.

Your financial as well as your personal contributions towards the Wild Ones efforts in 2014 and through your membership for these many years, have moved us another step toward successfully spreading the word about the importance of native plants to biodiversity and to the well-being of our Earth. We are committed to being a good steward of all contributions entrusted to Wild Ones.

Many wonderful things have happened this past year. The Wild for Monarchs Program continues to be a huge success and Monarch Watch has continued to increase the value of our Seeds for Education Grant Program by providing additional funding for grant recipients registering their Waystations. Our Internet resources have continued to grow through our new social media program and more of our chapters have successfully developed websites as part of the whole Wild Ones website. The Native Plants Butterfly Garden Recognition Program took us a little longer than we expected to get going, but it is now running smoothly. If you haven’t registered your garden, please do as soon as possible. We hosted the “Moving for Monarchs” ballerina at our 35th anniversary celebration and have gathered sufficient donations toward the new film Hometown Habitat that Wild Ones will be listed in the credits. We also recently attended the Monarch Joint Venture (MJV) annual meeting and participated in updating the 2008 North American Monarch Conservation Plan (NAMCP) and developing the Trinational Action Plan/NAMCP along with other MJV partners and representatives from federal agencies.

Along the way we welcomed two new chapters: Prairie Edge in Minnesota and Will County in Illinois. We also awarded 16 Seeds for Education Grants. Finally, we have developed our first complete strategic plan to guide us as we plan how to use the nearly $107,000 bequest from one of our members to “Spread the Word” about the importance of native plants to biodiversity and the very existence of this planet Earth.

So, as of this writing we have 3,819 members in 47 states and Washington DC and in two provinces of Canada. The WILD Center continues to become better known not only as the national headquarters for Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes, but also as a public garden, having increased our visitors registration by 22% (and we know many visitors do not register because we see them walking through the gardens daily!). We’ve had visitors from California, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, the Netherlands, and of course from across the Midwest. We filmed Doug Tallamy, PhD while he presented the keynote at the Wild Ones Fox Valley Area annual conference and hosted author Mariette Nowak at Fox Cities Book Festival. And we gratefully accepted 930.75 volunteer hours that included Wild Ones members, local school groups, master gardeners and 90 Pathfinders.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the donor lists are accurate and reflect gifts made from October 10, 2013 through October 22, 2014. However, should there be an error or omission, please contact the national office at 877-394-9453 (877-FYIWILD) or via e-mail at execdirector@wildones.org.

Since as a result of the historic meeting between the North American Leaders Summit last February, America has now also gotten on-board with its “Federal Strategy to Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators,” Wild Ones future and the fulfillment of our mission has just gotten a huge boost. With your continued support, it is our goal to expand the movement during our 36th year so more people will understand the important role all of us need to play in revitalizing our own yards and our communities’ green spaces with native plants and natural landscapes to preserve our nation’s biodiversity.

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Ron ‘z Tree Service: one load of chipped bark

Jim & Carol Bray, Hickory Road Gardens: an assortment of bare root shade plants

Kathleen Hallett; prairie roses

Marilyn D Jones: a 1993 date in the development of the Center would not be so far along without Dave’s and their valuable assistance.

Thank you all.
The Wild Ones Legacy Program
To fund its important programs, Wild Ones depends heavily on private contributions from caring individuals. Donors are discovering the benefits of supporting charities through their estate plans. Through the Wild Ones Legacy Program we will work with you and your estate-planning professionals to help you help Wild Ones, after you are gone, to continue to get its message across and to expand the movement. With your assistance we will continue to spread the word about how important native plants are to our very existence and to the existence of the Earth as a living planet.

These donations (often called planned gifts) can offer many advantages:
• Reduce estate taxes.
• Provide a life-income stream.
• Allow you to make a much larger gift than you thought possible.
• Receive a current income-tax deduction.
• Reduce or avoid capital gains tax.
• Support Wild Ones mission and work.

If you have not yet included the Wild Ones in your estate plans, the following are some of the most popular methods to accomplish that. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact National Counsel, Bret Rappaport, at 312-845-5116 or b.rappaport@comcast.net, or the Wild Ones National Office at 877-394-9453 or execdirector@wildones.org.

Wills
One of the simplest and most common ways to remember Wild Ones and help us carry on our mission is to leave a bequest through your will. The following is suggested language to use in wills and a variety of other estate planning tools – feel free to print this and take it to your attorney when you are discussing your estate plans.

When making a gift to the Wild Ones Natural Landscapers, Ltd., use this language:

“I give and bequeath the sum of $__________ (or________ percent of my estate) to the Wild Ones Natural Landscapers Ltd., to be used for its general purposes.”

You may also give a particular asset (“my shares of XYZ stock...”) or a portion of the residue of your estate after other bequests have been paid (“50 percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate...”).

Trusts
There are many different types of trusts that can serve a variety of purposes. It would be impossible to give even a brief explanation of the many types of trusts in this information. The advice of an attorney and qualified financial planner is necessary to assess your situation and decide which trust might best serve your goals. Please know, however that it is easy to include a gift to Wild Ones through your trust by using the language set forth above.

Also, there are trusts (called Charitable Remainder Trusts) that can provide you or your loved ones with a life-income stream while also providing a gift to support the programs of the Wild Ones. Please check with your financial advisor to determine what is best for your situation.

Life insurance
Life insurance can be a valuable tool in estate planning. By naming beneficiaries on policies, the proceeds can be paid directly to that person or organization without having to go through probate. Life insurance also offers a wonderful way to make a charitable gift. It is possible to make gifts with “paid-up” policies, policies with premiums still due, policies where you can retain the right to a policy's cash value, or by assigning the dividends in a participating policy. Check with your insurance agent to see which option would be best for you.

Pay on death or transfer on death accounts
This estate planning tool can be an effective way to quickly transfer assets – such as bank accounts – to a beneficiary, because it avoids that asset going through the probate process. It also allows you to change the beneficiary at any time.

When establishing the account, tell your banking representative that you wish it to be a “Pay on Death” account. They will ask you for the name of the person or charitable organization you wish to receive the property upon your death.

Gifts of securities
While a gift of securities is not strictly an estate-planning tool, there are significant advantages to this type of donation that have allowed many donors to make gifts that will live on after they are gone.

If you have owned stock for at least one year that has increased in value, you can donate that stock to a charitable organization without having to pay capital-gains tax on the increase. Additionally there is an income-tax charitable deduction equal to the full current market value of the securities (up to 30 percent of the donor's adjusted gross income). Using appreciated stock to fund a gift annuity offers added tax benefits to that gift.

Note: In order to receive the most favorable tax treatment, you must donate the securities to the Wild Ones – you cannot sell the stock and donate the proceeds. If you would like more information on how to make this transfer, please contact the Wild Ones National Office.

Retirement plan assets
With the increase in the variety of retirement plan assets that people own, an important aspect of your estate planning should be making sure that the money invested in these accounts goes to the people or organizations you wish to receive them.

Examples of these different retirement plans include IRAs, pension plans, Keogh, and 401(K) accounts. If you are contemplating a charitable gift in your estate plans, using assets such as those in retirement plans can maximize your donation while allowing other property that is not subject to some taxes to be passed to your beneficiaries. Consult your financial advisor to see what is best for your particular estate plan.
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The Wild Ones Burr Oak Circle honors donors who contribute $1,000 or more annually to Wild Ones efforts.
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The Wild Ones Oak Savanna Circle honors members who have loyally supported Wild Ones for 15 years or more. Unfortunately, we don't have everyone's join date from the very early years, so if your name has been missed, please let the National Office know as soon as possible.
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Annual gifts, in addition to membership fees, provide critical ongoing resources to support daily operations and enable Wild Ones to carry out its mission throughout the year.

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Burr Oak Circle
Donors who make annual gifts of $1,000 or more are honored through this leadership circle program, and are provided with special benefits such as special receptions at the Wild Ones headquarters and a 10 percent discount on items at the Wild Store.

Oak Savanna Circle
Members of this circle have loyally supported Wild Ones for at least 15 years or more.

Employee Matching Gift Program
Many companies and organizations match employee contributions, greatly increasing the impact of a charitable gift to Wild Ones. Please contact your human resources office for further information.

Special Gifts and Heritage
Contact the Wild Ones Executive Director for further information about the Wild Ones Legacy Program which includes making gifts of appreciated stock, real property, in-kind gifts, IRA-rotero gifts (option through December 2013 per the Pension Protection Act of 2006 amended), and multi-year commitments. The Legacy Program (see opposite page) also can include bequests, charitable gift annuities, trusts, and other planned giving vehicles which provide significant support to Wild Ones while also benefitting the donors and their families.

Volunteer
More than 6,000 people annually volunteer their time and energy for land conservation, community garden plantings, and other chapter and national Wild Ones activities. Please consider becoming a “plants-roots” partner with Wild Ones.

Lifetime Members
Lifetime members have shown a long-term commitment to the Wild Ones mission and its goals.

Gift Memberships
One of the easiest ways to advocate and help others who are not already Wild Ones members learn about the benefits of using native plants in their landscaping is to give them a gift membership.

For more information on supporting Wild Ones, contact Donna VanBuecken, Executive Director, Wild Ones, P.O. Box 1274, Appleton, Wisconsin 54912-1274, 877-394-9453 (toll free), execdirector@wildones.org, or visit our web site at www.wildones.org. 
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