

# NATIVE NEWS

## Gibson Woods Wild Ones

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Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to encourage biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit, environmental, educational, and advocacy organization.

### GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Wild Ones Friends,

We've been busy taking care of our plants for our Native Plant Sale - taking place next month on May 7th. I'm excited to say that everything is falling into place - the plants are growing nicely, our Plant List has been completed and is available to anyone who needs it. It is attached with the sending of this Newsletter, and is also available on our Website at [gw-wildones.org](http://gw-wildones.org). I want to thank Gayle Tokarz for all the hard work she puts into organizing this list every year.

There's a lot of other details that go on behind the scenes preparing and planning for this sale, so I want to also extend my thanks to Peggy Foster & Joy Bower for all the work they put in, and to our entire Greenhouse crew for your work and dedication.

Our April meeting will be for members, and will focus on plant sale preparation. I sent an email of the 'jobs' that we need to fill, so I hope you have had some time to decide how you'd like to help. I'm confident that we will have another successful sale, mostly because of all the awesome volunteers who pull together to make this sale happen!!

I know there are a few other plant sales happening on the same date, but maybe you all can plan to make a day of it -there's plenty of time to make the rounds!! Don't forget that Mother's day is May 8th. I can't think of a better gift than a trunk full of flowers, shrubs, grasses, and ferns that will not only look beautiful, but will feed the butterflies, bees, moths & all the other pollinators out there. And in turn, all the food they help give to the birds!!

There will be a link to a preview of our plants on our website & on Facebook available by April 11th. Make sure to check it out. You'll be amazed at the variety & beauty of what we have. And for another prelude to our sale, make sure to register to see Steve Sass & Amanda Smith take us on a journey through the woodlands of our area!

I hope to see you all,  
Kim Moor

**Please note:** After registering for our meetings & presentations, you will receive a confirmation email **directly from Zoom**. It will contain a link & password for joining the meeting. Check your Spam folder if you don't immediately see a email containing the link after registering.

Please contact Kim Moor at [kckim10@gmail.com](mailto:kckim10@gmail.com) prior to the date of the meeting or presentation if you did not receive the link.

Visit us online at:

<http://gw-wildones.org/>

### New Membership & Renewals:

\$40 household - or - \$25 student, ltd income

### Send check to:

Wild Ones, 2285 Butte des Morts Beach  
Rd., Neenah, WI 54956

Mark your check 'Chapter 38'

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Meetings will be held via Zoom on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm - unless stated otherwise.

Links to register for all online presentations & meeting will be provided prior to the meeting.

Please email [kckim10@gmail.com](mailto:kckim10@gmail.com) or text/call 219-433-5731 with questions.

**April 6, 2022 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

*Business Meeting*—Members Only  
(via Zoom - Registration required)

**April 23, 2022 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

*Spring Woodland Wildflowers*  
- with Steve Sass & Amanda Smith  
(via Zoom - Registration required)

**May 7, 2022**

### Native Plant Sale

Oak Ridge Prairie  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**June 4, 2022 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

*Business Meeting* - In-person -Location to be Determined

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Welcome New Members**

**Susan Alterio**

**Peter O'Day**

**Lauren Stegenga**

We look forward to getting to know you!

**GW-WILD ONES APRIL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Zoom Meeting** – registration is required

Wednesday April 6, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZwpdOqqz8sGt2Jmh-HJUqOKjkudH-ujSxT>

A recording of this meeting will be sent to all current Members.

Plant sale planning will be the main topic, followed by a short preview of this year's plants. The sneak-peek will be recorded & shared to all on our email list.

**Spring Woodland Wildflowers of the Lower Lake Michigan Region:  
History, Folklore and Physiology** - with Amanda Smith and Steve Sass

**Zoom Presentation** – registration required

Saturday, April 23, 2022 10:00-11:00 AM

Few sights are more of a delight to behold than the Midwestern forest floor in early Spring. Even before the snow begins to melt, the race is on for our native woodland flowers. Within a period of only a few weeks or less, they must employ specialized adaptations to maximize sunlight and reproduction before the tree canopy closes.

Come along with Amanda and Steve as we take you on a seasonal journey through the flora of the Spring forest. Along the way, we'll take a closer look and explore their physiology, life strategies and folklore. We'll share our favorite locations to see them and provide tips on incorporating some of them into our home landscapes.

**Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUodOmgrz0tE9Ov4ebtucyIVVeLZZ2splg>

A recording of this meeting will be sent to all who registered.

**EDIE'S CORNER - RECYCLE!**

Since it's Spring Cleaning time of year, we'd like to request if you have any blinds that you might be replacing (or have laying around collecting dust), we would be happy to take them off your hands. We use these for our Plant Tags, and will need a new batch for next year's sale. Please contact one of our officers to make arrangements for a pick-up or drop off.

**PLANT STUDY** - by Olimpia Gutierrez**Glade Mallow** (*Napaea dioica*)Mallow family - *Malvaceae*

Glade Mallow is a dioecious perennial herbaceous plant consisting of an upright central stem with large alternate green leaves with dentate margins. Leaves become smaller as they ascend and have 3-9 palmate lobes with acutely angled sinuses. Stems terminate in panicles of white staminate or pistillate flowers with 5 petals. Blooming occurs in late June to August and lasts for 4-5 weeks. The fragrant flowers open in the morning and close at sunset. The flowers are replaced by rounded fruits split open when ripe, each containing 8-10 seeds. The root system consists of a hollow taproot and rhizomes that produce colonies.

**Habitat:** Damp habitats near water sources

**Soil type:** Loam or silt with decaying organic matter

**Moisture:** Moist, will wilt rapidly if dry

**Sun:** Full sun to part shade

**Height:** 3-9 feet, will topple over in strong winds

**Zones:** 3 to 8

**Propagation:** Seed which require cold moist stratification, division of rhizomes

Disease and insect pressure: None of note.



**Fauna:** Glade Mallow produces nectar and pollen. It is cross pollinated by a variety of bee and fly species. The foliage is eaten by deer and farm animals. Glade Mallow colonies provide cover for small animals and insects.

Habitats include river-bottom prairies, soggy thickets, openings in floodplain forests, terraces along rivers, low areas along streams, and depressions along railroads. This plant doesn't occur in glades, contrary to what its common name suggests.

Because of its unisexual flowers, the Glade Mallow is one of the more unusual members of the Mallow family. Its range is restricted to only a few states in the Midwest. Its flowers are much smaller in size than those of the native Rose Mallows (*Hibiscus* spp.) and rare Kankakee Mallow (*Iliamna remota*), but they are more numerous.

Sources:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napaea\\_dioica](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Napaea_dioica)

[https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/gld\\_mallow.htm](https://www.illinoiswildflowers.info/savanna/plants/gld_mallow.htm)

<http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/FullImageDisplay.aspx?documentid=31938>



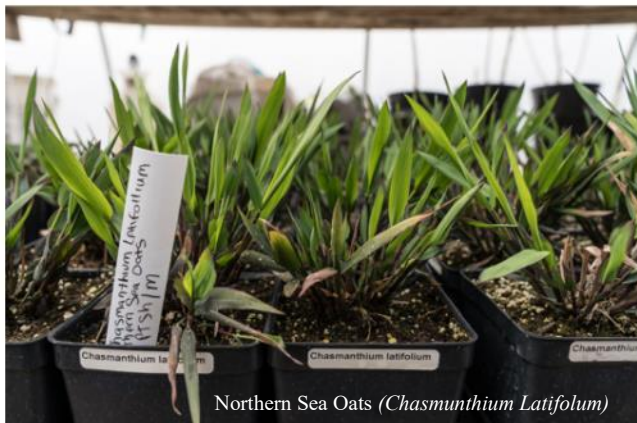
## LA PORTE COUNTY GARDEN SHOW

Mickey Taylor, Jenny Dimitroff & I worked the booth at the La Porte County Master Gardener Garden Show in March. Barbara Kerby, President of 'Wild Ones' South Bend chapter also shared a booth with us. It was great to finally meet her. We had a lot of fun hanging out together. We sold some books, gave out a bunch of seeds, plant sale flyers - and did a lot of educating. It was really a great day, and a great show! And, yes we wore our masks around customers, and I wish one of us would have thought to get rid of the water sitting in the middle of our table before we took pictures!!



## IN OUR GREENHOUSE

We received our Shrub & Woodland orders during the month of March. It's been fun getting everything potted up, and watching them grow - and taking pictures. Christi Bushby has been bringing her good camera and has been capturing some great images to share with everyone. Thank you Christi, your photos are beautiful!!



Northern Sea Oats (*Chasmanthium Latifolium*)



Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)



Three rows of shrubs

Bishop's Cap (*Mitella diphylla*)



Eastern Pasqueflower (*Pulsatilla patens*)



Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)



A baby sprout!



## PLANTING FOR SUCCESS RESOURCES

In the Midwest, a wealth of plant diversity grows in lush tallgrass prairies, as well as in oak savannas, windswept lakeshore dunes, shallow soils and rocky slopes of glades, and within deciduous forests. The native plants of this area support a diverse range of pollinators including thousands of species of native bees, butterflies, beetles, flies, wasps, and moths. The Midwest region is an important breeding area for the monarch butterfly and is also home to several imperiled species of bees and butterflies, including the endangered rusty patched bumble bee. Pollinators maintain healthy, productive plant communities, provide food that sustains wildlife, and play an essential role in crop production. Providing wildflower-rich habitat is the most significant action you can take to support pollinators. Native plants, which are adapted to local soils and climates, are the best sources of nectar and pollen for native pollinators. Incorporating native wildflowers, grasses, and shrubs into any landscape promotes local biological diversity by providing shelter & food for wildlife. Native plants are better adapted to regional climate cycles, do not need fertilizers, and are less likely to become weedy.

### Planting for Success:

**Sun Exposure** - Most pollinator-friendly plants prefer sites that receive sun throughout most of the day and are mostly open, with few large trees. A southern exposure can provide the warmest habitat, but is not required. There are still plenty of species available for the less sunny areas of your yard.

**Plant Diversity** - Choosing a variety of plants with overlapping and sequential bloom periods will provide food for pollinators throughout the seasons.

**Habitat Size and Shape** - Habitat patches that are bigger and closer to other patches are generally better than those that are smaller and more isolated from one another. However, even a small container garden can attract and support pollinators!

**Planting Layout** - Flowers clustered into clumps of one species will attract more pollinators than individual plants scattered through a habitat patch. Where space allows, plant clumps of the same species within a few feet of one another.

**Seeds or Transplants** - It is usually cheaper to establish large habitat areas from seed; however, seeding native wildflowers on a large-scale is an art unto itself. For step-by-step instructions see Establishing Pollinator Meadows from Seed and the Pollinator Habitat Installation Guides listed in the Additional Resources section. For smaller areas like gardens, transplants are usually easier to use and will bloom faster than plants started from seed.

**Protect Pollinators from Insecticides** - Although dependent on timing, rate, and method of application, all insecticides have the potential to poison or kill pollinators. Systemic insecticides in particular have received significant attention for their potential role in pollinator declines. Because plants absorb systemic insecticides as they grow, the chemicals become distributed throughout plant tissues and are sometimes present in pollen and nectar. You can help protect pollinators by avoiding the use of these and other insecticides. Before purchasing plants from nurseries and garden centers, be sure to ask whether they have been treated with insecticides. To read more about threats to pollinators from pesticides, please visit: [www.xerces.org/pesticides](http://www.xerces.org/pesticides).

### Additional Resources

**Attracting Native Pollinators** - This book highlights the role of native pollinators in natural ecosystems, gardens, and farms. This comprehensive guide includes information about pollinator ecology, detailed profiles of over 30 common bee genera, and habitat designs for multiple landscapes with over 50 pages of fully illustrated regional plant lists. Available in bookstores everywhere, and through [www.xerces.org/books](http://www.xerces.org/books).

**The Xerces Pollinator Conservation Resource Center** - Our Pollinator Conservation Resource Center includes regional information on pollinator plants, habitat conservation guides, nest management instructions, bee identification and monitoring resources, and directories of native pollinator plant nurseries. [www.xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center](http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-resource-center)

**Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** - The Xerces Society has collaborated with the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center to create lists of plants that are attractive to native bees, bumble bees, honey bees, and other beneficial insects, as well as plant lists with value as nesting materials for native bees. These lists can be narrowed down with additional criteria such as state, soil moisture, bloom time, and sunlight requirements. The Center's website also features image galleries, how-to articles on native plant gardening, and more. <https://www.wildflower.org/project/pollinator-conservation>

**Establishing Pollinator Meadows from Seed** - These guidelines provide step-by-step instructions for establishing pollinator meadows from seed in areas that range in size from a small backyard garden up to an acre. Topics include: site selection, site preparation, plant selection, planting techniques, and ongoing management. [www.xerces.org/establishing-pollinator-meadows-from-seed](http://www.xerces.org/establishing-pollinator-meadows-from-seed)

**Pollinator Habitat Installation Guides** - These regional guidelines, developed in collaboration with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, provide in-depth practical guidance on how to install nectar and pollen habitat for bees in the form of wildflower meadow plantings or linear rows of native flowering shrubs. Region-specific seed mixes and plant recommendations are included in the appendices of each guide. [www.xerces.org/pollinator-habitat-installation-guides](http://www.xerces.org/pollinator-habitat-installation-guides)

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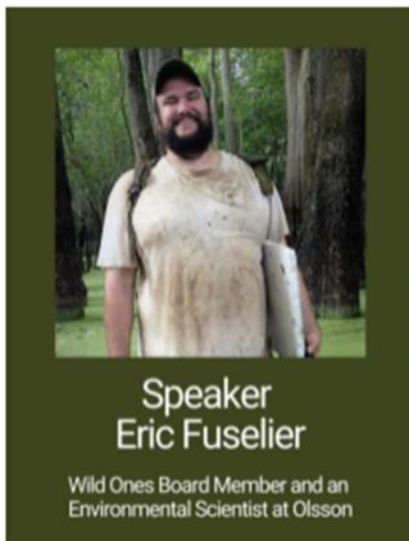
## UPCOMING THINGS TO DO:

### Perennial Plant Swap Deep River County Park

910 Old Lincoln Highway  
Hobart, IN 46323

Saturday April 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Spring is the perfect time to change up your garden. You can exchange your current plants for something new without costing you anything. Just separate and pot some of your perennials and bring them to the swap and leave with something new! Arrive early, plants go fast! (Meet at back of parking lot near head trail.)



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### Green Infrastructure Series

Native Plants for Improving Stormwater - Apr. 7  
Native Plants for Outdoor Air Quality - Apr. 14  
Native Plants for Soil Contamination - Apr. 21

Click Here to Register: <https://wildones.org/green-infrastructure-webinar-series/>

## Earth Day 2022!

April 30, 2022 9am-1pm CST at the Porter County Expo Center – 215 E. Division Road Valparaiso, IN

Annually Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd across the nation. This date marks the birth of the modern environmental movement in the United States. Today, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular environmental observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.

Locally the fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more and more apparent every day.

Join us in celebration of this incredible day! Mark your calendars and save the date! Admission and parking for the event are free. The first 300 families will receive free reusable bags.

## 26th Annual Friends of Indiana Dunes'

### Native Plant Sale

Order Form must be received by April 9<sup>th</sup>, and may be downloaded by clicking on this link -

<https://dunefriends.org/native-plant-sale-2022>

Native Plants will also be available for purchase on Saturday, April 23 from

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Friends of Indiana Dunes' office located at

1000 W. OAK HILL ROAD  
IN PORTER, IN

\*Pre-sale ordering is strongly recommended. Only a limited quantity of each plant variety is ordered from the supplier.

A colorful poster for the Miller Garden Club Plant Sale. It features illustrations of various plants, flowers, and butterflies. The text includes: "Saturday May 7, 2022", "Miller Garden Club Plant Sale", "Miller Aquatorium", "6918 Oak Ave, Miller Beach, Gary, IN 46403", "Miller Garden Club", "celebrating 75 years since 1948", "Celebrate the Year of the Herb Garden", "Private Member Sale 9 AM - 10 AM", "Public Sale 10 AM - 3 PM", "BEGINNER GARDENERS WELCOME!", "MGC Gardening Gurus available to answer questions!", "Fabulous Hanging Baskets - Patio Plants", "Vegetables - Herbs - Annuals - Perennials", "Shrubs - Bushes - Natives - Heirlooms", "ALSO FEATURING", "Cooking with Fresh Herbs demos by Corya Channing", "Duneland Plain Air Painters", "Tool Sharpening", "Then CELEBRATE MOM with an amazing hanging flower basket, and a tasty grilled cheese treat from THE CHEESY FOOD TRUCK", "IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN!".

A poster for the Lake County Master Gardeners Association 21st Annual Plant Sale. It features a floral border and the text: "Lake County Master Gardeners Association", "21st Annual Plant Sale", "Date: Saturday, May 7, 2022", "Time: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.", "Place: Fine Arts Building, Lake County Fairgrounds", "Crown Point, IN", "FLOWERS &amp; VEGETABLES", "PERENNIALS | HANGING BASKETS", "TREES &amp; SHRUBS | NATIVE PLANTS", "HERBS | HOUSEPLANTS", "TRASH TO TREASURES", "Previously owned &amp; loved garden items for sale", "CASH or CHECK ONLY!", "For more information:", "Website: www.lakecountymastergardeners.org", "Email: lakecountymastergardeners@gmail.com", "Phone: 219-755-3240".