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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,

How are you surviving your Winter so far? February was a little crazy for sure. As I'm writing this, though it's 50 degrees out there, the sun is out, and the snow is melting - and by the time I write a message for the next newsletter, it'll actually BE Spring! Time is flying!!!

While we're waiting for that warm weather, we've got a few things planned for the coming months. Our speaker for this month is a fellow Wild Ones member who will be showing us how to make garden beds using permaculture methods. You might associate permaculture with producing plants meant for human consumption, but if you look up this method on the internet, you will find many descriptions about this term. This one is my favorite: "the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient." As that suggests, permaculture embraces ecological principles such as choosing plants for wildlife as well as people, and leaving soil in place (instead of tilling and fertilizing it every year) to preserve populations of helpful soil-borne fungi and invertebrates. Follow the link on page 2 so Oakley can teach you about using this method for growing some of our favorite Native Plants.

Next month, Steve Sass & Amanda Smith from IN Nature are going to take us on a visual & educational journey teaching us everything they know about some of our favorite Woodland plants - you might even learn about a few that you've never heard of before! See page 2 for more information, and for a link to that presentation.

We will have booths at the Laporte Master Gardener's Garden Show on March 19th and at the Porter County's Earth Day event on April 30th. Our Treasurer, Karl Ackermann will take part in a presentation hosted by Save the Dunes on March 29th. And while you're getting itchy for the warm weather to get here, make sure to come out to the April 16th plant swap at Deep River County Park. Information about all these events and more can be found on Page 6 of this newsletter.

Of course, we've been busy working in the Greenhouse, and planning for our Plant Sale. I'm happy to say that our official Flyer is ready for distribution. It has been attached as a separate document, so please share with everyone you know who might be interested. And stay tuned here for even more details!!

Keep warm & stay healthy!
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 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 or text/call 219-433-5731 with questions.

March 2, 2022 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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

March 12, 2022 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Native Horticulture...
- with Oakley Molinaro
(via Zoom - Registration required)

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)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**Welcome New Members**

Jeff Gettemans

And, recipients of this year's gift memberships:

Joel Perez-Castaneda from Nature Conservancy

Rebecca Koetz from Purdue Extension

Victoria Wittig from Save the Dunes

GW-Wild Ones March Business Meeting

Zoom Meeting – registration is required
Wednesday March 2, 2022 6:30-8:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZIsceCrqzorHdyT12viC543KKES-XkDAXJw>.

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

Native Horticulture - Functional and Aesthetic Ways of Incorporating Natives to your Garden Plan – with Oakley Molinaro

Zoom Presentation – registration required
Saturday, March 12, 2022 10:00-11:00 AM

Native plants are hardened, adapted, and feed our ecology. From a windowsill or acreage, Oakley will address common difficulties and introduce new ideas on how to help incorporate your favorite natives to any available space. Some issues to be highlighted include water erosion, dry sandy soils, and areas of heavy clay with poor drainage. Hügelkultur will be highlighted as one practice, along with a variety of plants that may fit your needs - including: Butterfly Milkweed, Cardinal Flower, Stiff Goldenrod and Wild Bergamot.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZAodu6hqjksE9ecjISp1xTEo3vWDmlIHdSg>

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

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.

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>

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PLANT STUDY - by Olimpia Gutierrez**Eastern Pasqueflower** (*Pulsatilla patens* formerly *Anemone patens*)

Also known as: American Pasqueflower, Prairie Crocus, Cutleaf Anemone
Buttercup family - *Ranunculaceae*

The American Pasqueflower is a perennial flowering plant with several subspecies or varieties. It is one of the first to bloom in spring often while there is still snow on the ground. Bloom time can last from March to June. The blue-violet to white flowers are 1-2 inches across with yellow stamens and a light green center. There are 3 stalkless kidney-shaped palmate leaves in a whorled pattern below each flower. After the flowers bloom long stalks emerge with basal leaves, both of which are covered in long silky hairs. Stems elongate as the fruit develops producing seeds. Each brown seed is 3-5 mm long with a purple plume up to 1.5 inches in length that facilitates wind dispersal.



Habitat: Prairie, Open woodlands

Soil type: Sandy soil, well draining soil

Moisture: Dry to moderate, may go dormant in drought

Sun: Sun to partial sun

Height: 3-18 inches

Propagation: Seed (cold stratification not required), root division in spring or fall

Disease and insect pressure: None of note



Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pulsatilla_patens
<https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info/flower/american-pasqueflower>
https://www.wildflower.org/plants/result.php?id_plant=PUPA5

IN THE GREENHOUSE

Things are 'greening' up
& blooming...



Spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohioensis*)



Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)



Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)



Eastern Pasqueflower
(*Pulsatilla patens*)



Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)

UPCOMING THINGS TO DO:



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/miller-garden>

Creating Habitat: Restoring Nature in

Your Own Backyard - with Jessica Merklings

Hosted by South Bend Wild Ones

When: Monday, March 7th, 6pm

Where: 2801 Riverside Drive South Bend, IN

More information: Pinhook Park Community Center

Jessica Merklings is the Urban Wildlife Biologist for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (Division of Fish and Wildlife). She has offered to speak to our group about what changes we can make in our yards and landscape to make them more habitable for all the wonderful non-human species native to our area. Transforming "yards" back into natural ecosystems is the sustainability strategy at the heart of Wild Ones.

We are excited to have this presentation IN PERSON! But, if you are only able to join via Zoom, please do so!

Please contact South Bend Wild Ones if you have any questions. southbendwildones@gmail.com 269-240-4165.

Join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253894357?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253894357?pwd=by91MmdhMTIHT3NsHBsQisydjAzUT09)

[pwd=by91MmdhMTIHT3NsHBsQisydjAzUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253894357?pwd=by91MmdhMTIHT3NsHBsQisydjAzUT09)

Meeting ID: 852 5389 4357

Passcode: .DJ3zs

Spring into the Gardening Season with Pollinator Friendly Practices

-Victoria Wittig of Save the Dunes & Karl Ackerman of Wild Ones

March 29, 5:30pm - 7:00pm CST

Virtual Event via Save the Dunes Facebook Page

Learn how to use our Pollinator Garden Landscaping Guide to select native plants that support your favorite pollinators, and explore pollinator-friendly practices as you prepare your garden this spring.

View the event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1121563035080277>

5TH ANNUAL GARDEN SHOW SET FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

LA PORTE COUNTY EXTENSION MASTER GARDENERS



Please join us for our
5th Annual Garden Show
March 19, 2022

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CDT

Michigan City High
School

8466 W. Pals Road
Michigan City, IN 46360

Only \$10 at the door
Kids under 12 are FREE

Gardening Sessions,
Kid's Workshops
Vendors, Food



Wild Ones will have a booth at this event.

Upcoming Wild Ones National Webinar

'Weed Ordinances'

a webinar with Roseanne Plante

Wednesday, March 23rd at 6 p.m. CT

Most towns, cities, and other municipalities have weed ordinances (local law) concerning what is a weed, what is not defined as a weed in their jurisdiction, and what is allowed to be grown on the property of local citizens. How do you know if you are really in violation, or if your "flowers" just remind others of weeds? Rosanne will present a handy checklist to use if you are ever accused of breaking a weed ordinance.

Roseanne Plante is an Iowa attorney and business professor. She is also a certified Iowa Master Gardener since 2004, having been awarded 10 year and 500+ community service hours lifetime achievement awards. In the fall of 2019, she received credentials and is an Iowa certified Master Conservationist.

Register Now!

<https://wildones.org/weed-ordinances-webinar-2022/>

This webinar is free and open to the public.

A recording will be available to the public on Wild Ones website and YouTube channel soon after the event.

****A link to access the webinar will be emailed to registrants leading up to the event.****

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.)