

# 2017 CALENDAR



## The Nokomis Naturescape Gardeneer\*

Our mission  
*"To encourage people  
to connect with nature by growing  
native plant habitat gardens"*

### APRIL

**4/1/Sat ~ Grow Monarch Habitat** talk at South Minneapolis Housing Fair.

**4/4/Tue ~** Minneapolis Park Board (MPRB) Volunteer Appreciation Open House, 5 pm, Bryant Square Park, Mpls.

**4/12/Wed ~ Grow Monarch Habitat** talk at Nokomis Square for Nokomis Seniors.

**4/19 Wed~ MPRB Group Volunteer Of the Year Awards Ceremony.** Gardeneer Marilyn Jones awarded!

**4/20/Thu ~ Wells Fargo Volunteers** at NN 1-4pm, 2 + NN gardeners help requested.

**4/20/Thu - Wild One's Table Talks** about gardening with native plants. NN and GMH projects included.

**4/22/Sat ~ MPRB Earth Day Clean-up Event** at Lake Nokomis, 9:30 - 12noon.

### MAY

**5/2, 9, 23 & 30/Tues ~** NN Gardening 6-8pm  
(Wild Ones Meeting on the **5/16/Tues**)

**5/18/Thu ~ Wells Fargo Volunteers** at NN 1-4pm, 2 + NN gardeners help requested.

**Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop**  
at the Nokomis Community Center.

Set-up:**TBA**

Event: **Sat 5/20**, 9-12noon

### JUNE

**6/3/Sat~ Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop**  
at the MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

**6/11/Sun - Sunday Fun Day** with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District 10am -12noon

**6/6, 20 & 27/Tue ~** NN Gardening 6-8pm

**6/15/Thu ~ Wells Fargo Volunteers** at NN 1-4pm, 2 + NN gardeners help requested.

### JULY

**7/11 & 25/Tue ~** NN Gardening 6-8pm

**7/5/Wed ~** NN Gardening 6-8pm

**7/20/Thu ~ Wells Fargo Volunteers** at NN 1-4pm, 2 + NN gardeners help requested

**TBA ~ MPRB Pollinator Party** at Lyndale Gardens.

### AUGUST

**8/1, 8, 22, 29/Tue ~** NN Gardening 6-8pm

**8/17/Thu ~ Wells Fargo Volunteers** at NN 1-4pm, 2 + NN gardeners help requested.

### SEPTEMBER

**9/5, 12 & 26/Tue ~** NN Gardening

Time change! 5-7pm.

(Wild Ones Meeting on the **9/19/Tue**).

**The Minneapolis Monarch Festival**

**9/9/Sat 10am - 4pm**

### OCTOBER

**10/10 & 24/Tue ~** NN Gardening 5-7pm

(Wild Ones Meeting on the **10/17/Tue**).

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## • **Gardeneering Information**

- NN Gardeneer Coordinators are: Vicki Bonk, 612-232-8196, [vbong@usiwireless.com](mailto:vbong@usiwireless.com) and Marilyn Jones, 518-928-7819, [marilyndjones@gmail.com](mailto:marilyndjones@gmail.com)
- Regular group gardening sessions begin in May at 6-8 pm on most Tuesday evenings.
- The meeting time of group gardening sessions changes in September to 5-7 pm.
- Gardening is weather permitting - light rain, some heat or cold is fine but with any extreme, a gardening cancellation notice will be emailed to group day of session.
- Join our email list for weekly updates with a gardening reminder- contact Vicki.
- Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NokomisNaturescape/>
- We work with the **Nokomis East Neighborhhod Association**, 612-724-5652, <http://nokomiseast.org>
- **Wild Ones Twin Cities** are our lead gardeneering base. Learn more about them and native plants at <http://www.wildonestwincities.org>

## • **2017 GOALS ~ Continue Growing**

- **Develop new educational sign/s for NN and fund raising strategies to afford signs\***
- **Circulate the new Nokomis Naturescape promotional video!**
- Develop a Nokomis Naturescape website.
- Develop a Nokomis Naturescape logo.
- Gardeneer planning sessions for the Nokomis Naturescape (create a team board ?)
- Improve our spring garden clean-up methods to be optimal for beneficial insects.
- Plant ID tags throughout the Lakeside Garden, then the Boulevard and Hillside Gardens.
- Have one Saturday gardening session per month (flexible date) for park patron outreach.
- Improve social media (FB) outreach and NN garden documentation ("what's in bloom").
- Improve new NN volunteer orientation; gardeneer info packet? orientation session?
- Develop new Naturescape brochure
- Plantings on upper hillside near Monarch Festival site
- Address Climate Change effect on native plants and wildlife. The role of native plantings in mitigation - sequestering carbon and providing resources for challenged wildlife.
- **IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS WELCOME!**

## • **2017 Outreach Projects Expanded**

- **The MONARCH MILE: A Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA) Green Initiatives project connecting the Gateway Gardens to Nokomis Naturescape along 50th Street. Grants available. Contact NENA.**
- **Participate as committee member on NENA's Green Initiatives.**
- **Explore: Milkweed and Monarchs Workshop in October**
- **Explore: Day of the Dead Monarchs Arise campaign - Halloween**

\*Priority project with fund-raising efforts

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