



Fall 2017 Programs

All Meetings are Free and Open to the Public

6:30 pm-7:00 pm-Social | 7:00 pm-8:45 pm-Program

Wood Lake Nature Center
6710 Lake Shore Dr S, Richfield MN

For more information visit our website:
www.wildonestwincities.org

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

CONSERVATION STRATEGIES FOR NATIVE 'BIG WOODS' FOREST PLANT COMMUNITIES

Dr. Lee Frelich

Director, The University of Minnesota
Center for Forest Ecology

Understory plant communities in Big Woods (maple, basswood and oak) forests were historically lush with high species richness. In recent decades, these plant communities have become highly degraded by high deer populations, invasive earthworms and invasive plants. Slow growth rates of native plants due to low light levels in even-aged forests and lack of seed sources are further complications. Although some species probably cannot tolerate the presence of European earthworms and may require special conservation strategies, restoration of lush native plant communities is possible and strategies for doing so will be discussed.



Partch Woods Scientific and Natural Area

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

MINNESOTA WILDFLOWERS

Katy Chayka & Peter M. Dziuk
minnesotawildflowers.info

For anyone who is interested in learning about Minnesota's native or invasive plant species, Katy Chayka and Peter Dziuk have developed one of the best online field guides of any state. Find out how this online guide was started and how to search for plants, learn photography tips and view beautiful photos of rare/endorsed and other plant species.



Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Annual Member Meeting and Potluck

WILD ONES in the FIELD

**A partnership roundtable
featuring WOTC members**

Join us for an in-depth introduction to some of the local programs and organizations that align with Wild Ones' mission *to educate the public about the benefits of preserving and restoring biodiversity of our native plant communities, beginning in our own yards and gardens*. WOTC members will share their experiences working with affiliate groups—such as Audubon, Great River Greening, Humming for Bees, MN Master Gardeners, Naturalists and Water Stewards, MN Native Plant Society, Monarch Joint Venture, and Xerces Society. Panelists will further share the special knowledge and perspective they bring as Wild Ones working in the wider community.



Collecting native plant seed at Nokomis Naturescape