

Welcome Spring!

April 2020



HELLO WOTC MEMBERS,

As of April 1, I am your new Co-President, Roz Johnson, sharing this position with Holley Wlodarczyk. We both became members in 2014. Within a year we co-chaired the Programs Committee, serving in that role for 3 years. Holley has served as Co-President for the past 2 years.

I look forward to getting to know more of our members and always welcome your ideas and feedback. Wild Ones is a great organization with an important mission and I am so happy to take on this leadership role.

THANK YOU JULIA!

At our recent Board meeting, we recognized Julia for her strong and caring leadership to our chapter for more than 13 years. Not only has Julia served several years as Co-President, but has also been Publicity and Annual Design With Nature Conference Chair. She will continue to serve on the Executive Committee and our Chapter's Board of Directors.

Pasque Flowers emerge... and a Bee Fly forages!

Photos by Holley Wlodarczyk, April 2020



Julia Vanatta volunteering at the 2019 Monarch Festival.

“Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature — the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.”

—RACHEL CARSON, *SILENT SPRING*

OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Here are a few other organizations providing online educational programs in line with our mission:

[Earth Chapters](#)

Pollinator Friendly Alliance—Free 20 minute ecology & conservation webinar series (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

[Metro Blooms Workshops](#)

Lawns to Legumes programs include Resilient Yards & Turf Alternatives (\$15)

[Xerces Society Webinars](#)

Free programs on invertebrate conservation topics, beginning Earth Week (April 20-24)

WILD ONES REFLECTIONS

[Check out our new WOMN publication!](#)

Read, learn, enjoy, and share!



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've unfortunately had to cancel our last two monthly education programs and figure out new ways to meet. The Executive Committee and Board have been meeting on Zoom to find alternative digital platforms to offer our monthly scheduled programs and other activities. Here's an update of how our plans are taking shape:

MAY 19th at 7:00 pm – ONLINE PROGRAM!

Please **[email Holley](#)** to register. We can only accommodate 100 people on our online platform. Please respond by May 15.

Giving Nature a Home

How our yards are among the last best places for birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife.

Liz Stanley, avid birder, Master Naturalist, and Wild Ones and Richardson Nature Center volunteer, will take us on a photo journey of the amazing transformation of her typical suburban Bloomington backyard into a bustling naturescape that welcomes wildlife. Learn how she created a wonderful space that delights humans while providing “safe places” and habitat for birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife.

Good news: **Ron Bowen** of Prairie Restorations, Inc. will present ***“Rewilding the Home Landscape”*** in **September!**

2020 NATIVE PLANT SALE — [ORDER ONLINE!](#)

We are pleased to be able to hold our annual fundraiser this year! Although, due to the coronavirus this year's plant sale will be online: orders via Eventbrite, credit-card payment only, and pick-up at Prairie Restoration's retail center in Princeton from May 30-June 14. Please check our **[website](#)** for details.

NEW COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED

We are excited to announce our new committee structure is up and running! The four Committees are (1) **Education**, (2) **Communications**, (3) **Development** and (4) **Membership**. Each committee has two Co-Chairs, and additional volunteers are still needed to help plan future programs, tours and chapter activities. Please contact **[myself](#)** or the appropriate Committee Co-Chairs if you want to learn more about volunteer opportunities. **Thanks to everyone who volunteered throughout 2019!**

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