



TWIN CITIES

2020

—the year in review—

While this past year has dealt us many challenges,
Wild Ones Twin Cities board members and volunteers
accomplished quite a bit, including...

- reorganizing how we work as a chapter,
- communicating with our members and the public,
- strengthening our chapter's finances,
- engaging in public service
- and furthering our mission of...

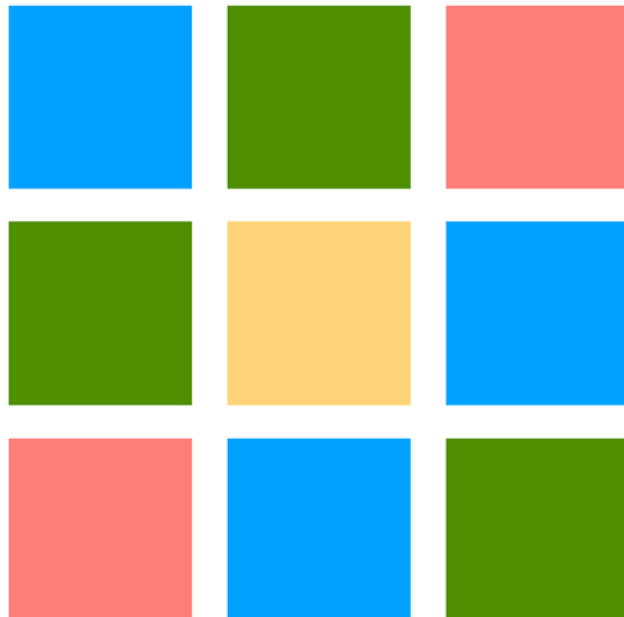
*Educating the public about the benefits
of preserving and restoring biodiversity
of our native plant communities,
beginning in our own yards and gardens.*

**We implemented our new board structure,
recruited 12 WOTC members to our board and
conducted 4 quarterly board meetings.**

 <p>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE <i>President • Co-President • Treasurer • Secretary • Membership Chair</i> — chapter officers required by national, responsible for main chapter functions, including: board recruitment and orientation, manage chapter budget, hold quarterly meetings, new member orientation and record management</p>				<p>The WOTC Board consists of members of the Executive Committee and each Committee's Chair & Co-Chair. The full Board meets quarterly in January, April, July & October. Committees will meet as necessary.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE <i>Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members</i> — help promote chapter events and produce locally relevant and accessible educational materials that engage our membership and spread our message</p> <p>Publicity & Enews Website & Social Media Newsletter & Print Media</p>	<p>DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE <i>Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members</i> — help ensure the financial sustainability of our chapter and make connections with affiliated organizations as well as the wider community</p> <p>Fundraising & Plant Sale Partnership Opportunities Grants & Seeds for Education</p>	<p>EDUCATION COMMITTEE <i>Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members</i> — help advance the Wild Ones' mission in the Twin Cities region and facilitate continued learning and inspiration at all levels of interest</p> <p>Monthly Meeting Programs Summer Garden Tours Outreach Events</p>	<p>MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE <i>Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members</i> — help grow and serve our chapter by welcoming new members, coordinating volunteer opportunities and providing member-only benefits</p> <p>Member Welcome & Hospitality Volunteer Coordination Lending Library</p>	

**Thanks to our new WOTC Chapter
Zoom account, we were able to...**

- Conduct our quarterly board meetings safely
- Allow our new committees to meet virtually and begin their work on current and future Wild Ones goals
- Continue to hold public program meetings, which further our important educational mission.



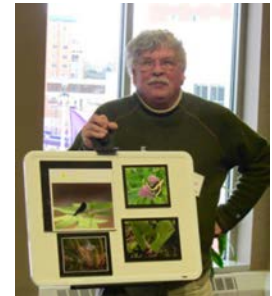
During the year, we held 1 in-person program and 3 dynamic educational programs via Zoom...

January

Surprises that Await us in our Native Pocket Gardens

Tom Dickhudt

(our last program at Wood Lake Nature Center)



May

Giving Nature a Home:

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

Liz Stanley



September

Lessons Learned from 40 Years of Repairing the Earth by Restoring with Native Vegetation

Ron Bowen, Prairie Restorations



October

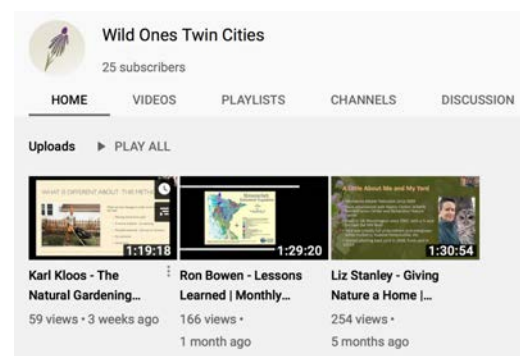
The Natural Gardening Method:

Creating Gardens with Minimal Ecological Footprint, Low Financial Commitment, with Maximum Environmental Benefit

Karl Kloos, Northern Natural Gardens



We also created a
**WOTC chapter YouTube
channel** for sharing the
videos afterward.





Although we missed seeing everyone in person this year, we communicated regularly with our WOTC members and the public through...

- our chapter's [website](#),
- [Facebook](#) page,
- periodic [e-zine](#) magazine,
- and a new [quarterly member newsletter](#).

The Communications Committee published two amazing *Wild Ones Reflections* e-zines in [Spring](#) and [Fall](#), which reach readers in the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota!



In May, the Development Committee conducted our most successful **native plant and shrub sale** ever, which provided over 10,000 plants for both established and new habitat gardeners in the Twin Cities Metro!



Pre-ordered plants were available for pick-up at Prairie Restorations in Princeton

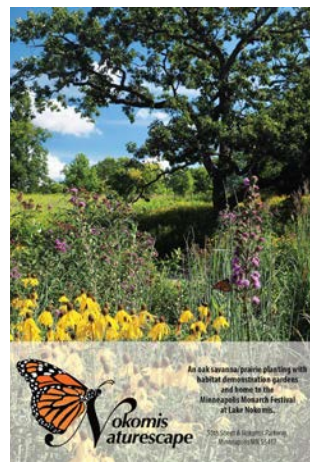


The donated plant sale was held at Julia's house in Minneapolis



Thanks to Marilyn Jones, WOTC has continued to sell **Native Plant Signs** well beyond our Twin Cities chapter area!

Through WOTC members' continued volunteer work at the Nokomis Naturescape alongside Wells Fargo Green Teams, Wild Ones Twin Cities chapter received a \$1,000 operational grant from Wells Fargo!



Because WOTC volunteers have worked so hard over the past few years, we were fortunate to be able to make a large donation in support of the important work of our national Wild Ones organization.



Wild Ones Twin Cities is a local chapter of Wild Ones—Native Plants, Natural Landscapes.

Our national Wild Ones organization produced two fantastic online programs which can be viewed online:



Nature's Best Hope

Dr. Doug Tallamy



Bombus Among Us - Bumble Bee Basics

Heather Holm



In October WOTC Board members participated in a native prairie seed collection community service project at Richardson Nature Center, in partnership with the Three Rivers Park District.

We Are Only as Strong as Our Membership—
THANK YOU!

- 39 new members in 2020
- A total of 186 active members

The Membership Committee is busy planning a virtual *New Member Orientation* in January, so look for an email invitation if you've joined Wild Ones Twin Cities in the last 12 months!

Would you like to be more involved?

Please contact [Roz Johnson](#) if you are interested in serving on one of our committees or volunteering for one of our activities.

We look forward to seeing everyone when we resume in-person meetings and activities some time in 2021!

