

Nokomis Naturescape Gardener 2021 Calendar

Hello Gardeners,

Yay! The growing season is here! The 2021 season brings new plans. This work in progress, is open to your suggestions, ideas and feedback.

- **Our gardening days and times have changed - with Tuesday evenings alternating with Saturday mornings from May through September.** We hope this will allow more people to join us for a session. Below is the 2021 schedule with 2 sessions a month. Weather reschedule dates will most likely happen.
- We are developing a new program, **Native Plant Gardening Learn-Along.** This is a mentoring opportunity where people newer to native plant habitat gardening can learn-alongside an experienced gardener with a couple of others. We'll do the gardening chores that present themselves that week plus learn more about the plants and animal visitors (usually very small) we encounter. Learn-along the growing season topics will be presented at the beginning of each session. These 15-30 minutes presentations will then be followed by hands-on gardening time.
- The **Habitat Garden Table**, with a naturalist advisor, will be set up for each gardening session.
- **Free milkweeds and other native plants** will be made available.
- **There is a choice** for experienced gardeners that prefer the informality of our usual semi-guided gardening sessions, to continue gardening as in previous years. The NN Gardeners, for instance, includes seedling tree and Creeping Charlie removal specialists, whose diligent work and company is much appreciated.

Cheers!

Nokomis Naturescape Stewardship Coordinators,
Vicki Bonk and Leslie Pilgrim

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APRIL Saturday 24, 10am-12pm

Honor Earth Day! We'll re-aquaint ourselves with the garden and each other. Our gardening task will be clipping back the hollow/pithy type stems to serve as cavity nesting bee homes. Bring clippers (or any snipping tool) you can. We'll do a *slow-gardening* approach to clean-up chores with beneficial insects and bird habitat in mind.

MAY ~ Tuesday 11, 6-8pm

TOPIC/Speaker ~ Spring Approach to Habitat Gardening. An open discussion with Leslie Pilgrim and Vicki Bonk about native plant garden management benefits and how this differs from traditional gardening.

MAY ~ Saturday 22, 10-12noon

TOPIC/Speaker ~ Getting to Know the Plant Inhabitants. Identifying seedling native plants and weeds. Weeding and "editing" tips. What plants teach us about our garden.

MAY, Saturday 29, 1-3pm

Nokomis East Pollinator Plant Sale (NNG table expertise provided by Sandy, Nel and Leslie)

JUNE, Tuesday 1, 6-8pm

TOPIC/Speaker ~ TBA

JUNE, Saturday 19, 10-12noon

TOPIC/Speaker ~ TBA

JULY, Tuesday 6, 6-8pm

TOPIC/Speaker ~ TBA

JULY, Saturday 24, 10-12noon

TOPIC/Speaker ~ TBA

AUGUST, Tuesday 3, 6-8pm

TOPIC/ Speaker

AUGUST, Saturday 21, 10-12noon

TOPIC/ Speaker

SEPTEMBER, Tuesday 7, 5-7pm* note time change

TOPIC/Speaker

SEPTEMBER, Saturday 25, 10-12noon

TOPIC/Speaker