

Welcome Spring!

April 2021

2021 Native Plant Sale

7 Habitat Garden Collections
42 Additional Plants in 3 Sizes
98 species total available!
For more information, visit wildonestwincities.org

Petite Prairie, Big & Tall, Grasses & Sedges, For Sun, Butterfly Habitat, Humble Bee Forage, Showy & Unique, For Shade, Shrubs \$25, Shrubs \$30

“In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”

— Margaret Atwood

Let us help you with that! See more about WOTC's 2021 Native Plant Sale on page 2 of this newsletter and [our website](#).

Want to VOLUNTEER?
[CLICK HERE to sign up!](#)

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HELLO WOTC MEMBERS,

Why Volunteer for Wild Ones Twin Cities?

As our Chapter's summer activities get scheduled, we are looking for more volunteers to help out. We need volunteers for our annual native plant sale, “pop up” educational activities and native garden tours. We are also looking for someone interested in being Co-chair of our Membership committee.

Recently I asked a couple of our Board members why they volunteer for Wild Ones and here's what they said:

“I am happier when I am learning, doing or teaching. Volunteering with Wild Ones touches on all three of these. Being in a community with people who care deeply about this planet and being able to contribute is good for the soul.”

— Leslie Pilgrim, WOTC Communications Co-Chair

“Volunteering for Wild Ones is a win-win situation. It is my intention to leave the world in a better place and Wild Ones mission is a great vehicle for that. I've learned so much about native gardening and gained a network of wonderful like-minded people.”

— Jeremy Mayberg, WOTC Development Co-Chair

Personally, I feel volunteering for Wild Ones is time well spent. I have gained leadership skills, learned how to create a native garden, and made new friends. I believe our organization is making an important contribution by expanding and restoring native habitat that benefits us all.

I hope you will consider volunteering for our Chapter. For more info, please contact me at rjohnson2122@comcast.net or Holley at holleywlod@comcast.net.

— Roz Johnson & Holley Wlodarczyk, WOTC Co-Presidents

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Spring is upon us, and we are all eager to get back to the garden. In the meantime, here are a few ways we are trying to stay connected and further our mission...

WOTC 2021 NATIVE PLANT SALE



ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 19, 2021

PICK-UP DATES: Friday, June 4, Saturday, June 5 or Sunday, June 6

PICK-UP LOCATION: Prairie Restorations (31646 128th Street, Princeton, MN)

Our 15th Annual Native Plant Sale offers 7 collections and a variety of habitat garden favorites in 3 convenient sizes available for pre-order. A portion of each sale is a donation to our chapter, supporting our free education programs and tours.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details on the sale and available native species.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO PLACE YOUR ORDER on EVENTBRITE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please [contact Roz Johnson](#) or [sign up here](#) if you would like to volunteer on one of our committees.

WOTC SPRING ONLINE PRESENTATIONS



April 20th program:

Tips and Techniques for Safe Transfer and Sharing of Native Plants

Julia Vanatta

Tips for managing our gardens to protect them from unwanted guests, more importantly to be certain we don't accidentally share any invasive species with another gardener.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) for the April 20th program on EVENTBRITE.

After the April presentation, Julia and Wild Ones Education Committee will host several **demonstration works sessions**, limit of 6 persons per session. More information on dates and locations will be available mid April [on our website](#).

These works sessions are intended to help us learn together as the bare root process is quite new for many of us. Participants will be asked to volunteer to help train others while also collecting data on experiments in their own gardens. We hope our chapter can embrace this study and help the greater Twin Cities market by establishing best practices.

Some of the questions we are hoping to answer through experimentation include:

- Which plants are easy to bare root and which need more kid glove treatment?
- How much does time of year affect transplants when a plant is not in dormancy?
- Which plants can sustain a week or so without getting planted and which need to get put into soil immediately?
- Are there any tricks that help maintain a plant's viability?
- Do we need to wash roots or can we just brush off excess dirt, reserving soil microbes a plant may need to survive?
- If a plant needs to include soil to remain viable, how long should it be isolated to be sure no worm cocoons or live baby worms were in the container?

May 18th program: *Spring Gardening with Native Seeds*

Nancy Schumacher

[Please check our website](#) for more information and a link to REGISTER for the May 18th program on EVENTBRITE.



WATCH WOTC PAST PRESENTATIONS ONLINE!

February 16th program:

Connecting Community and Native Habitat—Growing a Sense of Place

Vicki Bonk, Nokomis Naturescape Stewardship and Outreach Lead

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Vicki's presentation.

March 16th program:

Jumping Worms, the Latest Threat to Our Gardens and Wild Areas.

An introductory level presentation on how to identify jumping worms, information about their life cycle, early detection and reporting.

Ryan Hueffmeier, University of MN Duluth

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Ryan's presentation.

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