

Welcome Summer!

August 2021



It's been a busy summer! Native garden tours returned this year, giving us a chance to meet old friends and greet new ones, and our native plant sale was a success!



Our popular "Living Mulch" collection of native groundcover plants available at our 2021 plant sale — June 4th



HELLO WOTC MEMBERS,

We were so happy with the return of **summer tours**! Thanks to George & Bernice Watson, Leslie Pilgrim and Andy Scott for inviting us to visit their native plant gardens this summer!

And while we are all eager to resume in-person monthly program meetings at Wood Lake Nature Center in Richfield, we decided that due to current COVID conditions we will hold our **September and October presentations online**. [Please check our website](#) for registration information and updates on future programs and chapter activities.

MANY thanks to volunteers and all who supported Wild Ones Twin Cities through their purchase at our annual **Native Plant Sale** at Prairie Restorations—over 7,500 plants were added to habitat gardens in the Twin Cities!

Wild Ones Twin Cities Chapter is an all-volunteer organization, and we greatly appreciate everyone who has given their time, expertise and passion to help our chapter grow over the last 20 years! As we work toward furthering our mission and reaching our goals for 2022 and beyond, **we invite all members to volunteer**. There are many ways to contribute • [volunteer at the Monarch Festival](#) • help set up and welcome attendees at monthly meetings, tours or outreach activities • help plan and run the annual native plant sale • join or co-chair a committee • serve as a chapter officer. Check [our chapter's sign-up page](#) for current opportunities!

And please help us welcome **Megan Tenenbaum, our new Membership Chair**, and Moira Olson and Anne Deuring who have joined the Membership Committee. They've been busy right out of the gate, sending welcome letters and holding an online New Member Orientation meeting in August. We look forward to meeting new members and seeing everyone again soon. Thank you!

— Roz Johnson & Holley Wlodarczyk, WOTC Co-Presidents

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Want to do more to support Wild Ones?
Please [contact Roz Johnson](#) or [sign up here](#)
if you would like to volunteer on a committee.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

It's been a really hot summer, even for our sun-loving prairie plants! While we all try to keep cool and enjoy the latest summer blooms, here are a few ways we are trying to stay connected and further our mission...



13th Annual Monarch Festival – Festival de la Monarca

Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 10 am to 4 pm. — [VOLUNTEER HERE!](#)

The Festival, held just east of the Nokomis Naturescape in the area bounded by E. Minnehaha Parkway, Woodlawn Boulevard, and E. Nokomis Parkway, celebrates the monarch butterfly's amazing 2,300 mile migration from Minnesota to Mexico with music, food, dance, hands-on art, native plant sales and plenty of opportunities to get up close with monarch butterflies, learn about their habitats, and what you can do to make a difference.

Wild Ones Twin Cities, alongside the [Nokomis Naturescape Gardeneers](#) have been an essential mainstay at the Habitat Tent from the very beginning.

WOTC SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

September 21st: **Angie Hong — Creating Pockets of Habitat with Native Plants**

7:00 pm ONLINE Program — [Please REGISTER HERE!](#)

Learn how to create and nurture habitat to support wildlife and protect local water resources. Angie Hong, coordinator for the East Metro Water Resource Education Program, will discuss which trees and shrubs are best for birds, how to enhance existing gardens to provide nectar for pollinators, "Cues for Care" to give native gardens better curb appeal, and resources to help you get started.

Miss a program? [WATCH WOTC PAST PRESENTATIONS ONLINE HERE!](#)

Returning this fall... Bare Root Clinic and Workshop

September 18, 24, 25; October 1 and 2 — [REGISTER HERE](#)

We invite you to register and attend one of our upcoming **Bare Root Study and Demonstration Clinics**. In addition to learning how to bare root plants, clinics will cover **Jumping Worm** identification, early assessment and how to prevent introducing this invasive species to your garden. All events will be at the South Minneapolis home of instructor, Julia Vanatta, unless otherwise noted.

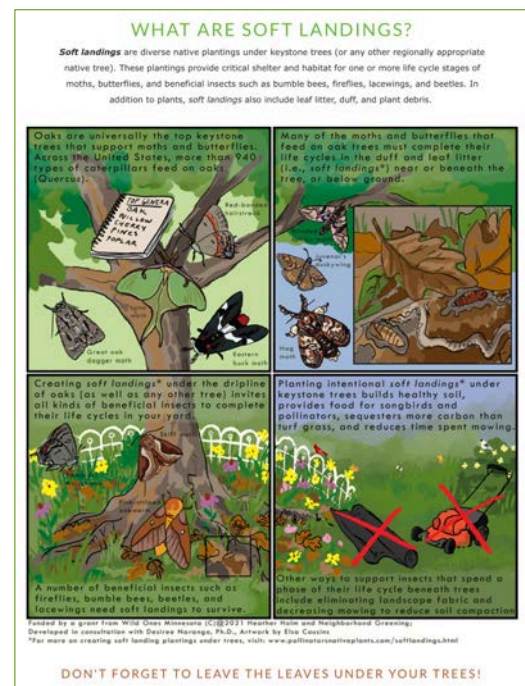
"SOFT LANDINGS" INFOGRAPHIC

[Check out this new resource](#) created with support from Wild Ones Minnesota Chapters, Heather Holm and Neighborhood Greening.



Latest Issue of [WILD ONES REFLECTIONS](#)

Our Communications Committee produced another beautiful, informative and inspiring publication with contributions from Wild Ones across Minnesota!



Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Program

Do you know of a local school, nature center, after school care program, community center or youth group in need of funding for a native garden or habitat for hands-on learning? [Applications](#) must be submitted online by **October 15th, 2021** at 11:59 p.m. CDT. Awards will be communicated to recipients by February 15th of the following year.

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