



We've made it through another challenging year extreme heat, drought, smoke, ongoing pandemic, Zoom...

But we are so grateful to be part of this growing community of native plant gardeners.

Thank you for being a member of

Wild Ones, making the world a better place, one yard at a time!



• 237 Members — a record high!

66 New Members
in 2021

• Welcome Letters sent monthly

New Member
Orientation in August

Membership Committee

Thanks to new **Membership Chair** Megan Tenenbaum, **Membership Committee** Volunteers Moira Olson & Anne Deuring, **New & Continuing** Members of Wild Ones!



Development Committee

HUGE Thanks to Treasurer and long-time Chapter Leader *Marilyn Jones*,

Development Committee Co-Chairs Jeremy Mayberg & Eren Sutherland, and the many volunteers that helped ensure the sustainability

of our chapter and advancement of our mission!



- Total of 153 Species Available!

Thank you *Marilyn Jones*, *Doug Benson* & minnesotawildflowers.info!



Details on how to order at: wildonestwincities.org/p/w.html

Thank You Plant Sale Volunteers & Customers!

7,776 native plants were added to TC habitat gardens!





Education Committee

Thanks to Education Committee Co-Chairs *Karen Graham & Julia Vanatta*

who booked a year of inspiring programs and tours, & Jessica Miller for skillfully and joyfully handling Q&A! And special thanks to our 2021 monthly program speakers: Heather Holm, Vicki Bonk, Ryan Hueffmeier, Julia Vanatta, Nancy Schumacher, Angie Hong, Carmen Simonet & Kent Petterson!







Native Plant Home Garden Tour + Environmental Stewardship Expo

Thanks to our 2021 *Garden Tour Hosts George & Bernice Watson, Leslie Pilgrim & Andy Scott* for sharing their beautiful habitat gardens!









Bare Root Clinics

Special Thanks to Julia Vanatta – who pioneered these hands-on workshops in spring and fall, and everyone who volunteered & attended to learn how to stop the spread of invasive jumping worms!

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Why WILD ONES Matters

Dynamic Duo Wasps: Spotlight on Beneficial Insects

Garden Showcase Making a Large Impact on a Small City Lot

The Importance of Keystone Species



Thank you Communications Committee Co-Chairs *Leslie Pilgrim* & *Andy Scott*,

who manage chapter email, social media & Genius Table, and to *all who contribute* to the publication of the beautiful & informative

Wild Ones Reflections!

SOFT LANDINGS

AS SEEN AT LESLIE'S **GENIUS TABLE** in 2021:



Infographic

Thank you Wild Ones MN, Heather Holm & Neighborhood Greening

Please share widely!

www.pollinatorsnativeplants.com/ softlandings.html **Soft landings** are diverse native plantings under keystone trees (or any other regionally appropriate native tree). These plantings provide critical shelter and habitat for one or more life cycle stages of moths, butterflies, and beneficial insects such as bumble bees, fireflies, lacewings, and beetles. In addition to plants, *soft landings* also include leaf litter, duff, and plant debris.



Oaks are universally the top keystone

Many of the moths and butterflies that feed on oak trees must complete their life cycles in the duff and leaf litter (i.e., soft landings*) near or beneath the tree, or below ground.



Creating soft landings^{*} under the dripline of oaks (as well as any other tree) invites all kinds of beneficial insects to complete their life cycles in your yard.



A number of beneficial insects such as fireflies, bumble bees, beetles, and lacewings need soft landings to survive.

Planting intentional soft landings* under keystone trees builds healthy soil, provides food for songbirds and pollinators, sequesters more carbon than turf grass, and reduces time spent mowing.



Other ways to support insects that spend a phase of their life cycle beneath trees include eliminating landscape fabric and decreasing mowing to reduce soil compaction



Funded by a grant from Wild Ones Minnesota. ©2021 Heather Holm and Neighborhood Greening. Developed in consultation with Desiree Narango, Ph.D.; artwork by Elsa Cousins. * For more on creating soft landings under trees, visit: www.PollinatorsNativePlants.com/softlandings.html



Online Resources: National Presentations



Over the last 2 years our national Wild Ones organization has continued to deliver awe-inspiring online programs from honorary directors like Doug Tallamy. Heather Holm & Larry Weaner!



Seeds for Education

Part of our investment in a better future includes this educational grant program administered through our national Wild Ones organization.

If you know of a local school or youth program that could use up to \$500 toward a native planting, please contact us at info@wildonestwincities.org.

> For more information, visit https://wildones.org/seeds-foreducation/

Bloomington WOTC Members featured in local newspaper (L-R): Andy Scott, Holley Wlodarczyk, Roz Johnson, Liz Stanley, Nathalie Shanstrom & Moira Olson

bloomingtonmn.gov/cob/ news/earth-action-heroeswild-ones-2021-10-06

Wild Ones

Twin Cities

Members

Making the News

in 2021!

"Earth Action Heroes

Andy Scott Owner, ReWild Native Gardens https://www.facebook.com/ blm.mn/videos/ 249793463635670/

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WOTC Members featured in local online video features

bringmethenews.com/ minnesota-lifestyle/nativegardening-in-minnesota-5steps-to-take-this-fall

Leslie Pilgrim





BIG thanks to all who volunteered at community events throughout 2021, sharing Wild Ones literature, expertise & passion for habitat gardening!





and...

all who volunteered at one of our educational outreach events this summer it was so nice to see some of you again in person!

Chapter Volunteers keep us



They send quarterly Member Newsletters & monthly New-Member Welcome Letters, manage our email—<u>info@wildonestwincities.org</u> and online presence—<u>wildonestwincities.org</u> & <u>facebook.com/WildOnesTwinCities</u>.



Educating the public about the benefits of preserving and restoring biodiversity of our native plant communities, beginning in our own vards and pardens.





Wild Ones Presents "The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees"



Watch Doug Tallamy's latest presentation here!

October Program

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021

Social 6:30 pm | Program 7:00 pm

Online Program - PLEASE REGISTER HERE

Creating Healthy Habitat for People and Wildlife

Presenter: Carmen Simonet



We Need You!

Please Consider Joining a Committee or Serving on the Board!



Our Chapter is 100% Volunteer-run.

Please let us know if you are interested in helping Wild Ones Twin Cities thrive & grow! (email link in chat)

2022 Executive Committee Officers*

Co-President: Leslie Pilgrim | Co-President: Eren Sutherland Membership Chair: Megan Tenenbaum Secretary: Susan Tertell | Treasurer: Holley Wlodarczyk

* Tonight we will be voting on the above slate of 2022 officers.



Andy Scott & Open

Jeremy Mayberg & Open

Julia Vanatta & Open

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members

— help promote chapter events and produce locally relevant and accessible educational materials that engage our membership and spread our message

Publicity & Enews Website & Social Media Newsletter & Print Media

COMMITTEE Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members

DEVELOPMENT

Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members

— help ensure the financial sustainability of our chapter and make connections with affiliated organizations as well as the wider community

Fundraising & Plant Sale Partnership Opportunities Grants & Seeds for Education

COMMITTEE

EDUCATION

Chair • Co-Chair + 4-6 members

— help advance the Wild Ones' mission in the Twin Cities region and facilitate continued learning and inspiration at all levels of interest

Monthly Meeting Programs Summer Garden Tours Outreach Events

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Open

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 help grow and serve our chapter by welcoming new members, coordinating volunteer opportunities and providing member-only benefits

Member Welcome & Hospitality Volunteer Coordination Lending Library

** Committee Co-Chairs do not need to be voted on.

Please let us know if you would like to volunteer on a committee or in a leadership role. Thank you!





EDUCATING people about the benefits of **PRESERVING** and **RESTORING** the biodiversity of our native plant communities, **BEGINNING** in our home gardens.



WildOnesTwinCities.org

The continued success of our chapter is because of members like you!

We look forward to working with you to help our Wild Ones mission grow even stronger in 2022!

Roz Johnson & Holley Wlodarczyk

WOTC 2021 Chapter Co-Presidents