

UPDATED 2022 Nokomis Naturescape Gardeneer



Hello Gardeneers,

Yay! The 2022 growing season is here! We'll begin gardening in May this year. This calendar is a work in progress but the dates are accurate. We'll again focus our efforts on the Boulevard Garden, one of the three NN demonstration gardens. The photo above is of the Lakeside.

- **Our gardening focus is on the Boulevard Garden and corners of the two adjacent demonstration gardens (Lakeside and Hillside).** The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board are the main stewards of the Lakeside and Hillside Gardens
- **Our gardening days and times are Tuesday evenings alternating with Saturday mornings from May through sometime in October.** The schedule has one week "off" between the gardening sessions. We hope this will allow more people to join us for a session. Below is the 2022 schedule with 2 sessions a month. Weather reschedule dates will most likely happen and be scheduled close to original date.
- We encourage you to **Adopt-a-Pocket Garden** or be a **Species Specialist** within the Naturescape. Experienced gardeners that prefer the informality of our usual semi-guided gardening sessions, can maintain their special spot on our scheduled times or choose a time that works best for them. Also, some gardeners may like to choose a maintenance speciality such as removing Creeping Charlie or tree seedlings, and do with us or on their own time. The Stewardship Coordinators can talk individually with those interested in these options.
- Last year we began a new program, the **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.

Cheers!

*Nokomis Naturescape Stewardship Coordinators,
Vicki Bonk and Leslie Pilgrim*

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Tuesday, MAY 3rd, 6-8pm

TOPIC ~ Garden Reunion

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.

SPECIAL PROGRAM NOTE:

Tuesday, MAY 17th, 6:30 - 8:30 Wild One's Twin Cities meeting at Wood Lake Nature Center.

Saturday, MAY 21st, 10-12noon

TOPIC ~ "What is Native Plant Habitat Gardening? How Gardening with Nature Makes a Difference" An open discussion with Leslie Pilgrim and Vicki Bonk about native plant garden management benefits and how this differs from traditional gardening.

Tuesday, MAY 31st, 6-8pm

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

PROGRAM NOTE: Friday JUNE 3, WOTC Plant Sale Pick-up Event (more details)

Saturday, JUNE 18th, 10-12noon THEN a PIZZA PICNIC (more details to come)

Tuesday, JUNE 28th, 6-8pm

Saturday, JULY 9, 10-12noon

Tuesday, JULY 19th, 6-8pm

Mid-season UPDATED CALENDAR

Saturday, July 30th, 10-12noon

Tuesday, AUGUST 9th, 6-8pm

Saturday, AUGUST 20th, 10-12noon

Topic: The Monarch Migration

Tuesday AUGUST 30th, *5-7pm* note time change due to earlier sunset

THE MINNEAPOLIS MONARCH FESTIVAL at Lake Nokomis Park

Saturday September 10th, 10am-4pm (Woodlawn Ave. and 49th Street)

VOLUNTEERS needed. Look for Sign-up on WOTC website mid August

NOTE: THESE DATES MAY CHANGE

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 13th, 5-7pm* note time change due to earlier sunset

TOPIC/Fall Planting

Saturday, OCTOBER 1st, 10-12noon

TOPIC/ The Fall Garden

Tuesday, OCTOBER 11th, 5-7pm

TOPIC/ Fall Garden Care: Winter Ready