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Quarterly Newsletter

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Sand Savanna, Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve.

Greetings, “Wild One!”

Summer is the new Spring. What are you up to? During these months, Wild Ones are typically working on community habitat projects, digging in the yard at home, exploring natural areas, and perhaps hosting a [Wild Ones Garden Tour](#) which is exactly what is happening on Sunday July 31, 4-6 p.m., at the Hatlevig home.

The self-guided tour is free and open to the public. The theme of the tour is “A Master Gardener’s Journey into Native Gardening.” For the past four

years, the Hatlevigs have enthusiastically embraced gardening with native plants on their nearly half-acre property. They have made great progress on the transition from “traditional” gardens to native gardens. Tour this property to experience their inspiring vision to transition this unique site into a rich, native landscape. [Visit our website](#) for directions to the Hatlevig home in South St. Paul.

What’s New?

Check out the latest e-zine [Wild Ones Reflections](#), published periodically with content contributions from members of all our Minnesota Wild Ones chapters. Thank you to Doug Benson for the layout of this issue. Beautiful!



Also New!

We are pleased to introduce the first set of [Wild Ones Twin Cities informational handouts](#). We hope to complete more in the coming months. Take a peek (printable handouts are located in the lefthand-side column of our landing page); we bet some of your pressing gardening questions are answered in these new materials.

What's Happened So Far This Summer? *We had a Naturescape Pizza Party and a Ginormous Plant Sale.*

Did you miss these events? If yes, you really should get on our newsletter mailing list. Email us at info@wildonestwincities.org and say "I want to get on your email list." Please include your full name.

In case you were wondering about our 16th Annual Native Plant Sale that took place on June 3rd...Over 10,000 native plants were sold through both the pre-order and day-of sale, expanding habitat gardens throughout the Twin Cities Metro and beyond!

The event at Wood Lake Nature Center was a great success, and will help us provide free monthly programs, inspirational tours, and educational materials.



[A few of the many volunteers who lent a hand at our annual Wild Ones Twin Cities native plant sale.](#)
Thank you, volunteers!

(Speaking of sales, you can purchase our lovely [educational plant sale signs](#) anytime, not just at our annual plant sale. [Click here](#) to peruse available signs. \$3.00 each.)



Additionally, thank you to the 30 wonderful gardeners who volunteered at the Nokomis Naturescape on June 18th and then celebrated 25 years of Naturescape volunteer goings-on with a pizza party, drawings, and scintillating ID quiz.

"How can I get in on the action and lend a hand at the Nokomis Naturescape?" So glad you asked. Learn more [here](#). We meet twice each month alternating between Saturday morning and Tuesday evening. This all-native garden is located at Lake Nokomis. Email Vicki Bonk to get on the Nokomis Naturescape newsletter/notification email list at vbok@usiwireless.com.

What's Good for You? Volunteering!

Wild Ones chapters throughout the country are completely run by volunteers. So, in conclusion...we need you (yes, you) to lean in and lend a hand. Our most pressing need is to fill out our board and executive committee positions. Our Membership Chair position needs to be filled ASAP. A great way to spend 20 or so hours of your 2,080 hours this year. Come join a terrific team and be a small part of helping to rewild this beautiful planet. Email info@wildonestwincities.org to learn more.

What's Coming Soon?

The 14th Annual Minneapolis Monarch Festival – Festival de la Monarca! Mark your calendars. Saturday, September 10, 2022 from 10am - 4pm

This wonderful Festival 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. A Minneapolis favorite, the festival draws thousands to a spacious bur oak canopy uphill from Lake Nokomis and the Nokomis Naturescape.

The *Nokomis Naturescape Gardeneers* and *Wild Ones Twin Cities* has been an integral part of the festival from the very beginning. Again this year, the *Habitat Tent*, will be hosted by us. We play a vital role in encouraging people to “bring nature home” with activities, learning opportunities and native plant displays. Look for upcoming info and volunteer sign-ups on the WOTC website. Join in the fun and spread the word of growing habitat!



The Festival de la Monarca: learn while having fun.

What You Can Do!

Check out our volunteer page for current volunteer [opportunities](#). If you find an item of interest that you would like to explore further, learn more! Email info@wildonestwincities.org.

Last but Not Least.

We say goodbye (for now) to the spectacular Meghan Tenenbaum, our former Membership Chair. As a new mom, Meghan has one too many spinning plates to manage these days. Hugs and deep gratitude, Meghan. Thank you.



Nokomis Naturescape Pizza Party! Garden work followed by an “appreciation celebration.”

Not a current member? Consider [renewing your membership](#)! Your membership supports our chapter's educational programming and outreach



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

Also find us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!

**With Gratitude,
Eren (they/them) & Leslie (she/her)**