

2023 NOKOMIS NATURESCAPE GARDENING CALENDAR



Hello Gardeners!

Welcome! The 2023 growing season is here! We'll begin gardening in May. See the calendar below.

- **Our gardening focus is on the Boulevard Garden** and minimally, the corners of the two adjacent demonstration gardens (Lakeside and Hillside). We'll also address any invasive species throughout the NN. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board are the main stewards of the Lakeside and Hillside Gardens.
- **Our gardening days and times are essentially, Tuesday evenings alternating with Saturday mornings from May through sometime in October.** Due to holidays and events, that pattern can vary. The schedule has one week "off" between the gardening sessions. Sessions cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled 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.
- Two years ago we began a new program, the **Native Plant Gardening Learn-Along** and still a work in progress. 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. We'll have a short topic discussion before session.
- **Nokomis Naturescape News** will arrive via email about 4 days before our gardening session. Here you'll learn what's happening in the garden, what we'll tend to as habitat gardeners, tools that would be helpful (many will be supplied), along with upcoming events and topics for discussion. The newsletter will also now be on the Wild Ones Twin Cities website www.wildonestwincities.org.
- The **Habitat Garden Table, with a naturalist advisor**, will be set up for many gardening sessions. Free milkweeds and other native plants will be made available, when possible.

Cheers!

Nokomis Naturescape Stewardship Coordinators,
Vicki Bonk and Leslie Pilgrim

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MAY

Note: due to conflicting events, our May gardening sessions will only be held on Tuesday evenings.

Tuesday, May 9, 6-8pm | TOPIC: *Our Garden Reunion & What is Native Plant Gardening?*

SPECIAL PROGRAM NOTE:

Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30 - 8:30, Wild One's Twin Cities program at Wood Lake Nature Center.

Tuesday, May 23, 6-8pm | TOPIC: *Getting to Know the Plant Inhabitants.*

JUNE

Saturday, June 3, 10-12noon | TOPIC: *How Gardening with Nature Makes a Difference*

Tuesday, June 13, 6-8pm | TOPIC: *Getting to Know the Insect Visitors.*

Saturday, June 24, 10-12noon AND then a PICNIC (more details to come)

TOPIC: *Enjoying the Summer Solstice Garden.*



NN gardeners checking out the pollinator action.

JULY

Saturday, July 1, 10-12noon | TOPIC TBA

Tuesday, July 11, 6-8pm | TOPIC TBA

Saturday, July 22, 10-12noon | TOPIC: *The Mid Summer Pollinator Prairie Garden*

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 1, 6-8pm | TOPIC TBA

Saturday, August 12, 10-12noon | TOPIC TBA

Tuesday, August 22, *5-7pm* note time change due to earlier sunset

| TOPIC: *The Monarch Migration*

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 1,

THE MINNEAPOLIS MONARCH FESTIVAL at Lake Nokomis Park

Saturday September 9, 10am-4pm (Woodlawn Ave. and 49th Street)

VOLUNTEERS requested. Look for sign-up on Wild Ones Twin Cities website mid-August

Future Gardening Dates TBA

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