



Partners With Nature 'Time to Take Action'

7th Biennial Native Plant Symposium

Saturday, September 29, 2018
St. John Township Community Center
1515 W. Lincoln Highway, Schererville, IN 46375



Program Agenda

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00 a.m. 'Silent Spring & the Birth of the Modern Ecology Movement' – Leslie Goddard, Actress & Historian. Biologist and author Rachel Carson warned the world of the potentially dire environmental impact of chemical pesticides in her best-selling 1962 book, *Silent Spring*. In this brand-new living-history program, set in 1963, Leslie portrays Carson as she discusses her childhood love for the living world, her passion for writing, and her work to awaken the world to the beauty and fragility of nature.

10:15-11:15 a.m. 'Wild Ones – Stewards of Natural Landscaping' – Donna Van Buecken, Retired Executive Director of Wild Ones. Donna has spread the word about native plants and natural landscaping, consulted with local nurserymen and provided administrative support to small not-for-profit organizations for more than 20 years. Since her retirement from Wild Ones as Executive Director, she also writes the natural landscaping blog called 'Accent on Natural Landscaping'. Through her blog she shares new and interesting information about things related primarily to the Wild Ones mission.

11:15-12:00 p.m. Hot Buffet Lunch

12:00-12:15 p.m. Break-out Session – A time to share your Wild Ones, or native gardening experiences.

12:15-1:15 p.m. '21st Century Conservation; Where have all the Carson's Gone?' - Steve Sass, Back by popular demand. What do you do when you wake up one morning to find that the wooded lot next door is being cleared for a new Dollar General store? What happens when you're mad as heck and you call for the cavalry, but the cavalry never comes? Is there really anything that we can do, or is it inevitable that "progress" will always win over conservation? Drawing on the inspiring conservation leaders of our past, along with some current events, Steve will try to make some sense out of some of the contemporary conservation challenges before us.

1:30-2:30 p.m. 'Native Plant Habitat & Quality of Life' – Craig Zandstra, Lake County Parks Superintendent of Planning and Natural Resources. Craig will speak about native plant communities in Lake County and locations where they can be found. They range from sandy soil plant communities up north, to clay soil communities south on the Valparaiso Moraine, to forested wetland along the Kankakee River. He will mix some individual native plant information, as well as the quality of life afforded by these plant communities to the surrounding communities.

2:30-3:00 p.m. Silent Auction Results

Early Registration – Prior to August 31st, 2018

\$30.00 Members/\$40.00 Non-Members

Late Registration (Postmarked after August 31st)

\$35.00 Members/\$45 Non-Members

No Registrations accepted after September 14, 2018

Registration fee includes:

Continental Breakfast and Hot Buffet Lunch

Need more information? Feel free to call Kim at 219-433-5731

Or contact us on our website gw-wildones.org.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Register by mail with your check made out to **GIBSON WOODS CHAPTER** with your name, address, phone number, and mail to:

**Wild Ones 2018 Native Plant Symposium c/o
Gibson Woods Nature Preserve
6201 Parrish Ave., Hammond, IN 46323**

(or you can print out the registration form found on our website: gw-wildones.org and return with your check.)

Want to register & pay online? Go to our website and click on the symposium link.