

NATIVE NEWS

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Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to encourage biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit, environmental, educational, and advocacy organization.

FROM OUR EDITOR

Another successful plant sale is behind us. We had record attendance & sales! The native plant momentum is definitely building steam, and I like to think that Wild Ones has something to do with that!

On behalf of all of us, A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone who volunteered throughout the winter & spring, taking care of our plants, and to everyone who helped on the days leading up to the sale & of course, on the big day!!



We want to give another BIG THANKS to everyone who came out to purchase plants. We wouldn't be successful if it weren't for you!!

Now, I just want to say that I love being a part of this organization. I've learned so much & have truly made some really great friends along the way!

Have a nice Summer & see you in September!

Kim Moor

June 1st Meeting – Field Trip

- Our trip to the UCLS Outdoor Classroom will be made on a coach bus.
- Please arrive at Gibson Woods at 9 a.m. We plan to leave at 9:15, and will return between 1:30-2:00.
- 'Bus snacks' & lunch will be provided, but bring your own 'bus drink'.
- Members & non-members are all welcome, but **RSVPs are required** - contact Kim Moor at kckim10@gmail.com or 219-433-5731.
- Bring a native plant from your yard. We will take some time to plant them at the school. Please identify & include sun & watering needs.
- This event is Rain or Shine, so dress appropriately. We'll spend time inside if it's raining!

**** If you have rsvp'd, but can't make it, please let Kim know so we know not to wait for you!**

Visit us online at:

<http://gw-wildones.org/>

New Membership & Renewals:

\$40 household - or - \$25 student, ltd income

Send check to:

Wild Ones, 2285 Butte des Morts Beach Rd., Neenah, WI 54956
Mark your check 'Chapter 38'

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at Gibson Woods unless otherwise noted.

June 1, 2019

Field Trip: U of C Laboratory School Outdoor Classroom 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Hosts: Sharon Surdy, Mary Hackett

July & August

No Meetings - Enjoy your Summer!

September 7, 2019

Sharing our Summer Experiences & Seed/Plant exchange

Hosts: TBA

October 5, 2019

Deb Armstrong - Duneland Photo Club
How to Use Your Point & Shoot or Phone to Capture Nature Photos-Plants/Wildlife

Hosts: TBA

November 2, 2019

Nathaniel Pilla - Botanist, Orbis Enviro.
Nature is a Monster Movie: Parasitic and Carnivorous plants of the Indiana Dunes

Hosts: TBA

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<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wild-Ones-Native-Plants-Natural-Landscapes-Gibson-Woods-Chapter-38/528949993858676>

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**** WELCOME NEW MEMBERS****

**Karen Billick
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Nancy Joseph
Fran Pukala
Pamela Sutko**

... AND WELCOME BACK

Linda Ruxton

SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE

Our summer watering schedule has been set, but we could still use one more volunteer to help water and care for the plants on either a Saturday or Sunday throughout the summer. Please contact Mickey Taylor if you'd like to volunteer for that position at 219-742-2775.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered: Mickey Taylor, Dianne Hoffman, Steve and Mary Bender, and our substitute, Dawn Vanzo. Our plants thank you too!!

Summer Events

Karl Ackermann will be hosting a Native Plant Garden Walk at his house on Saturday, July 20th. Refreshments will be served, and representatives from Shirley Heinze & the Nature Conservancy will be there. More details will be sent out soon. Please save the date & come out if you can!

Cardno's Biennial Openhouse will be held on Friday, July 26th. This is an all-day affair with presentations, tours, and a catered lunch. If we have some members who are interested in going, we can set up a car-pool. We'll discuss this possibility at our June meeting.

September Meeting

We will be sharing our Summer gardening experiences at this meeting, so take photos, observe which plants did extra well this year & which didn't. Did you find anything cool - a butterfly you've never seen before, birds nesting in your shrubs, etc... We want to hear!!!

Also, if you have a spot that needs thinning out & can spare a plant or two, or you have some extra seeds, bring them & we'll do some 'swapping' after our discussion. Please limit this to native plants only. If you don't have anything to share, don't worry, you'll probably get to bring something home anyway!

Potential Threat: The Viburnum Leaf Beetle

As we move into the summer months, it is important to keep an eye out for new insect pests — especially those that are not native to North America and have the potential to become important economic pests. Case in point: the viburnum leaf beetle.

The VLB is native to Europe, but has been in North America since 1947 – first appearing in Ontario Canada. More recently, it has spread throughout the eastern United States and arrived in Illinois in 2009.

The VLB feeds on a variety of native and non-native *Viburnum* species, including susceptible and highly susceptible species. Both the adults and larvae feed and have the ability to completely defoliate a plant. Adults eat holes in the leaves, while the larvae skeletonize them.

Adult viburnum leaf beetles are around a quarter inch long; females are larger than males. They are golden-grey in appearance and pubescent. Full-grown larvae are about a half inch long. They vary from pale green to pale orange or yellow and are covered with black dots.

The VLB overwinters as an egg on the host plant, with eggs hatching in the spring. The young larvae begin feeding from May to June, followed by adult feeding later in summer. There is one generation per year. Adults lay eggs on terminal twigs in straight rows that look like caps. These are easily seen during the dormant season when the leaves are gone.

The best way to manage the VLB is to plant *Viburnum* species and varieties that are not preferred, as listed below. If you already have susceptible *Viburnums* in your landscape, you can prune out twigs containing egg caps in winter (from October to April), or apply an insecticide if larval and adult feeding is heavy. Practice plant health care by mulching your plants, watering as needed, and pruning as required. While the VLB will not kill a plant outright, repeated defoliation over several years can stress plants and make them more vulnerable to lethal cankers and the viburnum borer.

For additional information on the VLB, recommended *Viburnum* plants, insecticides and proper plant care, consult with your local Extension office, certified arborist or The Morton Arboretum. If you're interested in more information, check out these very good articles:

stage.mortonarb.org/trees-plants/tree-and-plant-advice/help-pests/viburnum-leaf-beetle, and www.hort.cornell.edu/vlb/.



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Viburnum susceptibility

Susceptible *Viburnums* include:

Viburnum dentatum (arrowwood)
V. opulus and varieties (cranberrybush)
V. nudum
V. propinquum
V. acerifolium
V. lantana (wayfaringtree)
V. sargentii (Sargent)

Less susceptible *Viburnums* include:

V. carlesii (Koreanspice)
V. x juddii (Judd)
V. plicatum
V. setigerum
V. sieboldii

Source: <https://www.farmprogress.com/land-management/new-arrival-viburnum-leaf-beetle>

THINGS TO DO

PROGRAMS & HIKES

Call for details & to register 219-844-3188

GIBSON WOODS	OAK RIDGE PRAIRIE
6201 Parrish Ave. Hammond, IN	301 South Colfax Street Griffith, IN 46323

Weekly Bird Migration Hike - Adults

Gibson Woods

Wednesdays - April 17- June 6, Aug 21 & 28 @ 9:30AM-11AM

Spring is a great time to see a variety of migrating bird species including thrushes, warblers, sparrows and vireos. Walk with a park naturalist to see who is visiting the Woods.

Nature's Bouquet Walk - All ages

Gibson Woods

Tuesday June 4, 18 - July 2, 16, 30 - Aug 13, 27 @ 9:30-11AM

More than 300 species of native plants are found at Gibson Woods, including a variety of rare and unique species. Join a park naturalist for a walk through the preserve to learn more about our native flora. Comfortable shoes and insect repellent are recommended.

I Spy a Dragonfly

Gibson Woods

Wed., June 5, 9:30-11:30a.m. - Ages 15+

Come and learn about the structure and behavior of the dragonfly as well as the various species of dragonflies common to Northwest Indiana. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188.

Winged Wonders Walk

Gibson Woods - Adults

Every Wed. June 12 - Aug 7. 9:30-11a.m.

The skies are filled with animals in flight in our warm summer months. Which winged wonders will we witness each week? Will nature surprise us with something new? Join us and discover your favorite of nature's wonders.

Quilling for Beginners

Gibson Woods - \$20 per session - Ages 15+

Wed. June 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. & Thurs. Aug 29, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Quilling is an artform that involves rolling, shaping and gluing paper strips into decorative designs. Fee includes supplies needed to learn how to create your own nature-inspired design on a 4 1/4-5 1/2" card using this centuries old process. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188.

Northwest Indiana Dragonfly Hunt

Various Locations - Ages 15+

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - noon \$2 per person per session

Practice identifying dragonflies as you walk with a naturalist from Gibson Woods at various locations throughout Northwest Indiana.. Bring binoculars and a camera if you like. Pre-registration required; please call 219-844-3188.

June 13 Oak Ridge Prairie - meet in parking lot by pond; gate fee waived for registrants.

June 27 - Fancher Lake (Lake Co Fairgrounds)/Sauerman Woods - meet at east end of lake by Industrial Building.

July 11 - Douglas Center-Indiana Dunes Nat'l Park (Miller) - meet in the parking lot at the Douglas Center.

July 25 - Wolf Lake - meet in the parking lot at 129th St

Up Coming Garden Walks

Munster Garden Walk

June 21 from 4pm - 8pm & June 22 noon to 4pm

The tour will have 8 beautiful gardens to visit. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased at the following businesses in June:

Dean's Lawn & Landscaping
Dixon's Florist
Brumm's Bloomin' Barn
Gus Bock's Ace Hardware

Porter County MG Garden Walk

June 29, 2019 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. CDT

Visit 8 lovely select private gardens--all in and around Valparaiso in Porter County Indiana! Your ticket booklet will give you the addresses of the gardens, which you can visit in any order you choose. Tickets may be purchased on day of Walk for \$10 at Kmart Parking Lot 2801 Calumet Ave, Valparaiso, IN 46383. Master Gardeners will be on hand at each garden to answer questions and explain plantings. Door prize drawings at every garden! Save \$2/ticket by taking advantage of advance ticket sales at many local nurseries and businesses beginning on June 15th. More information is available at <https://www.pcgarden.info/garden-walk-2019/> or call: 219-465-3555

Miller Garden Club Garden Walk 'Just Let It Grow'

Sat. July 6th & Sun. July 7th - 10 a.m. till 3 p.m., rain or shine

The Miller Garden Club is proud to present the 19th Annual Secret Gardens Walk Start the tour at the Aquatorium in Marquette Park, 6918 Oak Ave, Gary, IN; purchase your map/ticket and drive to six easily-found gardens in the Miller Beach neighborhood, or enjoy a bike tour on Sat and Sun at 10:30am (byo bike).

Over a dozen vendors will offer garden-related crafts and products on display in the flowering courtyard gardens maintained by the club. In addition, box lunches will be available at the Aquatorium for a cost of \$10. Free water will be offered all day at every garden site and at the Aquatorium. Tickets for the walk are \$12 and can be purchased prior to the event at the Ayers Realty office and Lake St. Gallery in downtown Miller. Gardens will be open from 10am to 3pm both days, rain or shine.

For more information about the Walk and the Miller Garden Club, come to our next meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 10am at the Aquatorium, visit website: www.millergardenclub.org or call 219 938 8532.

Openhouse - Cardno Native Plant Nursery

Friday, July 26, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EDT, Rain or Shine
128 Sunset Dr, Walkerton, IN 46574

A day full of activities and education - at the open house, you can: tour the nursery grounds and production facilities, take part in one of several engaging workshops or presentations led by industry notables, enjoy a catered lunch, buy native plants, discover new products, take a botanical tour, and network with your peers. You'll also have an opportunity to take part in plant identification, and earn continuing education credits. Full schedule & list of speakers will be available soon. For more information, contact Jason Fritz at jason.fritz@cardno.com.