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FROM THE EDITOR

Well, the season is finally upon us, and now everything is moving so fast! What I mean is, after waiting for the weather to break (which seemed to take forever), there's now so much to do. It's finally time to clean up dead plant material that we left up for wildlife, as well as start other spring projects that have been painstakingly planned out. There are now tons of nature programs & clean up projects, hikes, plant sales, etc. It seems there isn't enough time to get it all in. Isn't it exciting?!

A week ago, several members got together at Gibson Woods to clean up the gardens. It was a lot of hard, but invigorating work that was well worth the effort. We were even joined by two young ladies who traveled from IU in Indianapolis to earn credit for a class. They were a lot of help, and we were able to educate them a little about Gibson Woods, and of course, native plants. Many thanks all who helped!

This past weekend, we participated in an Earth Day event in Oak Lawn. Since it was an environmental event, we met many people who shared our interests in native plants. We sold a few books and some plants, and gave out free milkweed seeds. The event's theme was citizen science, so we brought some monarch coloring pages for the kids, which was a big hit. There were at least a couple kids who are now excited to watch for Monarch butterflies, caterpillars & eggs this summer. And a few adults who are looking forward to coming to our plant sale this week.



This coming Saturday, May 5th is finally the day of our Annual Native Plant Sale. There's much to do this week to prepare for the big day. Before it flies by, I just want to say that, as always, it's been a pleasure working with fellow members in the greenhouse and all the other preparations! Even though it's been a lot of work, I've enjoyed every minute of it! I also want to thank every person who has and will be helping to make this year's sale the success that it always is!

Sincerely,

Kim Moor

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.

May 5, 2018

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Pot luck

June 2, 2018

Cathy Misch, Buckley Homestead
Bringing Natives to Your Park
Hosts: Maria Azcona, Dawn Vanzo

July & August, 2018

No meetings

Have a nice Summer!

September 8, 2018

Reflecting on our Summer Gardens
Symposium Preparations
Hosts:

September 29, 2018

7th BIENNIAL NATIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM

October 6, 2018

Dolly Foster, WO Member & LCMG
Seed Collecting & Cleaning
Hosts:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS**PLANT SALE**

Remember, we accept Debit & Credit Cards - Visa, Master Card, American Express, Discover

As a review, listed below is our plant sale & preparation schedule - along with a few other reminders...

Wed, May 2 - set up tables & White Elephant room - **1:00 p.m.**

Thurs, May 3 - transport plants from greenhouse, set up & label plants **GH-8:30/GW-9:00**

Fri, May 4 - finish plant labeling, misc. setup, clean-up, set up lunch area - **10:00 a.m.**

Saturday, May 5 - Plant Sale - all hands on deck! **Please arrive before 8:00 a.m.**

Don't forget about donations of gently used books, garden, household, holiday items for our White Elephant. Proceeds from this sale will go into our Gibson Woods animal fund. Prices do not need to be marked on your items. These items should be brought in Wed - Fri, so there will be time to set up the room.

We are in need of boxes for plant purchases, and bags for the white elephant sale. If you're bringing boxes, remember that they shouldn't be too deep. Sturdy boxes used for pop or beer cans, or pet food are ideal. Others that you can visualize being filled with quart & gallon-size plants will work too. These items can be brought in Wed - Sat.

Food will be provided on Thurs & Fri. If you are working on the day of the sale, remember to bring a cold dish to share at our Pot Luck. Beverages will be supplied.

***** DISCOUNTS *****

Paid members who worked an accumulated 15 hours in the greenhouse, preparation, and at the sale will receive a 50% discount on plants.

Non-members, and members who have worked less than 15 hour will receive a 20% discount.

Discounted purchases must wait until towards the end of the sale so our customers can receive the best selection. One plant can be saved per person before the sale.

If your dues are expired, you can pay them at the plant sale. Make sure to mark your check '**dues**' so we can keep track of what your payment was for. It is also important to let Pat Rosenwinkel know.

***** WATERING SCHEDULE *****

We will need some volunteers to help with watering our left-over plants during the rest of Spring & into the Fall months. Mickey Taylor has volunteered again to coordinate the schedule, so if you can help please contact her micktec24@yahoo.com or (219) 742-2775

Many thanks to all volunteers. What would we do without you?!!!

UPCOMING WILD ONES ACTIVITIES

Karl Ackermann will be giving his '*Native Plants 101*' presentation to the Sierra Club at Gibson Woods on Saturday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. Come see him!

The Munster Garden Club Garden Walk is Fri, June 22nd from 4-8 p.m., and Sat, June 23rd from noon-4 p.m. Karl's garden will be part of this event. Please let him know if you can hang out at his house during any of these times to help promote Wild Ones. Details on ticket prices for those who would like to tour the garden walk will be posted when information is available.

***** Registration for our September 29, 2018 Symposium is now open. The speaker schedule & registration will be available at our plant sale. It can also be found on our website: gw-wildones.org**

AND WE'RE READY TO GO...



APRIL PLANTSHION SHOW!



THINGS TO DO

GIBSON WOODS PROGRAMS & HIKES

6201 Parrish Ave, Hammond, IN
Call for details & to register 219-844-3188

Big May Day Bird Count (BMDBC)

Saturday, May 12 - countywide/all day
Pre-count meeting at Gibson Woods - Tues, May 8th 6 p.m.

The BMDBC provides a data snapshot of the bird populations across Indiana on International Migratory Bird Day. Beginner and experienced birders may participate. Attend the pre-count meeting at Gibson Woods for locations and assignments.

Weekly Dragonfly and Butterfly Hike

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. May 29-September 25

Gibson Woods is home to 23 documented species of dragonflies and many butterflies. Walk with a naturalist to find who is flitting about!

This program is free, and designed for adults.

Weekly Bird Migration Hikes

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

April 18-June 13 & August 15-October 3

Spring and Fall are great times to see migrating bird species. See visiting thrushes, warblers, sparrows, vireos and more on these guided walks.

This program is free, and designed for adults.

Monthly Family Nature Walks

3rd Saturday monthly at 9:30 a.m.

March through November

Bring the family to meet a naturalist and walk the trails as you learn about the plants and wildlife in the park. Join us monthly to experience nature's fascinating flora & fauna.

This program is free, and designed for all ages.

Specific dates are 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, & 11/17.

Butterfly Basics

Thursday, May 24, 31, and June 7 | 9:30-11 a.m.

Is it a butterfly or a moth? How do you tell the difference? Learn this and more about some of the more common butterfly species in the area.

This program is free, and designed for adults.

Wildflower Walks

Friday, May 25 and June 8 at 9:30 a.m.

More than 300 species of native plants are found at Gibson Woods, including some rare species. Join a park naturalist on these interesting walks to learn about the unique flowers and plants on the preserve.

This program is free, and designed for ages 10+.

UPCOMING PLANT SALES

Miller Garden Club Plants & Rummage Sale

May 12th 10am – 2pm
Aquatorium, Marquette Park

The Plant Sale features a fabulous assortment of the best perennials, seedlings, herbs and annuals — at reasonable prices. There will be a limited grouping of Mother's Day Gift plants, so you will want to shop early!! The sale also offers extra special rummage items (think paintings, small appliances, dishes, jewelry, furniture, plus the usual array of great old, and sometimes new, garden equipment) and in addition, good advice on where and how to care for your plants. Plenty of master gardeners and other experts are on hand to help you carry your selections to your vehicle as they dispense their expertise along the way.

Friends of the Sands Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 12th 9am – 4 pm
Kankakee Sands Office – 3294 N. US 41, Morocco, IN
More info: Alyssa Nyberg: anyberg@tnc.org or 219-866-1706

Dunes-Calumet Audubon Society

at Gibson Woods

Programs - held on the 3rd Thursday of the month 7-8 p.m.

May - No meeting due to Indiana Birding Festival 5/17-20.
Go to <https://indunesbirdingfestival.com/> for details
6/21 - I Spy a Dragonfly with Loyce Fandrei

Field Trips

Sat, 6/23 8-11 a.m. - Kankakee Sands
Meet at the Kankakee Sands headquarters, located about 6.5 miles south of Lake Village on US-41 (look for the red barn on the right). Spend the morning exploring - looking for grassland birds, rare butterflies, and newly established heard of bison.

Field trips are free and open to the public, but please RSVP to mbeatty233@gmail.com

The Butterfly Garden at Tri Town Safety Village:

Master Gardener project and education
1350 Eagle Ridge Drive, Schererville, IN
Register at EventBFG@gmail.com, or call 219-755-3240

Jun. 10-1-4 pm: EVENT: Meet Your Master Gardeners Fest/
garden is open to the public

Jul. 22- 1-4 pm: Public hours

Aug. 16- 6-8 pm: Seed Collecting Class: Dolly Foster &
Kelly Tripp

Aug. 19- 1-4 pm: Public Hours

Sep. 9- 12-4 pm: EVENT: Monarch Fest