

Special Event – August 28, 2021

A Garden Tour sponsored by Purdue Extension is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2021. Because the tour has limited attendance, concurrent with the tour is an open house at two Wild Ones member gardens. These two locations are very close in proximity to each other:

Karl Ackermann
8743 Linden Avenue
Munster, IN.

The open house is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Karl is a member of Wild Ones Native Plants, Natural Landscapes, and is a Certified Horticulturist with High Honors through the College of DuPage. Shirley Heinze Land Trust supports the event and will have a booth there as well.

The total native planting is approximately 3,000 square feet comprised of several vignettes: prairie plants and a small thicket in the front of the house; thickets, prairie, berms, water feature, and shade in the back of the house. There are over 100 different species of native plants including many butterfly host plants. Caterpillars for Monarch, Giant Swallowtail, Black Swallowtail, American Lady, and Pipevine Swallowtails are routinely found. There are many species of bees throughout the Spring, Summer, and early Fall. Birdwatching is a rich treat all year. The yard was featured on the Munster Garden Club Garden Walk in 2018, and the recipient of The Shirley Heinze Bringing Nature Home Award in 2017. The yard is a Certified Native Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation as well as a Monarch Weigh Station. A couple of the favorite features include the carnivorous plants in a small bog, and a berm surrounded by a thicket in the back of the yard that provides habitat for all sorts of winged, furry, and crawling critters. There are several paths that meander through the gardens. For more information, please contact Karl at acks123@sbcglobal.net

Dolly Foster
1006 177th Place
Hammond, IN

Open house & plant sale is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dolly is a Wild Ones member, and a Lake County Master Gardener. She gives many educational presentations throughout the year - including pollinator gardening, seed gathering & sowing, and many others. Dolly is a Horticulturist & works for the Oaklawn Parks Department. Included in her vast repertoire, is her knowledge & passion for saving Monarch Butterflies.

Enjoy a walk around the garden & meet some new friends. Native & pollinator plants will be available for sale, as well as some seeds. Plants are reasonably priced at \$3 per pot. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Monarch conservation & research efforts. For more information, please contact dollyfoster312@gmail.com