

NATIVE NEWS

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Wild Ones promotes environmental-ly 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 PRESIDENT

Ho Ho Ho... Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



I do love the holidays. For me, it's the climax of the year. Then of course, it's the start of a new year!

Before I joined the Wild Ones, when the year ended, my anticipation for Spring was waiting for the Crocus and Snow Drops to start emerging in March. Now, because I planted some early spring blooming native plants, I anticipate Blood Root, Virginia Blue Bells, and Pussy Willow. And since I have become very active with Wild Ones, I don't have to wait for Spring because I am going to start working in our Greenhouse in January.

Working in the Greenhouse fulfills many of my needs. I fill my senses with the soil, the plants, the warmth, and the lengthening days. I sometimes seek solitude in the greenhouse while working with the plants. Many times, I enjoy the comradery of working with my fellow Wild Ones. We share all sorts of stories about family, gardening, and general life experiences. As the Wild Ones President, it is also a great time to gain more understanding about our Wild Ones mission. I continue to discover what Wild Ones means to me and our fellow members. The whole Greenhouse experience is holistic and becomes almost spiritual.

And then you know what? When May comes, all of our work results in the plant sale! Then, it is time to work in our home gardens again. Well, let's not get ahead of ourselves.

I hope you enjoyed the holidays & hope to see you at the greenhouse!

Karl Ackermann

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.

January 5, 2019

Greenhouse Orientation -
at the Greenhouse

Bring your own snack

February 2, 2019

Dolly Foster, WO Member & LCMG
Winter Sowing Workshop

Hosts: TBA

March 2, 2019

Daiva Gyls, Student Conservation Assoc. & Drew Hart, US Forest Service
Topic to be announced

Hosts: TBA

April 6, 2019

Plant Sale Preparation
Plant 'Fashion Show'

Hosts: TBA

May 4, 2019

Plant Sale

Pot Luck

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Mickey Taylor for the recent loss of her father.

Greenhouse Orientation

Our January 5 meeting will be at the Greenhouse. If you've never been there before, we'll give you directions! You can call one of the officers from the list on this page, or contact Kim Moor via email (kckim10@gmail.com) with the area that you're coming from & she'll get you turn-by-turn directions to get you there.

This is our procedure orientation, so if you're planning on volunteering this year, please plan on attending this meeting. We will be making a schedule, so think about what day(s) you will be available to help. If you are new & want to volunteer for the first time, you will be partnered up with a 'veteran'.

After going over procedures & scheduling, we will take some time to 'dig in', so bring your garden gloves & favorite clippers. Remember to bring your own drink & snack to this meeting.

All paid members who volunteer at least 15 hours between now & the Plant Sale will receive half-off all plants purchased!

Don't forget - when it's cold outside, it's nice & warm in the Greenhouse!

Our plants are waiting for our TLC!



2019 Host Schedule

It's that time of year again to have a schedule for our 2019 meeting hosts. This is a interictal part of our meeting format that has stood the test of time. Please help us keep this tradition going by committing to co-host at least one meeting during the 2019 year. See Kim Moor at the January meeting, or contact her, to get your name on the schedule.

2019 Goals

The Native Plant momentum is building, but we still have a lot to accomplish. What are your ideas for 2019? A Board of Directors meeting is on the schedule after our March meeting. Get your ideas together & plan on sharing!

DECEMBER 2018 – by Kim Moor

As always, we had fun socializing, creating & eating! Check it out...



February Winer Sowing Workshop -

Do you need plants for your garden or for a plant sale? Need to sow seeds? Need a way to sow seeds that doesn't turn your dining room/ living room/ laundry room into a messy conglomeration of soil, lights and water stains? Need a way to start seeds without you kitty eating your sprouts or using the flat as a litter box? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then Winter Sowing is the method for you! We will be having a hands-on workshop on Winter Sowing at the Feb 2 meeting.

What will be provided? tools/ duct tape/ soil/ plant markers/seeds. — What you need to bring to participate: One or two 1 gallon water or milk jugs (rinse with hot water and soap)/ seeds if you have them. A utility knife and heavy scissors are helpful.

Please note: This workshop will be about 2 hours long - but will be well worth the extra time!

THINGS TO DO

PROGRAMS & HIKES

Call for details & to register 219-844-3188

GIBSON WOODS

6201 Parrish Ave.
Hammond, IN

OAK RIDGE PRAIRIE

301 South Colfax Street
Griffith, IN 46323

Name that Tune

Wednesdays, Nov 7 - Mar 27

@ Gibson Woods

Increase your birding lists by enhancing your birding skills! Join us for this free program Wednesdays from November 7 through March 27 at 9:30 AM as we familiarize ourselves with the bird songs we hear in Northwest Indiana throughout the year. No program December 19, 26 or January 2. This program is designed for adults. Please register by calling 219-844-3188.

BYO Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, January 12 from 10-11:30 AM

@ Gibson Woods

Enjoy the Gibson Woods in winter with a guided snowshoe hike Saturday January 12 from 10-11:30 AM. Must bring own snowshoes. If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing, we will offer a traditional hike instead.

Digging into the Past

Sunday, January 20 at 1 PM

@ Gibson Woods

Have you ever wondered what the Calumet region was like before it was settled by Europeans? How did traders and settlers impact the Native Americans? Les Marzalek, President Archeo Survey Corp., will be our guide on an exploration of the past. Join us to learn how Native Americans lived and how their influence is still seen today.

BYO Snowshoe Hike

January 21, 2019, 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

@ Oak Ridge Prairie

Explore Oak Ridge Prairie trails in the winter on a guided snowshoe hike. Must bring own snowshoes! If there is not enough snow for snowshoeing, we will offer a traditional hike instead. Please register by calling 219-844-3188. No organized groups, please.

Amphibians and Reptiles of the Calumet Region

Sunday, February 10 at 1 PM

@ Gibson Woods

The Calumet Region is where the eastern deciduous forest and the Midwestern prairie meet making the number of amphibians and reptiles living in here quite large. Alan Resetar, Field Museum manager of the collections, staff, and volunteers in Amphibians and Reptiles, will share his love and knowledge of this amazing group of animals .

Backyard Bird Count

February 15-18, 2019, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

@ Gibson Woods Nature Preserve

Need to get out of the house during these winter days but want to do something different? Join in a worldwide bird count right from the bird viewing room at Gibson Woods Friday February 15 through Monday February 18 from 11 AM-4 PM. Stop by any of these days and simply tally the numbers of the kinds of birds you see. We have tools for you to use on site. Help learn more about the birds of our neighborhood. For all ages!

Full Moon Hike

February 19, 2019, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

@ Oak Ridge Prairie

Beat those winter weather blues by taking a hike under the Full Snow Moon. Program recommended for ages 5 and up. Please dress for weather. Please register by calling 219-844-3188. No organized groups, please.

Miller Garden Club - Bingo for Benches

Sat, January 19 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

6918 Oak Ave, Gary - Aquatorium \$20 per person

Fundraiser benefiting the MGC Memorial Bench Fund. There will be wine, cheese, prizes, laughs & lots of winners!

SAVE THE DATE

February 23, 2019

8:00 - 4:30 PM

Michiana Master Gardeners

Present the first annual
Elkhart County Garden Expo

Elkhart County Fairgrounds

117746 County Road 34

Goshen, IN

Sponsored by:

Michiana Master Gardeners' Association in
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