



Inviting Nature Home

Lecture: The Pollination of Native Plants

Thursday, July 13, Lecture by Heather Holm, 7:00 p.m.

Free Tours of Natural Yards and Landscapes

Rain, Shine, or Drought!

Saturday, July 15, Natural Yard & Landscape Tours, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 16, Natural Yard & Landscape Tours, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join Us to Learn How You Can Support Pollinators, Birds, and Other Wildlife

Thursday, July 13 – Program at 7:00 p.m. Doors open and refreshments start at 6:00 p.m.

Northern Illinois University – Rockford, 8500 E. State Street. The lecture is \$5 (free for Wild Ones members and new members). Join at the lecture!

Heather Holm, will speak on **The Pollination of Native Plants**. This presentation is a fascinating journey showcasing the development of different flower types, and considers the floral resources for pollinators. Exploring the types of insect pollinators, their foraging behavior, and the floral features that attract pollinators, Heather will provide many specific examples of how native plants are pollinated and, for each, which pollinator is most effective and why. Her program will be illustrated with beautiful photographs of pollinators and the native plants with which they coexist.

Heather Holm is author of the books, *Pollinators of Native Plants* and *Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide*. Copies of the books will be available for purchase at the lecture and at tour sites.



Heather Holm

Free Tours of Natural Yards and Landscapes (details inside)

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Be inspired and learn how you can include native plants in your own garden, school, business, or place of worship to attract beneficial pollinators, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife.

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*Each site will feature different educational information on a variety of topics
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Pollinator Partners

6055 Safford Rd. Rockford

The driveway on this 12-acre rural property follows alongside a colorful prairie and leads to a mature oak hickory woodland. The property owners are ardent birders and naturalists, and have planted and maintained their property with nature in the forefront.

An area cleared of non-native honeysuckle and buckthorn is now a savanna that supports wildflowers, vines, shrubs, and small trees, as well as the birds, insects, and other wildlife that depend on them.

Merchandise and books related to natural landscaping will be available for sale at this site.



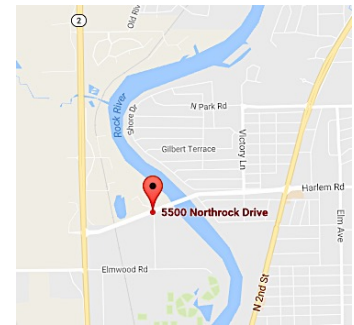
Designed with Nature

Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Headquarters

5500 Northrock Dr., Rockford

A natural landscape for a reclaimed quarry and old field was designed using a great variety of native plants. A prairie specimen garden is by the building entrance, fronted by a larger prairie. Native trees and shrubs line the walking path around the quarry lake. The use of native sumacs, wild plum trees, and eastern red cedar is unusual and noteworthy.

Learn about our 42 preserves and restoration techniques from FP experts.



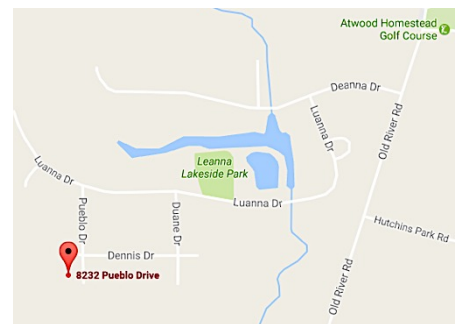
Plants with a Purpose

8232 Pueblo Dr., Rockford

Inspired by Sara Stein's book *Noah's Garden*, the plants here don't just look good, they offer many environmental benefits. Trees on the west side form a wind break. Both native and non-native plants produce food. Wetland plants help solve a water problem. A great variety of native trees, small trees, and shrubs form hedgerows that act as wildlife corridors. Sculptures are created with gathered natural materials, and a cactus garden features the native prickly pear cactus.

Learn from the homeowner how solar panels on the roof provide electricity and hot water.

Interested in creating a school or other planting project? Learn about the Wild Ones grant programs.

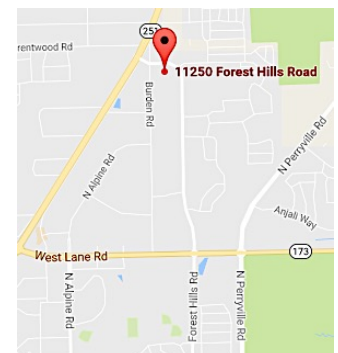


A Prairie Story

11250 Forest Hills Rd., Machesney Park

A telescope manufacturing plant is surrounded by prairie landscaping. Good stories are being told by this landscape for beginners and experienced gardeners alike. This site tells of the journey from an old field of Eurasian weeds; the appearance of dormant, early successional natives; the battle with invasives; and the successful spread of longer-lived native prairie plants.

Observe the sun through a telescope and learn about the August 21st total eclipse.

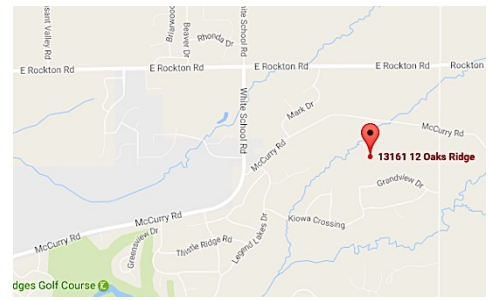


Oaks and the Understory

13161 Twelve Oaks Ridge, Roscoe IL (off McCurry Rd.)

Huge oak trees provide a canopy over a number of understory trees and shrubs. All are hugely beneficial to our native birds and pollinators. Native oak trees alone provide food for over 500 species of Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths). Wafer ash, bladdernut, wahoo, nannyberry, buttonbush, and other understory shrubs provide food and habitat to even more species. Native vines and woodland wildflowers populate the lower level of the landscape, while prairie plants occupy a sunny spot.

Learn how to choose a native tree or shrub for your landscape, and about the chapter's tree & shrub sale.

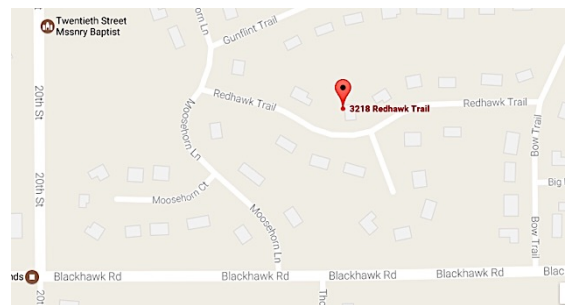


Showstopper Swale

3218 Redhawk Tr., Rockford

In addition to slowing water runoff and eliminating mowing from side to side, the wildflowers in a swale alongside the street pack a punch of many colors and textures. Also, woodland, savanna, and prairie landscaping in the rest of the yard has reduced mowed lawn by half and provided habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. This diversity of plants is colorful from late spring to late fall. A greenhouse is used for growing both native plants and vegetables.

Stop by the Wild Ones booth to find out about natural landscaping programs and presentations.

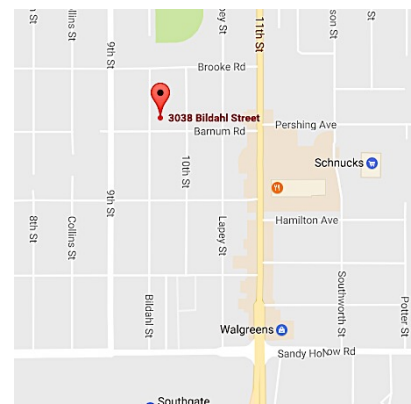


Wild for Monarchs

3038 Bildahl St., Rockford

This incredibly diverse urban yard has a tremendous variety of native herbaceous plants and three species of native milkweed. Monarch butterflies are raised here by collecting larvae from the milkweed plants and raising them in protected habitats. Eight in ten caterpillars survive to be released as adult butterflies, far outpacing the one in ten rate in the wild.

Learn how you can raise milkweed, monarchs, and other butterflies.

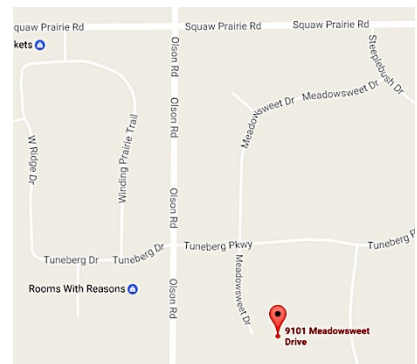


Seeds to Awesome

9101 Meadowsweet Dr., Belvidere

The seeds of prairie plants were broadcast over this large hillside home site 27 years ago. Different soil and moisture types were planted with different seed mixes. Despite a drought the first year, the seeds survived to create a terrifically diverse and beautiful landscape. Planting with seeds is an economical way to create a natural landscape with a great diversity of species.

Learn about seed collecting, plant rescues, plant shares, and other chapter activities.





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Wild Ones Mission

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

Rock River Valley Chapter Meetings

Regular meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Rock Valley College, Physical Education Center PEC0110 (lower level), 3301 North Mulford Road, Rockford, 61114.
Special meetings, outings, and events are scheduled periodically and sometimes replace the regular meeting.

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Plant sign key:

Red – Non-native invasive; **Orange** – Non-native; **Yellow** – Not locally native; **Green** – Weedy or early successional native, **Blue** – Longer lived or conservative native.

Definition of **Native**: A species that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem and/or habitat and was present prior to European settlement.