

**Promoting Native Plants for Natural Landscapes.**

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All articles for the August 2019 newsletter, must be submitted to:  
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by July 23, 2019.

*Members Only:  
Summer Evening Potluck and Tour  
Thursday, July 18, 2019 – Rain or Shine*

Location: Severson Dells Nature Center  
8786 Montague Rd.  
Rockford, IL 61102

Time: 6:00 p.m. – Potluck; 7:00 p.m. – Tour.

**NOTE EARLIER STARTING TIME**

**Members** (i.e., members plus partner, significant other, friend, etc.) are cordially invited to enjoy a potluck picnic on Thursday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. The event will take place rain or shine. Please bring a dish to pass (hot dish, salad, appetizer, or desert), as well as your own table service (plates, napkins, cups, silverware). If you are concerned about being environmentally friendly, consider bringing table service items that are reusable, rather than disposable items that will go to the landfill. Lemonade and water will be provided. We will eat inside the nature center.

After the meal, join Wild Ones friends and learn about the wildflowers and natural areas of Severson Dells Forest Preserve from Severson Dells naturalists. The woods, prairies, and wetlands are maintained and managed as natural areas for use for nature education, and the beautiful “dells” area is dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve.

It is recommended to wear long sleeves, pants, socks, and sturdy shoes to ward off mosquitoes and ticks. Bug repellent is also suggested.

This program is for Wild Ones members and their guests.  
For more information, call (779) 537.8939..

**Help Wanted**

If you or someone you know is looking for a career in the environmental restoration industry, this is the opportunity you've been waiting for! Pizzo & Associates, Ltd. is currently seeking full-time permanent and seasonal help at all of their Illinois locations (Leland, Lemont, Barrington, and Chicago). For a full job description for all openings, visit <https://pizzogroup.com/about/careers>. If you are interested in working for one of the Midwest's best ecological restoration contractors, contact Lucas Henkel at [lucash@pizzo.info](mailto:lucash@pizzo.info).

## Message from the President Constance McCarthy



**Constance McCarthy**

*photo by Tim Lewis*

### A Beehive of Activity

As I was pulling together the articles for this month's newsletter, it really struck me just how busy our chapter has been so far this year. And there is no shortage of activities coming up! Just keeping you abreast of all these happenings will make this surely the longest newsletter of the year.

First and foremost, I want to extend a very sincere thank-you to all those who helped to make this year's **native plant sale** such a smashing success, especially the sale coordinators, Cynthia Chmell and Bobbie Lambiotte, as well as Jane Evans, the coordinator of selling plants at other community events. The sale is possible only with the help of the many volunteers who are listed in the recap of the plant sale in this newsletter. I was especially proud to learn at the last board meeting that our chapter's plant sale is the biggest one among all Wild Ones chapters across the country. Not only does this support all the chapter's many activities, but also creates a tremendous benefit for the environment with all the native plants that have found new homes across northern Illinois.

Thanks also go to Linda Ricker for organizing the **first show me/help me event** of the season, and to Mary Anne Mathwich and Janet Giesen for coordinating the year's first **plant rescue** in Sycamore.

If you thought we were going to be taking a breather after all that frenzied activity, you would be wrong! There are plenty of goings-on coming

up, and we hope to see you then.

There is a **second show me/help me event** in July (see elsewhere in this newsletter). If you were at the June meeting, you saw Ken Kielsmeier's brief slideshow of things you might see at the tour of his prairie (the second stop on the show me/help me in July). While Leaf River is not immediately adjacent to Rockford, it will certainly be worth the drive to see this restoration project. Besides, once you're at the first stop on that day's event (on Meridian Rd. in Rockford), you're already in the right neck of the woods. These show me/help me events are great learning opportunities, and a chance for more experienced members to share their knowledge with other attendees.

Also coming up in July is our chapter's **annual potluck/social and tour** of a local natural area. We normally tour a member's yard or restoration project, but this year Severson Dells has very generously offered to host our chapter and provide a naturalist to guide us on a walk after the meal. We are grateful for their hospitality! If you are a member who has not attended many meetings, or if you are new and don't know many folks in the chapter, please please don't think that you should avoid the potluck/social! We are a very friendly bunch and you will be surprised at how quickly you will feel welcomed. Besides, our chapter is known to have quite a few very good cooks among us, and the spread will surely be delicious.

Finally, the chapter's annual **tree and shrub sale** is just around the corner (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Watch your inbox for the order form, which will also be available on the chapter's website. If you know someone who would like to be included on the distribution list, contact Sallie Krebs (membership coordinator).

## Seeds for Education News Kim Lowman Vollmer, Youth Education & Grants Coordinator

If you are looking for some ideas and a way to fund a native planting project, look no further! The Seeds for Education grant applications are due October 15, so start thinking, planning, and working on your application. On the national Wild Ones website (<https://wildones.org>), click on the Seeds for Education tab to learn more about this opportunity. This grant program has been in existence for more than 20 years and continues to fund native planting projects at schools, nature centers, and other non-profit locations. Applications are available in July. If you need any assistance or more information, contact me at [kimlowvol@gmail.com](mailto:kimlowvol@gmail.com) or (815) 397.6044.

## June Meeting Recap Cathy Johnson

### **The Tallgrass Prairie: Grocery Store, Apothecary, and Love Shop**



**Cindy Crosby**

Photo by Ginnie Watson

Cindy Crosby is the author, compiler, or contributor to more than 20 books, most recently *Tallgrass Conversations: In Search of the Prairie Spirit* (2019) with Thomas Dean and *The Tallgrass Prairie: An Introduction* (Northwestern University Press 2017). She earned her master's degree in natural resources from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point in 2014. Cindy coordinates the dragonfly monitoring programs at two natural area sites. She is a prairie steward at The Morton Arboretum and a steward at Nachusa Grasslands in Franklin Grove, IL. Cindy is a certified trainer and guide with the National Association for Interpretation and speaks and teaches in the Midwest. She blogs each week at “Tuesdays in the Tallgrass” @Wordpress. See more at [www.cindycrosby.com](http://www.cindycrosby.com).

On the eve of the northern hemisphere's 2019 summer solstice, it seemed fitting that Cindy Crosby – prairie steward, natural history instructor, and writer – shared stories of prairie ethnobotany to describe how people used prairie plants throughout history, and the potential resources prairie plants may hold for the future.

Cindy opened her talk with a quote from John Ernest Weaver, prairie ecologist and long-time professor at University of Nebraska: “*Nature is an open book for those who care to read. Each grass-covered hillside is a page on which is written the history of the past, conditions of the present, and the predictions of the future.*” To learn more about John Ernest Weaver and his work, visit: <https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/agronweaver/>.

For Native Americans and early settlers, the tallgrass prairie was also their home, and a place that supplied everything from groceries and medicine to art supplies and love charms. The word “prairie” is a late 18<sup>th</sup> century word, derived from the French word, “*prairie*,” which comes from the Latin word for “meadow.” Tall grass prairies are found nowhere in the world except North America, and until just a few centuries ago, several Native American tribes lived on the prairies of Illinois, including the Sacs (Sauk), the Fox, the Winnebago, the Illinois and others. Living off the prairie was an easier task back in the day when prairies comprised 22 million acres, or two-thirds of the state. Despite the reduction of prairie in Illinois to only 2,300 acres of high quality today, Illinois is still known as the Prairie State.

The plants Cindy discussed during the program have been used for purposes ranging from food and medicine to textiles and tools. The importance of knowing the plants and how to use them was exemplified in the movie “Into the Wild.” In this film, based on Jon Krakauer’s book by the same name, a young man goes to Alaska planning to live off the land. Unfortunately, that plan, and the man’s life, came to an end soon after he consumed a very toxic plant which he had misidentified. To learn more about the value and science of prairies, Cindy stressed the importance of reading about the plants and their stories. The books she recommended include: ***Native American Ethnobotany***, by Daniel Moerman; ***Medicinal Wild Plants of the Prairie: An Ethnobotanical Guide***, by Kelly Kindscher; and ***Edible Wild Plants of the Prairie: An Ethnobotanical Guide***, by Kelly Kindscher. Additionally, ***Wildflowers of the Tall Grass Prairie: The Upper Midwest (Bur Oak Guide)***, by Sylvan T. Runkle and Dean M. Roosa, a classic originally published in 1989, has been revised with updated names and new photographs, and includes references to Native American uses of prairie plants. The plants in the book are organized in order of their blooming time within the seasons. The information presented by Cindy in this program primarily came from these books, however there are others available as well. Some of the material in these books

## June Meeting Recap (cont'd)

covers prairie outside of Illinois; for example, Kindscher works in the National Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in Kansas, but there is overlap between the different areas. The ethnobotany books cover most of the country and include woodland as well as prairie ecosystems. The second edition of the Runkle and Roosa book is more comprehensive for the Illinois area and it's a good size for carrying along on visits to prairies.

In a recent class Cindy taught on woodland plants, discussion included the mayapple, *Podophyllum peltatum*, and the research that's been done regarding its potential use in treating cancer. A brief and interesting article describing the past and possible future uses of this plant can be found at: <https://unitedplantsavers.org/disjunct-medicine-a-history-of-the-two-mayapple-s/>. With the tall grass prairie being the most threatened ecosystem on earth, the plants found there are in jeopardy; many have been lost already, and if this continues, valuable resources of all kinds could disappear. It is important to advocate for the preservation and value of the remaining prairies and the plants found there.

Native Americans, pioneers, and early settlers employed prairie plants in many ways, from the practical to the romantic. Cindy reviewed some of the better-known prairie plants and how they contributed to life in earlier times.

**Big bluestem** (*Andropogon gerardii*), also known as turkey foot, was sometimes used for knitting needles and, medicinally, to treat fever. It is also the state grass of Illinois today.

**Grey-headed coneflower** (*Ratibida pinnata*) was often used to feed livestock.

**White wild indigo** (*Baptisia alba*) was toxic when ingested by man or beast, and often referred to as "cattle killer," but seed pods could be used as rattles to entertain babies.

**Switchgrass** (*Panicum virgatum*) today is being studied as an alternative biofuel to reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

**Butterfly weed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*) was used to produce a yellow-orange dye from the roots. The plant was also known as pleurisy root, due to its use in treating lung inflammation.

The uses of some plants are still found in their names today, such as **New Jersey tea** (*Ceanothus americanus*) which can be used to make tea and is a strong tanning agent. The leaves of the **cup plant** (*Silphium perfoliatum*) are strong and form small cups which catch rainwater and provide needed moisture for humans and animals. **Rattlesnake master** (*Eryngium yuccifolium*), as its name suggests, was mashed up and used to treat snake bites.

Other domestic uses of prairie plants include many varieties of milkweed, although a strong caveat must be issued. Due to toxicity, careful attention must be paid to proper preparation when ingesting products made from milkweed. **Common milkweed** (*Asclepias syriaca*) flowers, which give off a strong and beautiful aroma, can be used to boil down and make a brown sugar. The kapok from the pods has been used in life preservers and comforters, and have served other uses as well. **Pale purple coneflower** (*Echinacea pallida*) is used medicinally, and is a popular tea used to bolster the immune system and help prevent colds and flu. Cindy pointed out that this plant's name is another descriptive one, "*echinacea*" deriving from the Greek word "*ekhinós*" which means hedgehog, referring to the bristly cones of the plant. **Bee balm** (*Monarda fistulosa*) is another plant used for tea and whose essential oils provide benefits for many medicinal and self-care purposes.

**Stiff goldenrod** (*Solidago rigida*). Thomas Edison attempted to use this plant to create a form of rubber, but with little success. It is one of the most successful plants in supporting monarch butterflies.

**Purple prairie clover** (*Dalea purpurea*) The stems of this plant were often used in making brooms.

**Prairie dock** (*Silphium terebinthinaceum*) The broad leaves of this plant were often used to protect the heads of people from the hot overhead sun.

**Indian hemp** (*Apocynum cannabinum*) provided fiber for a variety of purposes, including making rope, fishing line, and textiles.



## June Meeting Recap (cont'd)

Superstitious beliefs sometimes developed around certain plants, one example of which is the compass plant (*Silphium laciniatum*). This plant, probably due to its height, was believed to attract lightning, and potions were made from its roots to discourage storms.

Potions were also made from plants that were believed to have the power to arouse passion and make someone fall in love. Some of those plants were the **cardinal flower** (*Lobelia cardinalis*), **wood betony** (*Stachys officinalis*), and **great blue lobelia** (*Lobelia siphilitica*), **bloodroot** (*Sanguinaria canadensis*), and **prairie smoke** (*Geum triflorum*). On the other hand, if you wanted to do damage to your enemies, there were also plants that could provide poisons, but Cindy bypassed identifying those, keeping to the high road.

As a tip for those planting prairies and struggling to keep the grasses under control, Cindy pointed out two plants that seem to do a good job of keeping that under control. Those plants are **wood betony** (*Stachys officinalis*) and **bastard toadflax** (*Comandra umbellata*).

In closing, Cindy again stressed the importance of working to save what tallgrass prairie is left. By supporting the work to sustain these and planting our own yards and other spaces with prairie plants, we can help sustain our environment and the plants that have provided sustenance for people, animals, and the planet for many generations. Quoting the poet Mary Oliver, Cindy closed with these words:

**“To pay attention. This is our endless and proper work.”**

## Board of Directors in Action Cathy Johnson, Secretary

Highlights of activities of the Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter Board of Directors, as discussed at the June 13, 2019 meeting, include the following:

- The chapter's 2019 native plant sale was very successful. The final plant sale of the year will be the tree and shrub sale in the fall.
- The chapter is looking for a replacement for an at-large board member (term starting January 2020). If you can share some time attending board meetings every other month on the second Thursday evening, please consider helping Wild Ones RRVC by volunteering for this position. Contact Constance McCarthy, chapter president, if interested or if you have questions.
- There is no program meeting in July; the annual members-only summer social and tour will be at Severson Dells, July 18 at 6:00 p.m. Board members are asked to arrive early and help set up. Members are asked to bring a potluck item. After the potluck, we will be led on a tour of natural areas at the preserve.

## Native Plants Find New Homes Janet Giesen

Although rain informally canceled the plant rescue at Janet Giesen's house on Saturday, June 1, seven Wild Ones members defied the elements and showed up with shovels, pots, and a desire to take home a variety of mature native plants. And on Sunday, June 2, three more members braved the heat and mosquitoes to dig up even more plants. It's estimated that several dozen plants were removed and now find new homes in both Winnebago and DeKalb counties.

The new garden area that Janet has planned includes large areas of *Schizachyrium scoparium* (little blue stem) and *Sporobolus heterolepis* (prairie dropseed), interspersed with colorful forbs to attract pollinators. She also plans to plant

several small native shrubs that will add a more formal effect to the area.

Thank you Mary Anne Mathwich, plant rescue coordinator, for organizing another successful plant rescue!



## Conference: Plan It Native

*[President's note: I realize this is not in our immediate region, but am sharing it for those who might nevertheless be interested.]*

Deep Roots (formerly the KC Native Plant Initiative) is a multi-sector partnership of many organizations working together for a future of beautiful, native landscapes connecting heartland communities where nature and people thrive together.

The group is planning a major two-day regional native plant conference September 18-20, 2019 in Kansas City. Sessions will cover an array of topics including information about how and what to plant; how native plants contribute to community habitats, water quality, and human health; and the protection of pollinators and birds. From business sessions to maintenance of gardens and even pre-conference field trips with those who know

area sites best, the organizers have compiled a fantastic lineup of information you can put to use in your landscapes.

Speakers will include a wide range of professionals in the field. Florence Williams, author of *The Nature Fix*, will be the keynote. Other speakers include Doug Ladd (former director of conservation for The Nature Conservancy in Missouri), Heather Holm (bee and pollinator author and expert), Steve Kress (National Audubon VP for Conservation), and arboretum staff from multiple states - a wide range of expertise in protecting the environment and our food sources by planting natives.

Check out the [planitnative.org](http://planitnative.org) website for the latest conference details, including a full list of speakers. For more information, contact Deep Roots Conference Coordinator Sarah Beier at [sarah@deeprootskc.org](mailto:sarah@deeprootskc.org) or (816) 301.7545, x 701.

## Show Me/Help Me Recap: May 18, 2019

Linda Ricker



saw some challenges faced by Dawn and John with the washed out creek bank and the partly dismantled bridge, and also an area near the house that is being prepared to situate native plantings to replace some less desirable ornamentals. It's a beautiful area that will keep the Skupiens busy for a while.

The Collier property is a great example of incorporating native plantings in a suburban lot, with several beds and large areas dedicated to native plantings.

The first show me/help me event of the season was held on May 18 at the homes of Dawn and John Skupien and LoAnn Collier. Even though the event overlapped with the morning of the plant sale pick-up, this show me/help me was well attended.

We were given a tour of both properties, where we were able to see a restoration in progress, with invasive removal using human efforts as well as hungry goats that just happen to love some of the invasives the Skupiens are trying to eliminate. There were beautiful trails, a lovely creek, and many native plants already in place, as well as others planted by the owners. We

Some beds in the front yard are being converted as the tree shade necessitates a different group of plants. The backyard has a large section dedicated to natives, as well as several small beds into which LoAnn is incorporating natives as well. She also has plans for a new bed in a back corner. Another ambitious Wild Ones gardener, LoAnn is helping her suburban neighborhood to see how beautiful natives can be.

Thanks to both these homeowners for allowing us to see their ideas and hear their plans and struggles. This was a great learning experience for all who attended.

## *Show Me Help Me Event: Saturday, July 13*

Our first stop will be at the home of **Lora McClelland and Michael Simmons at 4210 S Meridian Rd. in Rockford beginning at 9:00 a.m.** They have a 7.5 acre property with terrain that runs the gamut from wooded slope, deep ravine, spring and rain fed stream, open fields, savannah and bottom land on Rock Creek. Lora's parents, Lowell and Betty Edwards, worked on controlling invasive species and creating paths for 30 years before she and Michael took over the project in 2015.

They are working with Midwest Prairie Restoration, which has done some extensive work for them, and set up a 5-year plan for them to follow. They are looking to restore areas that contain honeysuckle, multiflora rose, buckthorn, garlic mustard, and reed canary grass, as well as some successful burn strategies. Plants include oaks, cherry, dogwood, hackberry, and Virginia creeper, as well as the usual invasives mentioned above. They are very interested in labeling the plants that will stay, as well as determining what plants need to go. Their main concerns are the health of existing trees, problems with a celandine poppy explosion, and what to replace the invasives with.

*Parking* is available north of their driveway along both sides of Meridian Rd., to be marked with orange cones. Park as far off the road as possible, as Meridian Rd. is travelled at high speed, and take care crossing if you park on the other side. They will have signs in place. They also offer *parking up the driveway if mobility is an issue*.

Our second stop of the day will **begin around 10:30 a.m.** at the prairie restoration of **Ken Kielsmeier, located at 5788 W. Leaf River Rd., Leaf River.** This prairie was an eight-acre corn/bean/pasture area when Ken began in 2003, and is now in the Conservation Reserve Program. He has planted native tall grasses and forbs in the prairie, and has installed firebreaks that also double as walking/riding trails. *Ken will give us a hay wagon tour of his prairie*, which he says is the best way to see it at this time of year. He has an additional three acres of trees and a large waterway. There were some trees when he began, including bur oak and hickory, and he has added numerous other trees and shrubs, such as viburnums, dogwoods, wild plums, sassafras, and American sycamore, to name a few.

He is most pleased with the amount of wildlife the restoration has attracted (his theme is "if you plant it, they will come") and is excited to share the wonders of creation and how people can help make a difference by planting the native plants. His most difficult issue, aside from the usual invasives control, is getting people to look at native plantings as an alternative to the mowed and plowed landscapes presently covering most of Illinois.

Guests can *park at the farmhouse*, and *Ken will load us up on the wagon* for the tour there. He has offered to be last on our tour so that after the wagon ride, anyone who desires to spend more time at the site can feel free to do so.

Please note: show me/help me events are for Wild Ones members (and their guests) only. If you are not a member and would like to attend the event, contact Sallie Krebs (membership coordinator; contact info on the last page of this newsletter) for membership information.



**June Meeting Audience**

*Photo by Sallie Krebs*



## Around the Corner: Fall Native Tree & Shrub Sale

Pick-up dates: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27 & 28

Our chapter's native tree and shrub sale is coming up soon. A large selection of species is available to order from our supplier (see list of species, below); the final list will be published on the chapter's website and sent to you in a few weeks.

Watch your inbox for the *order form*, which will be distributed via Constant Contact (like all other chapter emails). If you are not a member or know a non-member who would like to be on the distribution list, contact Sallie Krebs, membership coordinator (contact info on the last page of this newsletter).

Planting native species is good for the environment; provides habitat for birds, bats, and beneficial insects; reduces temperatures and creates beauty. September 20 will be the last day to place orders. This sale is different from the native plant sale in the spring, in that all orders must be placed in advance; there will not be a wide selection of trees and shrubs to browse and purchase on the pick-up days.

Pickup will be Friday, September 27, and Saturday, September 28 at the Paulson farm. For questions or more information, contact Brian Hale at [moyogi2@gmail.com](mailto:moyogi2@gmail.com).

### Native Trees and Shrubs Available for Fall Planting

Botanical Name	Common Name		
<i>Amorpha fruticosa</i>	Indigo bush	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp white oak
<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	New Jersey tea	<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>	Hill's oak
<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>	Buttonbush	<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur oak
<i>Cornus alternifolia</i>	Pagoda dogwood	<i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	Chinquapin oak
<i>Cornus racemosa</i>	Grey dogwood	<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red oak
<i>Corylus americana</i>	American filbert	<i>Rosa blanda</i>	Early wild rose
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky coffeetree	<i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	Elderberry
<i>Hydrangea arboreocens</i>	Smooth hydrangea	<i>Viburnum lentago</i>	Nannyberry viburnum
<i>Lindera benzoin</i>	Spicebush	<i>Aronia prunifolia</i>	Purple chokeberry
<i>Lonicera prolifera</i>	Yellow honeysuckle	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	Yellow birch
<i>Plantanus occidentalis</i>	Sycamore	<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Illinois pecan
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking aspen	<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Shrubby St. John's wort
<i>Prunus americana</i>	American plum	<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	Ninebark
<i>Quercus alba</i>	White oak	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>	Wafer ash
		<i>Ribes americanum</i>	Wild black currant

## Plant Sale Recap

Cynthia Chmell & Bobbie Lambiotte, plant sale coordinators

The 2019 Wild Ones Rock River Valley Native Plant sale has come to a close. Over 6000 plants, nearly 100 species, are now part of the region's landscape.

The plant sale is the primary source of revenue for our chapter. Proceeds fund the chapter's programs, events, and newsletters.

In addition to the advance sales, plants were sold at Jerry Paulson's farm, BirdFest, Nicholas Conservatory, and Klehm Arboretum.

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped to make the sales a success:

Dan Bechtol, Olga Bechtol, Kirby Doyle, Jane Evans, Carol Foster, Ed Foster, Linda Graf, Betsy Hoetling, Janet Hoisington, Peggy Hoover-Wehrle, Anita Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Ed Kletecka, Sallie

Krebs, Patti Lawrence, Ruth Little, Peg Lockman, Mark Luthin, Dennis McFall, Jerry Paulson, Gloria Powel, Ellen Rathbone, Linda Ricker, Diane Stenerson, Laura Sjoquist, Steve Symes, Ginnie Watson.





## *Membership Update* Sallie Krebs, Membership Coordinator

A membership e-form and our membership brochure describing the benefits of membership are both available on the chapter website ([www.wildonesrrvc.org](http://www.wildonesrrvc.org)). Click on Join/Renew under the Membership tab. You can renew (or join) with any major credit card through PayPal (no PayPal account required) by using our website. We appreciate your support!!

### 216 memberships as of June 23, 2019

#### Special thanks to our members who made contributions above the basic \$40 dues!

Mike & Deb Eickman, Rockton

#### Welcome to our new member(s)!

Polly Doyle, Winnebago

Mary Johnson, Roscoe

Nancy Rainwater, Rockford

Sancee Siebold, Rockford

*New members are identified with a green ribbon on their meeting name badges. Please introduce yourself to them and help us welcome all new members to our great chapter!*

66 attended the June meeting, including at least 10 guests

A big thank you to our June meeting volunteers!

*Greeters:* Linda Hess, Linda Ricker

*Refreshments:* Fiona Fordyce, Anita Johnson, Barb Kober

*AV/Sound Equipment:* Bob Arevalo

*Meeting Recap:* Cathy Johnson

*Photographer:* Ginnie Watson

*Library Assistant:* Marcia DeClerk

**A special thank you to:** Jane Evans and the many volunteers for help at the Klehm Arboretum plant sale.

#### Anniversaries:

##### 25 Years:

Cecilia & Michael Coles, Belvidere

Joe Jonakin, Byron

##### 20 Years:

Pam & Dick Gambrel, Chana

##### 15 Years:

Melanie Costello, Stillman Valley

Randy & Sylvia Downing, Stockton

#### In Memoriam

In memory of our former Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter members

Paul Crittenden - Member 2004-2018

It is preferred that membership renewals be sent directly to the chapter for quicker processing and to avoid delays in receiving your chapter newsletter. Remember that your dues include membership in both National Wild Ones and our chapter. Please use the address below:

Sallie Krebs

Wild Ones Rock River Valley

7492 Renfro Rd., Cherry Valley, IL 61016

Your expiration date is on your chapter newsletter above your name on the label. You will be mailed a renewal reminder from the chapter two months prior to your expiration date with a completed membership form and return envelope for your convenience.

A portion of all dues paid is returned to the chapter by National Wild Ones to support our chapter activities. National Wild Ones provides liability insurance for our meetings and events. All dues and donations are fully tax deductible.

Please send address and email address changes to the Membership Coordinator: Sallie Krebs Email: [membership@wildonesrrvc.org](mailto:membership@wildonesrrvc.org) or call (815) 540-4730 if you have any questions about membership.

Wild Ones Annual Memberships:

Household \$40, Limited Income/Full-Time Student \$25, Affiliate Non-Profit Organization \$90, Business \$250.

Thank you for your continuing support!

## *2019 Chapter Programs and Events*

### July 18

6:00 p.m.

Member Potluck and Natural Yard Tour

Severson Dells Nature Center  
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### August 15

7:00 p.m.

Native Shrubs & Trees  
for Birds & Bees

### David Stevens

Curator of Longenecker  
Horticultural Gardens,  
UW-Madison Arboretum

Rock Valley College  
Phys. Ed. Center

Unless noted, programs are free and open to the public. Programs are subject to change.

For more information, contact Lisa Johnson at (779) 537.8939



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ROCK RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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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. Contact any officer to confirm information about our next meeting.*

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