

**Promoting Native Plants for Natural Landscapes.**

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*Yard Tour & Evening Social  
Thursday, July 21, 2011*

**Location: Don and Marilyn Heneghan's Home Landscape**

13161 Twelve Oaks Ridge  
Roscoe, IL 61073

**Time: 7:00 pm**



*Don and Marilyn Heneghan's prairie in their yard*

We live in changing landscapes; some changes we make, others are made for us. When the Heneghans moved in to their home about seven years ago, this 3½ acre property was mostly wooded with some lawn around the house. But a bout of oak wilt three years ago meant increased sun in areas and this, along with intentional reduction of turf grass, has allowed them to expand into sunny spots with native prairie plants.

As with most of our landscapes, this one is described as a “work in progress,” as the homeowners continue to eliminate invasive woodland species such as buckthorn and honeysuckle and reintroduce more native plants. They’ve added trails in the woods and have identified a great diversity of native trees including multiple oak varieties, shagbark hickory, black walnut, black cherry, and others.

We’ll tour the landscape and learn from the Heneghans about their successes and future plans and enjoy each others’ company with a potluck supper that promises to be spectacular. Please take your own place settings (plate, napkin, flatware, drinking glass, etc. – please consider reusable!) and a dish to pass.

**DIRECTIONS to 13161 Twelve Oaks Ridge (61073) – phone: 815-389-7869**

*From points West:*

Take Rockton Rd. east to County Line Rd. (3.5 miles from Hwy 251/2.5 miles from I-90). Turn right (south) on County Line Rd. After .3 of a mile, turn right (west) on McCurry Rd. Take the first left (south) onto Twelve Oaks Ridge. Find 13161 at the end of the street.

*From points East*

Take Hunter Road to “Winn Co. Line” Rd. (1.3 miles from Caledonia Road). Turn right  
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Articles for the August 2011 newsletter, must be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, at: [dkcamps@aol.com](mailto:dkcamps@aol.com) by July 23, 2011.

## *Message from the President* Constance McCarthy

### **"Drug-addicted carpets"**

At our June educational program, Prairie Bob reminded us that a lawn provides basically zero habitat for insects and wildlife, while an acre of prairie can be home to around 1 million spiders (plus countless other insects and wildlife). While it's unrealistic to think that 100% of what was once prairie will be restored, everyone can do something.

Implementing more sustainable home landscaping practices is vital to the health of our ecosystem. Instead of seeing dandelions in the lawn as something to be ashamed of, folks should see them as a badge of pride that at least they are not using inorganic chemicals on their lawns. I know that the (spoken and unspoken) peer pressure is strong when you're surrounded by a

neighborhood full of "drug-addicted carpets" (as I once heard Gerould Wilhelm, co-author of *Plants of the Chicago Region*, describe lawns), but I'd rather look at this as an opportunity to offer some friendly education over the fence. I honestly think that many folks have no idea of the effects on the environment that their home landscaping choices carry.

And the more you plant, the less you mow. This creates habitat and balance in the ecosystem, while also reducing the terribly high carbon emissions from lawn mowers. A lawn mower used for one hour emits the same air pollution as 11 new cars being driven for one hour each! Less lawn and more natives means increased habitat and a benefit for the environment. What's not to like about that?!

## *Burpee Natural History Museum Work Day*

On the dreary, drizzly Saturday morning of June 11, nine stalwart volunteers descended on the native beds at Burpee Natural History Museum armed with shovels, dandelion diggers, clippers, trowels, buckets, and wheelbarrows. The volunteers spent four hours digging out bur oak and redbud seedlings, annihilating crown vetch and chasing the elusive roots of creeping Charlie, as they worked to clean out the many display beds of native plants in front of Burpee Museum.

Several large clumps of plants were also dug up from the back beds that are being affected by the construction work on the new Riverwalk being built behind the Museum along the Rock River. These clumps of flowers,

along with 32 more plants from the prairie plant sale, were then planted in the cleaned front beds. A big thank-you to Marcia DeClerk, L.S. Hartley, Lisa Johnson, Tracey Kast, Rich McMullen, Kim Risley, Guy Smith, Dianne Stenerson, and Ginnie Watson for a job well done!

Lisa Johnson, Wild Ones member and Burpee employee, said a huge dent was put in the needed work. She also felt one more work day like this one, should finish up the needed work. Be sure to watch your email for a notice of the next work day and come join us as we spruce up one part of our community.

Submitted by  
Kim Risley, Vice President

## *Membership Update* Marilyn Heneghan, Membership Chair

### **161 memberships on July 1, 2011**

#### **Welcome new members**

Claudia Fortucci  
Sherri Kanga  
Larry, Peggy & James Nordstrom

#### **Special Thanks to Recent Rock River Valley Chapter Donators**

(any amount about the \$30 basic dues)  
Kirby Doyle

60 attended the June program. A big thanks to Lisa Johnson for helping to greet members.

**Note: It is preferred that renewal donations be sent directly to the Chapter's Membership Chair, Marilyn Heneghan, rather than to the national office.** Processing goes quicker this way for the chapter. Your expiration date is on your newsletter and your Journal address label. Thank you.

**"NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES"**  
Please notify Marilyn Heneghan at  
[informationoptions@att.net](mailto:informationoptions@att.net) if you  
change your email address.

Dues payments can be sent either directly to the National Office or to the Chapter Membership Chair, Marilyn Heneghan. Forty percent of the dues paid, regardless of the amount, are shared with Rock River Valley Chapter. Members wishing to make donations specifically for the local chapter, should make a separate payment or so note on their membership application under "Chapter Contribution" and mail to the Chapter Membership Chair. Dues payments, regardless of amount, are considered a donation and are tax deductible.

# *Yard Tour & Evening Social (cont'd from page 1)*

(north) on Winn Co. Line Rd. and go 1.6 miles to McCurry Rd. After .3 of a mile, turn right (west) on McCurry Rd. Take the first left (south) onto Twelve Oaks Ridge. Find 13161 at the end of the street.

### *Notes on Parking:*

Those with limited mobility may park near the house (there should be room for 8-12 cars to park on the drive apron or the edge of the circle drive). All others, please park at the bottom of the drive or on the street and walk up the hill.

This presentation should be of interest to Wild One's of all ages, exploring facts and folklore of more than forty of our local native insect species. This is especially timely as we observe an increasing insect activity in our landscapes as the summer approaches. Insects play a vital role in the health of both plant and animal population. Many insects are closely linked to specific host plant species, and often are the key to survival for specific plant species. It is a mutually co-dependent/symbiotic relationship!

So, come prepared to learn more about the role insects play in maintaining our region's ecosystem. Bring a list of the insects you have observed in your own environment and join us on Thursday, June 16th, at 7:00 pm, at the Burpee Museum of Natural History!

This event is open to chapter members and their guests only. For information regarding this or other programs, please contact Lenae Weichel at 815-282-5482.

Submitted by Lenae Weichel  
Interim Program Chair

## **WCFPD Board of Commissioners in Action**

At the 21 June 2011 meeting of the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District board of commissioners, the following actions were taken:

- Future meetings in 2011 will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the WCFPD headquarters.
- A request by a local business for a real estate tax abatement was laid over until more information can be obtained.
- WCFPD will support the Community Tree Advocate Program for one year with a \$10,000 contribution. Support for three years was sought, but the Commissioners will reevaluate their support after Year 1, with the possibility of providing additional support in Years 2 and 3.
- A schedule of the general prevailing rate of hourly wages in Winnebago county was approved. This is a routine matter that must be done annually, and it relates to payments under public works contracts.

A Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant has been applied for. In addition, a contracted party has begun work to determine WCFPD compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Staff reported that some old assets were disposed of through the Winnebago county municipal auction. A report was submitted on income from picnic shelters, campgrounds, firewood sales, etc.

No new business was discussed. The budget calendar for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was presented. Citizens will be able to provide input at certain points during the process.

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- **Calling all Vegetable Gardeners!**
- Your vegetable gardens are planted
- and with this cool rainy spring things
- are really growing and producing. If
- you have extra vegetables, as most
- of us do, you can donate your over-
- abundance of produce to the local food
- pantries. Here is a list of sites:
- **Year Round**
- **University of IL Extension-Winnebago:**
- 1040 N. Second St, **Mon-Fri** 9-4
- **Winnebago Country Farm Bureau:**
- 1925 S. Meridian Rd, **Mon-Fri** 8:30-4
- **Rock River Valley Pantry:**
- 1080 Short Elm St, **Mon-Fri** 8-3
- **Midas Automotive:**
- 1125 S. Alpine Rd, **Mon-Fri** 9-4
- **July-September**
- **OSF St. Anthony Hospital:**
- Roxbury Rd, **Tues** 5-7 PM
- **Edgebrook Farmer's Market:**
- Edgebrook Shopping Center, **Wed** 10-12
- **NE Corner of Durand Town Square:**
- near Hearth & Garden Gift Shop,
- **Mon** 10-12
- **Cherry Valley Village Hall:**
- 806 East State Street, Cherry Valley,
- **Mon** 10-12
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- *submitted by Kim Lowman Vollmer*
- *Youth Education and Grant Chair*
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## *Wild Ones 2011 Native Woodland Plant Sale Recap*

First of all, a special thanks to the great folks who helped out this year – good hearted, fun to be with, hard working and tough! The weather during pickup weekend was dry but very windy and every other occasion that had to do with the plant sale was cold and wet – really cold and wet.

We received 49 orders this year, down from last year's 54. Forty six of the orders were from individuals and three were from nonprofit groups. It was very gratifying to receive 30 orders from folks who were ordering for the first time. Of the 46 orders from individuals, 23 were members and 23 nonmembers. As a result of the sale, 1,497 native woodland plants have been added to the flora of Winnebago County and beyond. A special order of 50 *viola socaria* – common blue violet – made their way to Minnesota, traveling with Kim Risley. Our chapter sold a total of 104 plants at cost to Klehm Arboretum, Keith School and Tinker Swiss Cottage. In addition, our chapter donated a half flat of plants to Birdfest for their silent auction.

When plants are pre-ordered from the grower, we order enough so that there are plants available for sale at the time of pickup and beyond. Often this includes additional plants which, for various reasons, were not on the order form. The remaining plants then travel to the Woodland Tour which normally is the weekend following pickup, and then on to the Native Prairie Plant Sale pickup. (These final plants have a lot of miles on them!) Their final stop is the May monthly meeting. The total number of plants sold at these events is nearly one-third of the total or approximately 450 plants.

This sale is truly a group project and could not take place without all the wonderful volunteers. I must mention

my husband Frank for modifying our horse trailer and making a cover for our pickup truck to get all the plants in one trip. Kim, Sharon Bramel, Anita Johnson and I unloaded, labeled and put the orders together on a cold, windy and rainy day. John Peterson, Barb Kuminowski, Lu Clifton, Don Heneghan and Ed Foster helped customers Friday evening while John, Janet Giesen, and Dianne Stenerson did the same on Saturday morning. Karen and Ben Gallagher and Anita Johnson were ready to help out but we finished up early Saturday before their shift. Pat Schubert and Steve Symes helped out at the Woodland Tour (cold and wet) and Pat was there for the prairie pickup (cold and wet). Doreen O'Brien was ready and able for Saturday morning but by then was not needed. Thanks also to Lisa Johnson who handled the plant sale at the May meeting and Lenae Weichel for getting the plants there. As mentioned earlier, all these sales mount up considerably and make these native plants available to visitors and others who may not have been on the mailing list.

Kim and I were co-coordinators as Kim phases out of doing the sale. She helped immeasurably, from the very beginning of the process way back in the late summer of 2010 to the very end, explaining everything I needed to know to help the sale flow smoothly. Now it is time to start planning for the 2012 year. The chapter's pre-order needs to be in near the end of August, so if anyone has any suggestions for native woodland plants they would like to see on next year's sale, please contact the Native Woodland Sale coordinator, Barbara Flores at 815-289-8602 or [bafheartland@yahoo.com](mailto:bafheartland@yahoo.com).

Submitted by Barbara Flores  
Native Woodland Plant Sale coordinator

## *Results of Prairie Plant Sale*

This year we had an exceptionally large order for plants sold at cost to Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum and Gardens (1,488 plants). Combined with the plants sold or donated by our chapter (4,544 plants), the grand total of natives out the door comes to 6,032 plants. Not taking the Tinker order into account, we still sold or donated more plants this year than in 2010 (4,544 in 2011 compared to 3,680 in 2010).

This year there were 61 advance orders (up from 57 in 2010). Twenty of the 61 orders (one-third) were to nonmembers. In spite of the rain and general bad weather during the pick-up weekend, sales of remaining plants that weekend were virtually the same as in 2010. Plants were also sold at the May chapter meeting, and to

various individuals who made arrangements thereafter.

Plants were sold at cost to the University of Illinois Extension--Winnebago County (Master Naturalists), for planting at the new Extension office along the riverfront bike path; and to Belvidere North High School for a student project.

Plants were donated outright by the chapter to: Bird Fest, for the silent auction; Clinton Public Library; and Roots & Wings youth (for planting in their garden at Tinker Park). In addition, a donation of from a generous chapter member made possible the chapter's donation of plants to the EcoAdvocates (member of the Roots & Wings network) and the Lake Summerset prairie project (led by Lu Clifton and Barb Kuminowski, chapter members).

By Constance McCarthy,  
Prairie Plant Sale Coordinator

## Results of Prairie Plant Sale (cont'd)

One flat was swapped with Burpee as a credit towards the increased room fee we'll be incurring for the Doug Tallamy program in October.

We were accidentally given a flat of elm-leaved goldenrod. These were not offered for sale, as the same plant was already offered and available from our chapter's woodland sale. Thus, the plants were given outright to Anita Johnson (for planting in her woodland garden at Klehm, and at her project at Ledgewood School), the restoration project at Tinker, and Mary Anne Mathwich (for her woodland garden project at Keith School).

Anne Meyer made a very generous donation to the chapter, to cover the chapter's donation of all the remaining plants. This is a positive outcome, as our supplier does not allow us to return any plants that don't sell. Anne will help us allocate these remaining plants to restoration projects that she is working on at Midway Village, Emmanuel Lutheran School in Belvidere, and possibly the Master Naturalists (to supplement the plants already bought for landscaping at the new office).

The sale could not have happened without the help of some very dedicated volunteers who worked in some unpleasant weather (baking heat some days, rain others).

My gratitude goes out to: Kirby Doyle, Dick Noser, Dora May Meredith, Marcia De Clerk, Ted Ross, Anita Johnson, Barbara Flores, Steve Hall, Guy Smith, Brett Hanson, Steve Symes, Jean Maloney, Mike Maloney, Janet Giesen, Melanie Costello, Tim Lewis, and Cecilia Coles. Of course, thanks also go to Ed Kletecka, our chapter's volunteer coordinator, for his help in rounding up all these helpers. Finally, thank you to folks who loaned saw horses, planks, and tables for use during the sale, including Tim Lewis, Ginnie Watson, Kim Risley, and Anne Meyer.

Final income and expenses are still being tallied, in part because refunds are being given for little bluestem plants that were less than vigorous. However, the net profit should be right around \$3,000. Funds raised from this sale will be used to bring in our usual array of outstanding educational speakers and to support other projects and organizations in the Rock River Valley.

If you're still looking for more native plants, Anne Meyer would be happy to sell you some from the plants that remain. Contact her at (815) 877.9109 or [bellcowboy@aol.com](mailto:bellcowboy@aol.com).

## June Meeting Recap

Constance McCarthy

Photos by Lenae Weichel



Robert Ahrenhoerster  
(Prairie Bob)

### Insects of the Prairie and Insect Folklore

At the May meeting, Robert Ahrenhoerster (Prairie Bob) spoke to the chapter about insects of the prairie and insect folklore. He started out by noting that a lawn basically provides zero habitat. Contrast that with a prairie, on which one acre is typically home to over 1 million spiders! Of course, that's the tip of the iceberg as far

as insects and animals that find what they need to live in areas that are well populated with native plants and trees.

Western thatching ants build mounds that can be 6 feet across and over 1.5 feet tall. The mounds are mini hibernatoriums, providing a home to toads, salamanders,

and snakes that overwintering there, as the mound is warmer than the surrounding soil. Ants play an important role as pollinators and seed dispersal agents. Flickers love ants, squashing them and rubbing the formic acid on themselves; the acid kills parasitic insects on the birds' skin and feathers.

Bees will select a species from which to get pollen, and will ignore other species in between. Bumblebees are the sole pollinators for the closed gentian. This reminds us that if we were to lose an insect species, dependent forbs could ultimately be lost, as well. Also, in the case of prairie smoke and shooting star, the position of the flower tells the insect when the plant is ready to be pollinated.

The crab spider holds its front legs together like a crab pincer. This spider can change color, too, becoming yellow, white, pink, tan, or brown, depending on the type of flower on which it rests.

Of all living things on the plant, one in five species is a beetle. Many of us know the old nursery rhyme, "Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home. Your house is on fire; your children all roam." In the hop yards of old Europe, after the hop harvest was in, they set fire to the yards to wipe out the aphids and other bad insects that bother hop

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## June Meeting Recap (cont'd)

vines. The ladybug larvae would burn in these fires or try to crawl away. The spots on a ladybug indicate what species it is (not how old it is, as many folks mistakenly believe). As some larva overwinter in leaf litter and will be killed if you burn an entire prairie all at once, it is important to leave a portion of a remnant or restoration unburned for insects, birds, and other wildlife.

The Blackfoot native Americans believe that moths and butterflies are bringers of dreams. The mourning cloak is longest lived North American butterfly and feeds on willows. It estivates during summer, and hibernates during winter as an adult.

Some thoughts on supporting and protecting insects: A diverse prairie is needed to support the food needs of insects throughout their lifespans. There is an incredible interconnection between butterfly species and the plants that they need. We can't afford to keep making bug collections for no real reason; don't kill bugs just to collect them. Without insects, 1 in 3 bites of food would not be possible.

If a monarch's wings are up and its antennae are up, it's awake; if its wings and antennae are down, it is asleep. It is critical to have patches of nectar plants for monarchs for their migration south. Unfortunately, many towns ignorantly list milkweed in their weed ordinances. It is necessary to fight this intolerant and uneducated viewpoint.

Many insects mimic other things so that they won't be eaten. For example, some resemble a dead leaf, a twig, or bird poop (especially moths).

The robber fly is quite loud, an awkward flier, and has what looks like a fur muff behind its compound eyes. They use their legs like baskets to capture prey; some lay eggs into cracks and crevices of plants, while others oviposit into the ground.

Walking sticks are herbivores and totally harmless. This species will shed a leg if you try to pick one up, although the leg will regrow over time in warmer climates. The adults eat, mate, and lay eggs in the forest canopy; then the eggs rain down and overwinter in leaf litter. The babies are only 1/8" long, and begin the trek back up the tree for the following summer. The walking stick can even mimic a branch in the wind by swaying a bit.

Parasitic wasps will hatch out of the woolly bear caterpillar. They lay eggs on the caterpillar, hatch, and burrow in. They eat the insides of the caterpillar, saving the heart and lungs for last so as to preserve their food reservoir. The caterpillar contains enough food for the parasitic wasp to complete its life cycle.

While assassin bugs can seem interesting because they change color, don't pick them up! They have a bite that hurts like a wasp sting.

Shamrock spiders have a white shamrock on their backs. They are very sensitive; if they sense human steps, they will drop into the leaf litter and hide.

The web of the common garden spider is a fascinating thing. The part of the web that looks like a zigzag is the stabilimentum. It is thought that this silk reflects ultraviolet light, which makes insects see it as an opening in the web and makes them more likely to be caught in the web. Bees can memorize the pattern of the stabilimentum, so the spider will change the pattern every few days.

Two or three species of jumping spiders hunt from the spiderwort. They can see color, and the males are brightly colored to attract females. In Wisconsin, only the brown recluse and black widow spiders are venomous. Prairie Bob has looked for black widows, but has never found one. Nine out of ten 10 reported "spider bites", are in fact not spider bites at all. Most spiders are beneficial!

There is only a slim chance that the same species will parasitize the same plant two years in a row. If a plant is a perennial, it will come back. So let the insects feed and don't worry about the plant.

If you're ever looking to buy some beneficial insects for your garden, lacewings are they best. Buy them as eggs. After the larva mature, they will stay around and eat aphids. A critical mechanism for their survival is the clear drop of very stinky liquid that they will exude if scared or if they are held a bit too tightly. Birds that try to eat them will taste the liquid, and spit out the insect.

The female black form of the tiger swallowtail mimics the pipe vine swallowtail, which is toxic because the larva feed on pipevine plants. Migratory predators that have tasted the pipevine swallowtail, don't like the nasty taste. When these predators pass through Wisconsin, they won't eat the tiger swallowtail because they mistakenly think it's a pipevine swallowtail.

Soldier beetles have eye spots on their hind end which, when grabbed by predators, allow the beetle to escape. Beetles are important pollinators.

The blister beetle is another one that you'd best not try to pick up. They exude a drop of clear fluid that will give you a third-degree burn immediately if you touch it.

The Blackfoot native Americans believe that the Great Spirit made the mountains, forests, and all other animals, before the Great Spirit made man. The Great Spirit then

called to the colored rocks along lake shores and rivers, and the south wind blew on them for three days. These colored rocks then sprouted wings and flew up out of the water to become butterflies.

A jump in plant diversity will bring about a jump in insect diversity and a jump in wildlife diversity. Like a puzzle, nature is best when all the pieces are there.

The more species planted in a prairie, the better; Prairie Bob says that 25 species is a garden, not a prairie. Regarding cultivars, he is concerned that the hybridizing process eliminates nectar and the smell, in favor of beautiful blooms. Some cultivars are also aggressive. Natives are outcompeted by invasives because the invasives lack the predatory insects and other forces that would keep them in check. Although garlic mustard has balancing forces that keep it in check in its native Europe, simply importing these could bring in a host of new problems.

Prairie Bob sells native seed only in southeast Wisconsin (including Rock county), as he is a genetic purist who believes in preserving local ecotypes. His goal is to restore southeast Wisconsin with local diversity.

### **Errata: Corrected Hummingbird Nectar Recipe**

*The recipe for hummingbird nectar in last month's newsletter contained an error. The amounts for the sugar and water were inverted. The corrected version appears below:*

**Ingredients:** 2 cups white granulated sugar and 1/2 cup water. Boil the water and then stir in the sugar until dissolved. Cool and put in the feeder. Do not use honey, as it can contain a fungus that is poisonous to birds. Don't be tempted to add more sugar, as it is harmful to the birds. No need to add any red food coloring. Be sure to clean your feeder (a bottle brush works great) and hands thoroughly each time you refill it. If they are not drinking the sugar water or you notice it fermenting and becoming cloudy after a few days in the heat, you should dump it and replace with a fresh batch. After all, you don't want to make the birds sick. Have fun!

## *2011 Chapter Programs and Events*

<b>July 21</b> 7:00 pm	<b><i>Yard Tour/Evening Social</i></b> Members Only		Home of Don and Marilyn Heneghan (815) 398-7869
<b>August 1 through September 3</b>	<b><i>Native Shrub and Tree Sale</i></b> Orders taken during this time See brochure for complete details	<b>John Peterson</b> Native Tree & Shrub Sale Coordinator (815) 248-2110 tacmot@msn.com	
<b>August 18</b> 7:00 pm	<b><i>Underground Ecology or How I learned to Love Dirt!</i></b>	<b>Dr. Teri Balsler</b> University of Wisconsin-Madison	Burpee Museum of Natural History
<b>September 9 &amp; 10</b>	<b><i>Native Tree &amp; Shrub Pickup</i></b> See brochure for complete details	<b>John Peterson</b> Native Tree & Shrub Sale Coord.	14037 Baker Rd Durand, IL 61024 (815) 248-2110
<b>September 15</b> 7:00 pm	<b><i>Ecology 101</i></b>	Jack Pizzo Pizzo & Associates	Burpee Museum of Natural History
<b>October 20</b> 7:00 pm	<b><i>Bringing Nature Home; How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens</i></b>	Doug Tallamy Author, professor University of Delaware	Burpee Museum of Natural History
<b>November 17</b> 7:00 pm	<b><i>Pot Luck and Seed Exchange</i></b> Members only – all members welcome with or without seeds Bring a dish to share.		Burpee Museum of Natural History
<b>December</b>	<b><i>No Meeting-Happy Holidays!</i></b>		

Unless noted, programs are free and open to the public. Programs are subject to change.  
Please contact Lenae Weichel at 815-282-5482 for more information.

*Look for our Wild Ones booth at these activities*

<b>August 13 &amp; August 14</b>	<b><i>Illinois Renewable Energy and Sustainable Lifestyle Fair</i></b>	<b>Ogle County Fairgrounds</b> 1440 N Limekiln Rd. Oregon, IL 61061
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ROCK RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

c/o Pambi Camacho  
6680 Hartwig Drive  
Cherry Valley, IL 61016

## *Don't become extinct!*

If the expiration date on the mailing label is **7/1/2011**, this is your last chapter newsletter and you have received your last Wild Ones *Journal* until you activate your membership

You may receive a renewal notice from both the National organization and your chapter. Your membership information will be updated quicker if you renew through your chapter so you won't miss an issue of the chapter newsletter.

Mail your renewal to Marilyn Heneghan  
P.O. Box 114, Roscoe, IL 61073

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Regular meetings are held the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Burpee Museum of Natural History, 737 North Main St., Rockford, IL

*Special meetings, outings, and events are scheduled periodically and sometimes replace the regular meeting time/place. Contact any officer to confirm information about our next meeting.*

Wild ones Annual Membership: Family \$30, Limited Income/Full-Time Student \$20, Business \$200  
Entire membership contribution is tax deductible. Contact Membership Chair for additional information or to join.

Visit our Web site at [www.wildones.org/chapters.html](http://www.wildones.org/chapters.html)

### *Wild Ones Mission*

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