

**Promoting Native Plants for Natural Landscapes.**

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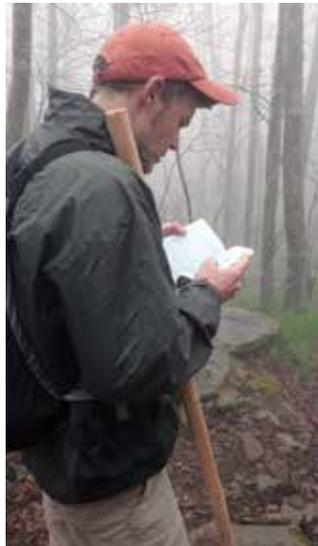


Articles for the July 2014 newsletter, must be submitted to the Newsletter Chair, at: Pambi@wildonesrrvc.org by June 23, 2014.

*Planting Natives in Farms, County Parks, and in My Own Yard.....What Works!*  
*Thursday, June 19, 2014*

**NEW LOCATION: Rock Valley College/Woodward Technology Center, WTC**  
**3301 North Mulford Road,**  
**Rockford, IL 61114**

**Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm**



Join us Thursday, June 19, at Rock Valley College! If you think of big city parks as being just picnic areas, ball fields, and playgrounds, you will be pleasantly surprised to hear Brian Russart talk about all the really special natural areas in the Milwaukee County Parks system! Birders, take note: They're great places to find all kinds of special birds, as well as native plants, right in a big city.

Brian is the Natural Areas Coordinator for the Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture where he manages 10,000 acres of urban natural areas. Prior to his current position, Brian was the County Conservationist for Winnebago County for almost nine years. Driving around Northwest Winnebago County, we often see examples of acres of prairie areas that he encouraged local farmers to grow.

He grew up in Southeast Wisconsin, smack dab between the northern Kettle Moraine and the Horicon Marsh, where he developed an early love for nature and ecology. He told us his Mom took him for walks before he was three years old – showing him all the neat flowers and trees, birds, reptiles and insects. He said she told him that “bird” was the very first word he spoke! As he grew older, he was the kind of kid who brought home all kinds of neat and icky creatures in his pockets.

Brian also credits his Dad for encouraging his love of nature on numerous fishing and hunting trips. Wouldn't it be great if all parents nurtured love of the natural world in their children as his parents did? It's hard to distinguish the professional Brian from his private life: the same natural plants he supervises in the Milwaukee County Parks, can be seen flourishing in his own yard, too. Prepare to be entertained in a most enjoyable program on one man's story about his love of native plants.

Come early and browse the library, merchandise tables, chapter information booth, and refreshments table. We welcome new members! Call 815-627-0344.

Submitted by Lynda and Lee Johnson, Co-Chairs/Program

## Message from the Co-President

Bob Arevalo

photos by Tim Lewis



**Bob Arevalo**

photo by Jon McGinty

It was a proud night for all of us Wild Ones members. On April 24th many of our Wild Ones members and others attended the Seth B. Atwood Memorial Park & Conservation Service Award Reception at Klehm Arboretum. The evening was presented in partnership by the Winnebago County Forest Preserve District and the Rockford Park District. That evening, our Rock River Chapter of Wild Ones was awarded the Seth B. Atwood Award in the organization category. Barbara Flores prepared some lovely native plants for table decorations that could be taken home by the attendees. This award coincidentally came in the year that we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of our chapter. This award has also come as Wild Ones, the national organization, celebrates its 35th anniversary as an organization. This award is the result of years of dedication of so many members and volunteers to our mission. So, for all of you who helped over the years, pat yourself on your back for a job well done.

Besides a nice plaque, we were given a 3" caliper Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioicus*) which was Seth Atwood's favorite tree. After considering several possible locations to plant the B&B'ed tree, we selected Severson Dells. It will be planted in the "Grove", which is an exciting new naturescape area currently under construction and which is expected to open in August. This is a tree we can all be proud of for many years to come.



We must have made an impression on the leaders of the event that night. The master of ceremonies joined us as a new member that evening. One presenter of the winners of the award joined as a new business member, and the other presenter renewed her lapsed membership. So that is three more memberships toward our goal of reaching a chapter membership total of two hundred members by the end of the year. If you have friends or neighbors that you think would enjoy attending our meetings, please invite them. Personal invitations are the best way to increase our membership.

This is and has been an eventful year for us. The biggest change for us has been our move to Rock Valley College. Also, we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary as a chapter of Wild Ones with an "Inviting Nature Home Tour" on Saturday July 26th and Sunday July 27th. So mark your calendars for the celebration since you will not want to miss it.

The year is only half over, and I know the latter half of this year will be as great as the first half. With your help, interest, and your inviting of friends to our meetings, we will grow and look forward to another twenty years of participating in and promoting our mission.

**Co-Presidents Ginnie Watson. & Bob Arevalo**



## Rock River Valley Chapter Address Change!

Ginnie Watson

**New Address:**  
**Wild Ones Rock River Valley**  
**1643 N. Alpine Rd., Suite 104**  
**PMB 233**  
**Rockford, IL 61107**

For a year now our chapter has enjoyed the benefits of having an address of its own. All mail goes to one location and is handled by the Membership Chairperson since most of the mail pertains to membership renewals. Any other mail is forwarded by the Membership Chair to the pertinent officer. As a result of having this single address for all chapter business you don't have to remember several different addresses depending on what business you have with the chapter. Also, we don't have to change the membership brochure when a new chairperson takes over.

Unfortunately, that mailbox facility has closed and we must, once again, ask you to remember another address! I am confident this new facility will be around for a good long time. Please delete any reference you have to the old address and make note of this new location. You will find the new address on our updated website, in our updated newsletter, in the updated membership brochures and anywhere else our address would need to be listed. If you see our address listed as anything other than as you see it above please e-mail me immediately at [ginnie@wildonesrrvc.org](mailto:ginnie@wildonesrrvc.org) so I can correct it.

This has certainly been a year of change, hasn't it? Thank you for dealing with one more change and I appreciate how accepting and flexible everyone has been this year! Perhaps that is one more reason we have been around for 20 years...and counting!

## *Nicholas Conservatory Butterfly Exhibit* Submitted by Barbara Flores

### **A Big Boost for Butterflies**

Recently Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens in Rockford hosted a butterfly exhibit at which I was privileged to be one of the volunteer docents. Visitors could watch as a butterfly emerged from its chrysalis and tested its wings in the emergence box. In the butterfly house adults and children enjoyed watching the butterflies as they sipped nectar, flew about and posed for photos.

A pleasant sight and a nice photo opportunity? Yes, but the staff at Nicholas made the exhibit much more meaningful by including information which would help the public understand the need to respect and conserve the delicate creatures with whom we share space.

For instance, the Curator of the Conservatory, Doug Harkness, warns members about the impact of pesticide use in a newsletter article about butterflies "...you may end up killing the butterfly's caterpillar that you are trying to attract." He further urges, "...it is best to stay chemical-free and tolerate a few pests for the sake of the butterflies and other beneficial insects."

And Lyndi Toohill, the energetic director of programming and education, prepared a display of various insecticides explaining the wholesale destruction caused by their use. Immediately above the insecticide display was a prominent poster describing the irrevocable damage which the use of neonicotinoids is causing. No mincing of words there; the message left no doubt that neonicotinoids should never be used.

A native plant sale at a Conservatory full of tropical plants? Facility Manager Kelly Moore made this

outstanding opportunity available to Wild Ones. Not only could we show visitors a variety of beautiful, native woodland plants but we were also able to offer *Asclepias tuberosa*, Butterfly Weed. As a docent I had taken every appropriate opportunity to urge visitors to plant milkweed in their yards and was very happy to be able to offer this plant for sale. More than 60 Butterfly Weed plants left Nicholas to become part of home landscapes.

Throughout the eight-week exhibit hundreds of visitors watched the butterflies up close, observing the thread like proboscis and the beautiful, variously patterned wings. The Monarchs, indifferent to the presence of onlookers, mated, and then made it clear that they needed milkweed as a host plant. From among the many species of plants in the netted area, they sought out the tropical *Asclepias curassavica*. For any visitor who did not understand the importance of milkweed plants to the Monarch, this exhibit drove the message home as the eggs hatched and the little caterpillars started eating.

Sometimes hard lessons were learned too. On seeing the Monarch caterpillars on the plants, one visitor told me that she had killed a "worm," which looked like the Monarch caterpillar, as it was eating her dill plant. I gently told her that it would have been a Black Swallowtail. Her grief was genuine but we focused on her new found knowledge and she went away a better caretaker of the creatures who live in her yard.

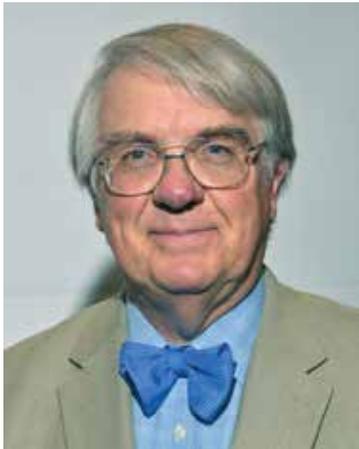
It was a wonderful opportunity to work as a docent during the butterfly exhibit and I learned so much as I strived to provide visitors with interesting and accurate

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## May Meeting Recap Janet Giesen

### Thirty Years of Growing and Managing Native Plants

photo by Tim Lewis



#### Garfield Farm Tavern Inn Museum

At our May meeting, Jerome Johnson, Executive Director of Garfield Farm Museum in LaFox, Illinois, shared with us his experiences of growing and managing native plants for over thirty years, many of them at Garfield Farm and Inn. The museum is listed in

the National Register of Historic Sites, and is a “very intact” 281-acre farmstead and former 1840s teamster inn 40 miles west of Chicago and 5 miles west of Geneva, Illinois. When Timothy Garfield and his family built the brick inn on the family farm in 1846, it became a center for community activity. It was an inn for hundreds of teamsters and travelers, a ballroom for jubilant 4th of July dances, a meeting place, and a place to drop in for good company and a mug of hard cider. The coming of the railroads ended the inn-keeping business for the Garfields, yet they continued to till the Kane County soil. The last Garfield family owner, Elva Ruth Garfield, founded the museum in 1977 to teach about America’s prairie farm heritage. The museum brings together the farming experiences of the past 150 years with an appreciation of the natural environment that the Garfields found when they came to Illinois.

Three original 1840’s buildings include the 1842 hay and grain barn, the 1846 inn, and the 1849 horse barn. Of the 281 acres there are 45 acres in wetlands, savanna and prairie, 15 acres of **unplowed** mesic prairie and sedge meadow, 10 acres of oak savanna, and a wooded wetland with an ephemeral pond, which is a safe haven for various amphibians.

Jerome says that Garfield Farm and Inn Museum is a work in progress and builds on an incredible wealth of resources: the land, the buildings, artifacts, and documentation in the form of letters and diaries that share the secrets of life during settlement. A key goal of Garfield Farm Museum is to make it as authentic as possible. This is accomplished through the hard work and dedication of individuals who recognize the importance of the museum’s educational effort by preserving its resources and stewardship of its land. In 1990, the museum began raising \$180,000 for its acquisition and perpetual care. At \$6000 an acre, 11 acres remain to be secured. Many fundraising events occur throughout the year including [Specialty Shows](#)

(Rare Breed Animals, Antique Tools, Heirloom Garden Plants), [Harvest Days](#), and the [Candlelight Reception](#) each December.

Many years ago, Roy Diblik of Northwind Perennial Farm in Springfield, Wisconsin, donated some plants to Garfield Farm to be planted around some of the buildings to show visitors a variety of native plants that used to be on the property. After observing these plants in the 2000 sq. ft. plot, Jerome and his colleagues discovered that some of these plants were actually growing in the fence rows, adjacent fields, and the creek. It was at that point they realized that Garfield Farm was a unique location. They decided to examine the area more closely and learn about its history and documentation and how the land was used (referring to the mill creek prairie in the biography the oldest Garfield son had written). The 20 Mill Creek Prairie and Sedge Meadow was never plowed although it was grazed and cut for prairie hay. The land is part of the upper Mill Creek watershed that drains into the Fox River. Original 1840 family records described the farm as “80 rods west of the house constantly flowing with water.” Ditching tile was later laid through it reducing visible surface water except in the creek channel.

Jerome M. Johnson is a lifelong resident of Campton Township, Kane County and has both a BS and MS degree in biology. As a child, Jerome loved listening to his grandmother talk about the good old days of farming and Mother Nature – and how agriculture practices and respect for Mother Nature need to remain connected (unlike today where they have become separate activities). Jerome says, “conservation of our resources for future generations requires protecting our agricultural resources, our environmental blessings, and the historic fabric of our nation; these are inseparable if future generations are to enjoy what we have been given.”

#### Jerome’s Philosophy

Jerome shared his experiences with the plants at Garfield Farm and the philosophy of where the plants were at historically 30 years ago when the prairie restoration movement began to grow. Much of the prairie restoration work three decades ago was a bottom up system – it was the grassroots people who were doing it. And it wasn’t until the 1980s and 1990s that scientists got involved through research, field work, and subsequent publications. For example, research now shows that the invasive species *Rhamnus cathartica* (Common Buckthorn) changes soil conditions and negatively impacts wetland amphibian development.

Jerome stresses that observation is one of the most critical activities an individual can do because it gives a person insight and where it all comes together. Even scientists observe, he says, and with a little bit of luck, you might see something that you have never seen

before, from a different angle or viewpoint. He suggests that you learn about plants from top to bottom and not just by looking at their flowers. Observe where and when they grow, how their leaves are arranged, if they have fragrance, what insects are attracted to the plant, and what other plants are around it. Early pioneers observed that the leaves of Compass Plant tended to point in a north-south direction, which may have been true some of the time. However, the leaves of an older Compass Plant point in all directions! Also, it is through scientific observations of soil bacteria, microrrhizae, and various fungi that grow on the roots of plants that help them get nutrients from the soil. If the soil is sterile and doesn't have specific bacteria and fungi, certain plants may not be able to survive or even grow at all. Jerome believes that this is the big research frontier of plant systems throughout the world but certainly our native prairies – observation is key to restoration!

Jerome challenged us that there are still opportunities to discover new ants, fungi, and bacteria in our own back yards and to put our names on them! He referenced a new book by Jerry Wilhelm (about insects and how they are related to plants), who observed that there are ants in woodlands that had not been previously discovered.

### **Some Seasonal Native Plants at or Near Garfield Farm and Inn Museum**

Jerome shared with us wonderful images of the many native plants at Garfield Farm Tavern and, as he lamented, some of the plants that are “just over the fence.” Here is a list, using only common plant names, with a few selected details. Jerome cautioned us that even though some of these plants can be transplanted and appear to survive, they might not be able to reproduce or expand in the new area.

#### **Spring Plants**

Skunk cabbage (one of the first spring flowers that likes wet areas), Horsetail (a primitive vascular plant that withstands disturbance and Roundup), Bloodroot (another early spring flower that blooms near tax season), Spring Beauty, Trilliums, Wild Ginger, Toothwort, Rue Anemone, Common Violet, Yellow Wood Violet, Trout Lily (colonies on the farm with an abundance of leaves but few flowers – possibly due to an allelopathic event, where one plant's chemicals affect another plant species), Swamp Buttercup (is thriving next to the prairie plot, so the name doesn't always tell you where to plant a specific species), Virginia Bluebell, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Solomon's Seal, Shooting Star (seeds are distributed by a tornado-like vortex that sucks the seeds out of the pod on windy days), Jacob's Ladder, Common Carrion Flower (new shoots look like asparagus but are toxic), Sedges (make up a good portion of soil's biomass and create an environmental blanket that insulates the soil against temperature swings), Porcupine Grass (has a needle-like awn that is very sharp), Great Angelica, Wild Geranium, Blue-Eyed Grass (member of

the Iris family), Spiderwort (touching the folded petals yields a purple liquid).

#### **Summer Plants**

Yellow (Cursed) Crowfoot, Turk's Cap Lily, Rosinweed, Pale Purple Coneflower, Mountain Mint (wonderfully fragrant), Cream Wild Indigo, Spotted Joe Pye Weed, Winged Loosestrife (not to be confused with the invasive Purple Loosestrife), Monkey Flower (appeared after beaver activity on the farm caused flooding), Blue Vervain.

#### **Autumn Plants**

Common Sneezeweed (insect-pollinated and thus does not cause sneezing or hay fever), Goldenrod (multiple species on the farm), Common Boneset (used by settlers to treat malaria), Jewelweed (sap is said to take away the sting from Stinging Nettle), Groundnut or Hog Peanut (appeared after beaver activity caused flooding), Great Blue Lobelia, White Turtlehead, Aster, Indian Pipe (blooms late spring into fall, is saprophytic, lacks chlorophyll, and forms either a symbiotic or parasitic association with mycorrhizal fungi through its roots), American Bittersweet (now crossing with Oriental Bittersweet, which will create a real monster that will choke out trees), Prairie Cordgrass (may cause allelopathic conditions on habitat margins), Indian Grass, Big Bluestem, Switch Grass, Canada Wild Rye (does well in disturbed areas such as Bison wallows). All aforementioned grasses can become aggressive.

#### **Conclusion**

Returning to Jerome Johnson's philosophy tells us that the most important thing we can do is to just go out and look: “That's how you are going to learn about native plants and their environments.” Don't be intimidated by Latin (botanical) names. Learn the common names and then learn the Latin/scientific nomenclature to better help you identify different plant species. The main point is for you to feel comfortable with your own backyard and discovery. It doesn't take much to observe – go out, look, experience, go back to the same place, and look at it again at different times of the season. That's how you learn it.

Jerome also suggested that for home prairie restoration (or installation), go heavy with forbs and a bit little lighter on grasses. Consider using shorter grasses such as little bluestem – a strategy that can help you gain acceptance (with your restoration or installation) in your community. Find a way to “sell” these plants to your neighbor so they don't complain that you have just a weed patch. Do it gradually so they begin to catch on and accept what you are doing.

Jerome Johnson and his colleagues at Museum are helping to educate people about the importance of the native landscape. They are a forward looking and growing organization and will meet the challenges that lie ahead from lessons learned from the past.

Portions of this article have been excerpted from [www.garfieldfarm.org](http://www.garfieldfarm.org)

(continued from page 3) information. I urge all our members, both from the Rockford area and beyond, to visit Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens. It is a beautiful place with its display of exotic plants and surrounding gardens along the Rock River. But it is far more. The staff at Nicholas have made teaching others to respect the natural world an integral part of the butterfly exhibit and its other events.

Website is [www.rockfordparkdistrict.org/neg](http://www.rockfordparkdistrict.org/neg).

## *Membership Update* Shey Lowman, Membership Co-Chair

Thanks to our 7 members who renewed this month! 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)), just click on the Membership tab. Thank you in advance for helping us reach our goal of 200 members in 2014!

### **183 memberships on May 23, 2014**

#### **Special thanks to our members who made donations above the basic \$37 dues!**

Judith Barnard, Rockford, IL  
Cathy Reglin, Dixon, IL

#### **Welcome to new members!**

Kathy Winters, Shirland, IL

#### **Anniversaries**

#### **Congratulations to this month's loyal members!**

##### **10 Years**

Tari Rowland, Midway Village & Museum, Rockford, IL  
Ginnie Watson, Rockford, IL

##### **5 Years**

Nancy Jacobson, Rockford, IL  
Phil & Carolyn Fulkerson, Roscoe, IL  
Ben & Karen Gallagher, Rockford, IL

#### **72 attended the May meeting.**

#### **A big thank you to our May meeting volunteers, especially Ron Henrickson who generously paid for the cookies!**

Refreshments- Ron Hendrickson, Anita Johnson, Janet Giesen, Cynthia Nelson, Pat Rooney  
AV/Sound Equipment- Bob Arevalo

Library Assistants- Marcia De Clerk, Cathy Johnson, Judy Letourneau  
Greeters- Marilyn Heneghan, Janaan Lewis  
Meeting Recap for the Newsletter- Janet Giesen  
Photographer- Tim Lewis

**It is preferred that renewal memberships be sent directly to the chapter** for quicker processing and to avoid delays in receiving your chapter newsletter. Please use the address below:

**Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter**  
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Your expiration date is on your chapter newsletter and your national Journal address labels. You will be mailed a renewal reminder two months prior to your expiration date with a completed membership form and return envelope for your convenience.

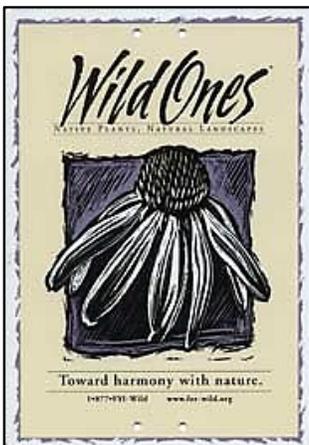
Please send address and email address changes to Shey Lowman at [shey@wildonesrrvc.org](mailto:shey@wildonesrrvc.org).

Thirty percent of all dues paid are returned to the chapter by National Wild Ones to support our chapter activities. All dues and donations are fully tax deductible.

**Thank you for your continued support!**

## *Merchandise Must Have* Shey Lowman, Merchandise Coordinator

### **Show Everyone What's Growing in Your Yard!**



#### **Wild Ones Yard Sign**

Weatherproof aluminum yard sign announces to all that the owner's land is being restored toward harmony with nature. The sign measures 7" x 10" and has two mounting holes top and bottom to allow for securing to a support. **\$25.00**



#### **Native Prairie Plants Sign**

**NEW!** From Prairie Moon Nursery, show everyone the importance of your native planting or remnant with this Native Prairie Plant sign. This durable 9" X 12" sign is printed on a 2mm aluminum base, with rounded corners and pre-drilled holes for easy installation. **\$25.00**

## Membership Application/Renewal



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I prefer receiving the color digital version of the monthly newsletter as a PDF file via email.
- Check here if you do not want to be published in the annual January membership roster.

**Please select your membership category:**

	<b>Wild</b>	<b>Wilder</b>	<b>Wildest</b>
Household Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100+
Household Lifetime Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1500 (Or 3 annual payments of \$500)		
Professional Educator Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
Not-for-Profit Affiliate Organization Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$90	<input type="checkbox"/> \$120	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150
Associate Membership (limited income/student)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20		
Business Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,200
Gift Household Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$37	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100+

*If this is a gift membership, please put your name below to let the recipient know it is from you:*

- I would like to make an additional donation to support the Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your **check payable** to **Wild Ones** and mail it to:

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to  start/  renew my membership for \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).

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**2014 Atwood Awards**  
 left to right: **Judy Barnard, Jack Armstrong, Tyler Smith, Ginnie, Tim Dimke, Bob, Mike Eickman, Audrey Johnson, Mary McNamara Bernsten, Cheryl Maggio, Mike Holan, and Bruce Atwood.**

*photo by Tim Lewis*



## 2014 Chapter Programs and Events

<p><b>June 19</b> 7:00-9:00 pm</p>	<p>Planting Natives in Farms, County Parks &amp; My Own Yard: What Works!</p>	<p><b>Brian Russart</b> Milwaukee County Parks</p>	<p>RVC/Woodward Technology Center, WTC 3301 North Mulford Road Rockford, IL 61114</p>
<p><b>July 17</b> 7:00-9:00 pm</p>	<p>Summer Evening Member Social Tour of Native Landscaping &amp; Potluck Members only: This is a great time to join! Contact Membership Co-Chair: Shey@wildonesrrvc.org</p>	<p><b>Jerry Paulson, Host</b> RRVWO Vice President</p>	<p>Indian Hill Manor <i>See July newsletter for details</i></p>

Unless noted, programs are free and open to the public. Programs are subject to change.  
 Please contact Lynda and Lee Johnson at (815) 629-2781 for more information.



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## ROCK RIVER VALLEY

ROCK RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

c/o Pambi Camacho  
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### *Don't become extinct!*

If the expiration date on the mailing label is **6/1/2014**, 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:  
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*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.*

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### *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.