

2022 Event Schedule

Jan 20

Book Sale!

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 4:00-6:00pm

Our Wild Ones chapter received a generous gift from the Prairie Sands Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts. TPE member, Martin Schultz, passed away this past summer and his extensive collection of books was given to his Prairie Enthusiasts chapter. His library included many gardening related books that TPE didn't have use for, and so they offered them to our Wild Ones chapter in hopes that we might be able to find good homes for them.

Feb 11-13

PBS Wisconsin Garden Expo

PBS Wisconsin's Garden & Landscape Expo is a midwinter oasis for people ready to venture out and dig their hands in the dirt. Now in its 29th year, this three-day event celebrates the latest trends in gardening and landscaping. Make plans now to join us for the 2022 PBS Wisconsin Garden & Landscape Expo at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison – Feb. 11-13!

Wild Ones Madison will be at booth 607!

Mar 21

Queen Bumblebees and Spring Ephemerals

by Amy Jo Dusick, Two Ferns Native Nursery

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Amy Jo Dusick of Two Ferns Native Nursery will give us an overview of WI's native bumblebee species, their life cycle and why the early spring blooming plants are integral to their survival. Discussion will also review a number of spring ephemeral species and ways to support bumblebee populations in your backyard.



April 13

The Back 10 Feet

by Sue Scott

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

The Back Ten Feet of any site is a starting point for converting water-wasteful, boring, unproductive turf grass yards into drought tolerant, wildlife friendly, interesting and storm protective landscapes. In The Back Ten Feet, we learn that by providing a balance in our yards that mimics natural systems, insects and other bugs are kept in check naturally, and that a few plants with leaves that are chewed is nothing to get hysterical about, natives are MEANT to be eaten. In fact, wherever you live, NATIVE shrubs and trees are utilized by native butterflies as larval host plants, and spraying with pesticides puts their species' very existence at risk.



May 12

Predator Insects and Wasps: Their Role and Benefits

by Ben Iuliano, UW Entomology Gratton Lab

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Ben joins us from the UW Entomology Gratton Lab to discuss wasps and other predatory insects in our gardens. In understanding these misunderstood insects, we gain a better sense of how to maximize the health of our urban ecosystems.

May 21

Water Stewardship Community Gathering @ Vilas Park

Location: Vilas Park, Madison, WI
Time: TBD

Hosted by the Dudgeon-Monroe Neighborhood Association (DMNA), the goal at this event is to



foster an environment where community members can learn and converse about what it means to be a water steward. From early adopters of conservation practices to folks hearing the phrase... *(next page)* "water stewardship" for the first time, we hope to provide resources for everyone to enhance their relationship to the natural world while learning specific actions they can take to contribute to better water quality in our local Wisconsin watersheds.

June 9

Madison Conservation Parks

by Paul Quinlan, City of Madison Conservation Resource Supervisor

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Paul Quinlan, Conservation Resource Supervisor for the Madison Parks division, joins us to give an overview of the many research and restoration projects supported by the city and volunteers in Madison's own conservation parks.



July 20

Native Landscaping for Birds

by Mariette Nowak, author of "Birdscaping in the Midwest"

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Learn how to increase the variety of birds in your yard by growing native plants offering birds their natural habitat and a yearlong smorgasbord of berries, nuts, seeds and insects. Gardeners and native plant enthusiasts can play a vital role in restoring & preserving native communities that support not only birds, but also other wildlife including butterflies, bees, and bats. Discover, too, how native plants capture carbon, reducing the devastating effects of climate change on birds, as well as we ourselves.

August 18 (updated)

Ice Cream Social + guided hike

Location: Aldo Leopold Nature Center
330 Femrite Dr, Monona, WI 53716
Time: TBD

Please join us for our annual ice cream social at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center. Come meet the current officers and reunite with your fellow native plant enthusiasts! We will have information on current projects and volunteer opportunities and will be eager to hear what you would like to see from Wild Ones in the future--from presentations and programming to other projects and initiatives.



Aug 4

Wisconsin's Rare Plants: Conservation and Monitoring

by Kevin Doyle, WI DNR

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Kevin Doyle is a botanist with the DNR'S Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation. He also coordinates the Rare Plant Monitoring Program, which is a citizen science program aimed at training volunteers to search for and record data on rare plants. This talk will focus on the ecology and biology of Wisconsin's rare plants, as well as how people can get involved and how volunteer data are used in rare plant conservation.

Aug TBD

Monona Terrace Native Gardens Tour

by Tony Gomez-Phillips, Monona Terrace
Landscape Designer & Gardener

Location: Monona Terrace
1 John Nolen Dr, Madison, WI 53703
Time: 6:00-7:00pm

Join Tony as he walks us through the plantings at the Monona Terrace Gardens and describes the connections between the Frank Lloyd Wright architecture and the indigenous prairie landscape.



Sep 22

Wisconsin Native Bees

by Anastasia Leffel, Bumble Bee Brigade
member

Location: (virtual) Zoom
Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Anastasia Leffel of the Bumble Bee Brigade will share some insight into some of Wisconsin's native bees, their habitats, and how we can help them thrive. She'll also talk about the Bumble Bee Brigade and how you can get involved.

Oct 1

Guided Hike: The Prairie in Seed

by Jeff Steele

Location: Pope Farm Conservancy
7440 Old Sauk Rd, Verona, WI 53593
Time: 9:30-10:30am



Join the Madison Chapter of the Wild Ones on this one-hour guided tour of Pope Farm Conservancy's restored prairies. October is great time to experience the prairie in its final beauty. This pleasant walk will serve as an introduction to identifying seed-bearing prairie plants. Those that attend will also learn from restoration experts how to properly collect and store seeds from various species. This is a collaborative event between Wild Ones Madison and Pope Farm Conservancy.

Oct 6

Wisconsin Orchids

by Laurie Yahr

Location: Goodman Community Center
214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704
Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Laurie is a long-time Wild Ones member and newsletter editor. In this talk, she will share her knowledge about how to get familiar with our native orchids and how to look for them in the wild.



Oct 26

Annual Meeting & Elections w/ Fall Seed Swap and Harvest Potluck

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

We're very excited to bring back our annual fall meeting. Officer elections happen every October, so we'll be voting for our officers then. Fingers crossed all works out, and we'll be having our harvest potluck and seed swap too!



Nov TBD

Native Plants! Mindful Design=Functional Landscape

Location: Goodman Community Center

214 Waubesa St, Madison, WI 53704

Time: 6:30-7:30pm


Jen Baker of Sparrow will show us her process for integrating native plants into a typical home landscape; from the initial site inspection through design and maintenance.


Stay tuned for our **native garden tours** and other additional events!


Dates and locations of the listed events are subject to change.
Keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for updates!

Chapter board meetings are typically held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00pm. Members are highly encouraged to join, offer feedback, and help our chapter grow! Keep an eye on our website for updated times, locations.

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