

***SEEDLINGS, the Newsletter  
of Kalamazoo Area WILD ONES,  
Native Plants, Natural Landscapes***

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What more substantial service to conservation  
than to practice it on one's own land?  
--Aldo Leopold

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**Understanding Threats to Biodiversity**

***Tim Dickson Will Speak to Wild Ones April 17 on Impacts  
of Habitat Loss and Fragmentation on Biodiversity***

CONTINUING OUR CHAPTER'S SERIES ON THREATS TO BIODIVERSITY, **Tim Dickson**, plant ecologist and Research Associate at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station, will speak to Kalamazoo Area Wild Ones on Wednesday, April 17, illustrating how habitat fragmentation through development and land usage affects biodiversity.

Tim earned his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas and has since worked at Iowa State University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the Missouri Botanical Garden. He studies the effects of fragmentation on native plant biodiversity and also examines how restoration and land management practices can provide habitat for plants and animals. Tim will discuss past and current habitat loss, why habitat loss and fragmentation lead to species extinctions, and how we might reverse the tide of habitat loss and fragmentation in the future.

The program will be at United Methodist Church, 212 So. Park St., in downtown Kalamazoo. Socializing and refreshments begin at 6:30; program begins promptly at 7 p.m.

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**Celebrate Spring with Us**

***First Kalamazoo Wild Ones Field Trip of the Year Will  
Feature Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers on April 27***

JOIN US FOR A SPRING VISIT to the Mildred Harris Sanctuary on Saturday, April 27, from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** The 40-acre sanctuary combines a Beech-Maple Forest with a fallow field. The understory and ground cover contain a wonderful diversity of spring ephemerals and shrubs. Trout

lily, Toothwort, Dutchman's breeches, Wild leek, Squirrel corn, Blue cohosh and Trillium are among the rich array found at this site.

Kalamazoo Area Wild Ones will be joined for this field trip by members of the Calhoun County Wild Ones. **Chad Hughson**, who is very familiar with the site, will be our guide.

The Sanctuary is administered by the Audubon Society of Kalamazoo and is located at the southwest corner of F Ave. and 8<sup>th</sup> St. (7015 W. F Ave. is the official address.) Since there's no parking lot and quite limited roadside parking, **please carpool**. We'll meet at the Meijer market on West Main (M-43) and 9th St., on the NW corner of the parking lot next to the "garden center" area. Please be there by 9:45 a.m. We'll leave promptly at 9:55 and be at Harris Sanctuary by 10 a.m.

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## ***More Programs of Interest to Wild Ones***

**Thursday, April 11, through Saturday, April 20**

**TEN DAYS OF ECOLOGY PROGRAMS** in observance of [Navaratri](#)

Sambodh Center, 6363 N. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Kalamazoo

Nightly programs include lectures, discussions, and films:

**Cybelle Shattuck** on climate change and individual action;

**Dr. Binney Girdler** on Lessons of Easter Island for Earth Island;

**Sister Ginny Jones** on Eco-Village Community; **Dr. Maynard**

**Kaufman** on Raising Food in a Changing Climate, and **Dr. Tom**

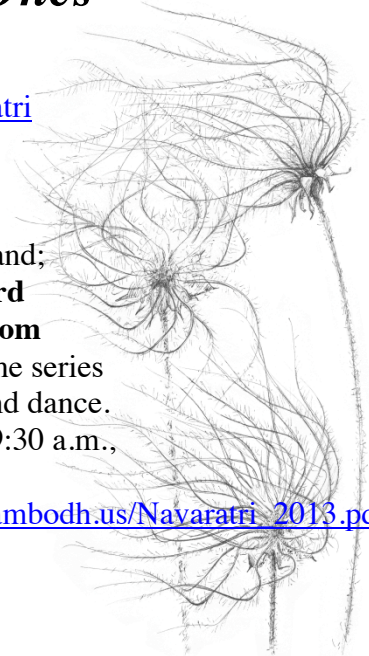
**Small** on Making the Transition to a Resilient Community. The series

concludes on April 20 with a celebratory program of music and dance.

All programs begin at 7 p.m. except for Sunday, April 14, at 9:30 a.m.,

and Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information and a full schedule, go to [http://www.sambodh.us/Navaratri\\_2013.pdf](http://www.sambodh.us/Navaratri_2013.pdf)



**Saturday April 20, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Earth Day** at the Kalamazoo Nature Center

7000 N. Westnedge Ave, Kalamazoo MI.

Displays and information tables, activities for the whole family, educational programs. Free admission all day. Wild Ones will be there!

**Monday, April 22, 7:30-9 p.m.**

A special **Earth Day** concert of world folk and sacred music by **The Hazeltree Consort**. Songs, poetry, and instrumental music in celebration of the Earth.

The Sambodh Center, 6363 N. 24<sup>th</sup>, Kalamazoo

For more information, <http://www.sambodh.us/Hazeltree.pdf> or call Ruth Small at 269-381-4946

**Wednesday, April 24, Noon**

A special pre-release showing of the acclaimed film *Thin Ice*, the inside story of climate science.

Geologist Simon Lamb, director and photographer for the film, followed scientists from a wide range of disciplines at work in the Arctic, Antarctic, Southern Ocean, New Zealand, Europe and Asia. They talk about their work, their hopes and fears with rare candor and directness.

Lee Honors College lounge, Western Michigan University

For information, contact [carla.koretsky@wmich.edu](mailto:carla.koretsky@wmich.edu).

**Wednesday, April 24, 6-7:30 p.m.**

“Native Plants for Your Garden”

**Tom Small**, co-author of *Using Native Plants to Restore Community*

Kalamazoo Nature Center, 7000 N. Westnedge, Kalamazoo

The beauty and value of native plants, and how to incorporate them into your vegetable and flower gardens.

**Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.**

“How Our Backyards are Becoming Battlegrounds in Michigan”

The Land Conservancy of West Michigan

**Jim Sterba**, author of *Nature Wars: The Incredible Story of How Wildlife Comebacks Turned Backyards into Battlegrounds*

Performing Arts Center, Aquinas College, 1703 Robinson Road, Grand Rapids, Michigan

A program about migrations of both animals and humans that brought us to the point where our backyards and communities have become battlegrounds with animals who also call West Michigan home

For more information: [http://www.naturenearby.org/th\\_event/2013-annual-meeting/](http://www.naturenearby.org/th_event/2013-annual-meeting/) or contact Keri

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To register: <http://bit.ly/4-25-13-register>

**Saturday April 27, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Grow It Yourself Day**

People's Food Co-op, 507 Harrison Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Seeds and plants for your vegetable gardens, displays, demonstrations, information.

**Ise Gebhard**, Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist and Wild Ones member, will address monarch conservation and how people can help by planting milkweed. She will demonstrate how to start milkweeds from seed and give free growing instructions and seeds, along with information on monarch conservation.

Demonstration times: 11:20 a.m., 2 and 3 p.m.

**Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m.**

“Walk on the Wildflower Side”

Van Buren Conservation District

Paw Paw District Library, 609 W. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw

Chad Hughson, owner of Hidden Savanna Nursery, and Tom Small, co-author of *Using Native Plants to Restore Community*, presenting on native plants. Book signing.

Cost \$10. RSVP to 269-657-4030

**Saturday May 4, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

“Invite a Monarch to Lunch, Plant Milkweed”

**Ise Gebhard**, Monarch Watch Conservation Specialist and Wild Ones member

Growing Gardeners Speaker Series

Skyridge Church of the Brethren, 394 S. Drake Rd, Kalamazoo MI

A photographic journey with the monarch, from egg to butterfly, its wondrous long-distance migration and its need for conservation. Free milkweed seeds.

**Wednesday, May 8, 6:30-8:30**

Native-Plant workshop, with presentations by **Erin Fuller** on rain gardens and by **Tom Small** on the beauty and value of native plants.

Kalamazoo County Conservation District  
Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane, Portage

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### *Quotations for Contemplation*

A mother’s love for her child and the plant’s care for its seed possess an identity of essence. We are not separate from the world nor better than the other life forms that, like us, have been expressed out of Earth. The attributes and tendencies we possess are possessed by others and are only expressions of characteristics that are inherent in the world, common to all life forms. They are not unique to us.  
--Stephen Harrod Buehner, *The Secret Teachings of Plants*

Everything is speaking in spite of its apparent silence. – Hazrat Inayat Khan

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**SEEDLINGS** is edited by Tom Small and appears five times a year, with a few additional brief supplements. The next regular issue, for **May-June-July, 2013**, will come early in May. **Deadline for submission is Monday, April 29, 2013.** Please send submissions, comments, and suggestions to Tom at [yard2prairie@gmail.com](mailto:yard2prairie@gmail.com).

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