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Kalamazoo Area Chapter News

Native Plants, Natural Landscapes

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

Dear *|FNAME|*,

At the height of glorious summer, we offer up a brief reminder message about our upcoming events.

Whether you join us for a leisurely evening out to view several native plant gardens, or on an outing to share plants, food, and conversation at the Fall Plant Exchange, we hope you will be inspired in your journey.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Native Plant Gardens Tour with Mike Klug

Tuesday August 14

Join Mike Klug on a summer evening tour of the KAWO sponsored Native Gardens of three local conservation organizations: Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, Kellogg Forest, and the Gilmore Car Museum. [More info and Directions](#)



Annual Fall Plant Exchange 2018 ***Sunday August 26, 1 - 5 p m***

Tom, Ruth, and the Wild Ones invite you to the Annual Fall Plant Exchange! Held at Ruth and Tom's house, 2502 Waite Ave., Kalamazoo, on Sunday, August 26, from 1 to 5 p.m. The exchange will offer numerous plants from Tom and Ruth's gardens, as well as plants brought by other Wild Ones members and supporters. In keeping with principles we've always emphasized, it's not necessary to bring a plant in order to take one; and no plants will be for sale.



If you do not yet have plants to share, a snack would be welcome.

Please bring only plants native to Michigan. All plants should be potted up carefully and identified with labels. (*See below*) If in doubt as to whether your plant is a native, call or e-mail to inquire. Or simply bring yourself, to enjoy and celebrate!

There will be refreshments, and the house will be open for rest and conversation, and for shelter in the event of rain. We proceed, rain or shine.

There will be a ceremony around 3 p.m. at the Life Cairn, in observance of vanished and vanishing species. Please bring a stone to add to the cairn if you wish to participate. For questions about the exchange or about native species, please call Tom at (269) 381-4946, or e-mail yard2prairy@gmail.com.

A Plant-Exchange Etiquette Guide

1. Respect and Share with Others

- If you see a special plant, please only take 1. If you need more of that species, ask the

person who brought it, or one of the expert-looking folks hanging about, what the chances are of getting more.

2. **Respect Plants:** Give them the best possible chance of survival

- Plants might not get planted immediately. **Please pot them up carefully** so they can survive.

3. **From Each Person According to Ability; To Each According to Need**

- Just starting out? Don't have plants to bring? Of course you may take plants. That's one of the main purposes of the Plant Exchange. We all had to get started somewhere. When native plants start doing really well in your yard, bring some back.

***We'll ask for a \$5 donation from non-members.** [Support our important work by joining Wild Ones \(\\$40 annually\)](#)

~ Volunteer Opportunities ~

We are in need of a **Website volunteer** to do monthly updates to our web content. Some layout experience helpful, along with willingness to do light editing. 1-2 hrs./month. [Contact Mike](#) if you can help.

Alternatively, if **being outdoors and getting into the dirt with friends** old and new sounds good to you, come join us at these upcoming volunteer events. Wear clothing appropriate to the weather, and [see our website](#) for more specific info on tools, where to meet, etc:

Thursday, August 9, 9 to 11 a.m. - Kalamazoo Public Schools Administration Building, 1220 Howard St. - Weeding, maintenance

Thursday, August 23, 2 to 4 p.m. - Tom and Ruth's house, 2502 Waite Ave, Kalamazoo - Helping to prepare for the Fall Plant Exchange (on Sunday, August 26)

Thursday, September 25, 2 to 4 p.m. - Kalamazoo Public Schools Administration Building, 1220 Howard St. - Fall clean-up



Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.

~Henry David Thoreau

Community Events of Interest to Wild Ones

August 8-Sept.12, 6-8pm, 6-wk Field Botany Class, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary.

Registration required by August 1.

August 16, 18 - Native Grass ID class, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary.

Registration required by August 10.

August 18, 10am-noon, Native Pollinators, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary.

Registration required by August 10.

Sept.8, 10 AM-1 PM, KAWO Mosses and Ferns Field Trip at Dowagiac Woods Rescheduled from June

Sept.22 - [Bailey Fall Conference](#), 9am to 4pm, The Bailey Museum in South Haven. Douglas Tallamy as the keynote speaker. Also Steve Keto, Tyler Bassett, Tom Springer, and Ladislav Hanka.

SEEDLINGS is edited by Tom Small and Kim Patrie. It appears five times a year, with a few additional brief supplements. The next regular issue will come early in October. **Deadline for submission is September 15.** Please send submissions to Tom at yard2prairy@gmail.com or Kim at safiraraks@gmail.com

To share comments and suggestions, simply reply to this email. We look forward to hearing from you!

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