



Great Blue Lobelia (Lobelia siphilitica)

September 2018

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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|*,

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Summer is quickly leaving us. I hope you have had opportunity to be outdoors to enjoy all that our beautiful state has to offer, but especially in your own backyard.

The Fall Plant Exchange was a great time of sharing with friends new and not so new. The community we are building around our shared love of native plant and landscape conservation is growing; it's an encouraging thing to see.

September starts our indoor program season. Thank you for joining us in furthering the Kalamazoo area's knowledge and appreciation of native plants.

Kim Patrie
Co-Editor



David Riggs (KAWO) assists with plant selection at the recent Fall Plant Exchange.

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Choices, choices!



Mosses & Ferns Field Trip w/Dave Wendling

Saturday September 8

Many of you are familiar with the great diversity of wildflowers in the woods but may not know the plants that thrive in the shade. Some of these plants are the Bryophytes (mosses & liverworts) and Ferns. Dave Wendling will lead us on a trek at [Dowagiac Woods Nature Sanctuary](#) to see some of the common bryophytes as well as the amazing variety of ferns. [More Info](#) (including car pool & directions)

Restoring Our Vanishing Soil Communities w/Mike Klug

Wednesday September 26



Join Mike Klug for an informative presentation on the degradation of our soils and associated communities. From large scale agriculture to our own backyards, Mike will present the challenges and solutions that can help us restore our soils, and our communities, to health.

[More Info](#)

Plant of the Month:
Staghorn Sumac (*Rhus typhina*)



You'll find this lovely shrub on forest edges and in sunny fields. Though it prefers poor soil, it is a valuable food source for many species of birds, and nectar for a variety of bees. Growing 8-18 feet tall, if you have space for it's thicket-y habit you'll enjoy the vibrant fall color.

Bailey Conference at South Haven ***Saturday September 22***

Douglas Tallamy serves as the keynote speaker this year at the annual Bailey Fall Conference. Also presenting are Steve Keto, Tyler Bassett, Tom Springer, Ladislav Hanka, and many others. All this for a modest \$30 registration, including lunch.

From Anne Long, Bailey Museum Board Chair:

The foundational work created by Liberty Hyde Bailey in the late 19th and early 20th century has evolved into a vibrant focus of action today. From agriculture to art, horticulture to native plants, and soil-plant science to nature study, Bailey's vocation and avocation resonate in how we interact with the planet.

Bailey's vision for the 21st century is the focus of our conference speakers. His influence and scope of reach are the seeds of hope and inspiration that are being planted on Saturday, September 22nd. [*More Info*](#)

Community Events of Interest to Wild Ones

Sept. 4-Oct.2, Tues. evenings, [Master Rain Gardener Course](#), Co-sponsored by the Kalamazoo River Watershed Council, held at KVCC Food Innovation Center

Sept.6-Oct.25, Thurs. evenings, [At Home Herbalism w/Brenna Pixley](#), KVCC Food Innovation Center

Sept.8, 10 AM-1 PM, [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.

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