

2018 Menomonee River Area Wild Ones Programs

Programs are held on the second Tuesday at 6:30 pm. The indoor programs will be held at the [Radisson Hotel Meeting Room, N88 W14750 Main St, Menomonee Falls](#) - JANUARY to APRIL and OCTOBER.

Yard tours will meet at the tour site unless carpooling or other special arrangements are made.

The meetings are free and open to the public. Please invite guests.

January 9 – Waukesha County Land Conservancy Cheryl White, Executive Director, will discuss the organization and land protection in Menomonee Falls and other projects in Waukesha County.

February 13 – Pruning Trees and Shrubs Learn how to prune woody ornamentals and when it may be better to put the saw down. Member **Jeff Kante** is the retired Forester for the Village of Chenequa in Waukesha County. He is currently the state chair for the Society of American Foresters.

March 13 – Bluebirds: A Piece in the Puzzle The Bluebird Restoration Association of Wisconsin (BRAW) was established by the DNR in 1986 in response to the precipitous decline of the bluebird population in Wisconsin. **Bob Tamm**, the SE Wisconsin Coordinator, will share what we can do to support bluebirds and other cavity nesters. He will also discuss how native bird populations contribute to, and rely on a healthy fauna/flora balance.

April 10 – Native Plant Photography with Kathy Grieger Kathy is a long-time member of Wild Ones and a gifted photographer. We will see how her talents with a camera and her love of nature combine to create an original and fresh view of plants in unique circumstances.

May 8 – Woodland Walk at Rivers Edge Park Self-guided – walkers will see trilliums, toothwort and other spring woodland flowers. Then we travel to member **Barb Wolter's** home for a yard tour and refreshments. Barb has landscaped her urban yard with numerous and diverse natives. [Rivers Edge Park, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051](#). One block east of Lilly Rd on Fond du Lac Avenue.

June – ANNUAL PLANT SALE Details Will Follow

June 12 – A Time for White Flowers What blooms when spring is over in the woodlands but the summer prairie is just beginning? Members **Dick & Jan Koel's** yard has been evolving since 1988 and is an example of woodland and tall-grass prairie

species. Come see what is blooming now. [W176 N8610 Sunset Ridge, Menomonee Falls 53051](#)

July 10 – Cookout & Walk-About hosted by members **Duane Mittag & Laura DeBoth**. Their property, [W172 N7540 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls](#), is 20 acres of varied habitats with 3 ponds. Our meeting will be held poolside with plenty of time to eat, socialize and stroll to the ponds and prairie. Save your stories and appetite for a fun night.

August 14 – 20 Years of Prairie Members **Daryl and Norm Grier's** ½ acre prairie was planted in the summer of 1998 with a seed mix containing 55+ species of grasses and forbs. The prairie should be in full bloom, ready to be enjoyed. There are also ten other gardens featuring both native and horticultural varieties on the 1 ½ acre lot. [1179 Wejegi Drive, Hubertus 53033](#)

September 8, SATURDAY 11:00 am – Walking Tour at Wehr Nature Center We will join the Southwest Wehr Wild Ones Chapter for a view of their home ground. Bring your lunch and socialize after the walk. The nature center and trails are located in Whitnall Park, [9701 W. College Ave., Franklin, WI 53132](#).

October 9 – What's in a Drop? How native plants can assist in our daily lives Learn from **Patty Heying**, RN and Certified Essential Oil Practitioner, about what native plants have to offer in the practice of Aromatherapy. Experience the aromas and discover what may be effective in enhancing your wellness.

November 13 – Annual Seed and Treat Exchange at **Duane Mittag & Laura DeBoth's** home, [W172 N7540 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls](#). Share native plant seeds and/or treats during our fun year-end social. It is a very economical opportunity to add native plants to your landscape because it is FREE! **Members only please.**

December – HAPPY HOLIDAYS! No Program