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Nesta Prairie Perennials in Kalamazoo loses its home

by Nancy and Tom Small

At the end of June, Van Bochove's Greenhouse in Kalamazoo closed down, after 125 years in business.

Steve Keto's operation, Nesta Prairie Perennials, an integral part of and dependent upon Van Bochove's, closed down also, and Steve, who served as WAM board member and president from 1998 to 2002, has no definite career plans for the future.

The closing of Nesta Prairie Perennials is a great loss to Kalamazoo Area Wild Ones and to natural landscaping and restoration efforts in the entire region. Steve's operation has become, in the last few years, increasingly important to property owners large and small, to consultants, and to other growers. Steve's plants were vital to restoration projects undertaken by schools, land trusts, nature centers, and the DNR and other governmental agencies.

Along with beautiful native plants, his friends and customers always carried away information, advice, and enthusiasm. Steve's generosity often extended as well to discounts and donations of plants for school and other community projects.

It was a lecture by Steve that first inspired the two of us to establish a prairie garden in our suburban yard, and he has ever since been our primary source of plants, knowledge, and inspiration.

Without him we simply could not have done what we have, either on our own property, or with Kalamazoo Area Wild

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STEVE KETO DRESSED IN A HAZMAT SUIT DURING HIS PRESENTATION AT THE 2007 WAM CONFERENCE.

Our mission is to promote, coordinate, and participate in education, enjoyment, science, and stewardship of native wildflowers and their habitats—including promoting public education of proper principles, ethics, and methods of landscaping with native wildflowers and associated habitats.

WAM

A Garden Tour: Kalamazoo WILD ONES Actively Engage the Community (Part II)

For several years now, the Kalamazoo Area Chapter of Wild Ones has been very active in the community, establishing native plantings on school and city properties; on nature preserves in the area and in cooperation with various agencies, including the MDEQ and EPA.

Chapter volunteers have established and maintained a plot of native plants at the city's Crane Park, in the heart of Kalamazoo. Despite its small size, the plot is now certified as a Monarch Waystation.

Slightly to the east of town at a private nature preserve, we established a small dry prairie, wetland plantings on the banks of a pond, and forest plantings with plants rescued from a woodland that is to be bulldozed for a mall. The whole parcel will be donated to the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy and will thus be permanently protected.


The principal work of the Community Projects Committee, however, has been along Axtell Creek, an urban creek which runs roughly parallel to a major thoroughfare leading to downtown Kalamazoo. On the eroding banks of the creek, we have worked as often as possible with students at the middle school whose playing field is on the banks of the creek.

About an acre of the playing field has now been fenced off and was seeded last year to be returned to wet prairie, its pre-settlement ecosystem. On part of this area, we are establishing a variety of fruit-bearing shrubs in order to create better

habitat for birds and small mammals. For these projects, we've had support from businesses, community foundations and organizations, and also funds. We've become advisors to the school about its rain garden, which we now help to maintain as a mesic prairie garden since it's not working very well as a rain garden.

Further down Axtell Creek we've replaced several areas, formerly planted in lawn grass, with diverse assemblages of wetland plants. These highly visible plantings attract a lot of attention, especially when the swamp rose mallow is in bloom. These areas are now frequented by mallards, a great blue heron, a green heron, killdeer, red-winged blackbirds, lots of frogs, muskrats, turtles, and a wonderful variety of butterflies and other insects.

These community projects, it must be admitted, are a strain on the chapter, and without a small core of dedicated volunteers, would simply be impossible. But they raise the chapter's profile in the community, bring in new members, and—still more important—actively engage students and other members of the local community. They also help to educate the community about the role of native plants in reducing the pollution of air and water, the need to conserve and restore habitat for wildlife, and the desirability of keeping our city as green and liveable as possible.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Tom and Nancy Small for this article about the Kalamazoo chapter of WILD ONES. Do you know of a Michigan garden, arboretum or nature site that could be featured in Wildflowers? Send articles and pictures or the name of the site and its contact information to Cheryl Tolley by e-mail at <cherylt@iserv.net>. 


Nesta Prairie Perennials loses home

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Ones, or in our natural-landscaping projects around the area. We know that he has been of similar help and inspiration to a great many of you in the Wildflower Association of Michigan.

Steve was a speaker at the 1994, 1996, 1999, and 2007 conferences. His talks have inspired many of us to "grow native." Steve works tirelessly to promote WAM and native plants. Anyone who has asked Steve a question has received a wealth of information. After a conference program Steve was usually mobbed by people wanting more detailed instructions on how to grow natives on their piece of land. Whether he was speaking at Frederik Meijer Gardens, for school groups, garden clubs, or on his Channel 3 TV spot, he was always promoting WAM, the conference and interest in our favorite native plants.

After a little vacationing with his wife Carol and their two boys, Steve will be looking seriously for a new job. His requirements: a reasonably meaningful job, with good benefits and security—ideally, one where he can utilize some of his skills and knowledge regarding native plants, animal husbandry, and ecology. He would very much like to remain in the Kalamazoo area. Let Steve know if you have thoughts, ideas, leads, contacts. Please let fellow members of other environmental organizations know that Steve is looking for a job.

All of us owe Steve Keto a lot. He's been our friend, our benefactor, and our inspiration. We must do our utmost to thank him and to keep him as a leader in the natural-landscaping movement. 

Association News & Views

President's Note



**CHERYL TOLLEY,
PRESIDENT**

After the conference in March, I enjoyed some quality window time as Lorraine Johnson, our keynote speaker, suggested. It seemed the weather would never warm up. I was eager to get outside and enjoy the sights and sounds of spring. The Sandhill Cranes had returned, along with the Red-winged blackbirds and robins.

This year's conference was very successful with approximately 300 people attending. A big thank you to

all of you who helped make things run smoothly, especially Darwyn Heme and Val Reed for taking care of all the audio-video details, and Ray Rustem for the Educators' Workshop. We honored our past presidents at the birthday bash celebrating 20 years; it was a pleasure to see them again. I enjoyed the programs I was able to attend and hope you learned something new this year. Our Secretary, Susan Baldyga-Grubb, is reviewing the evaluations. We will be taking that information and your suggestions and using them for next year.

I also want to thank all of you who worked at the Lansing Home and Garden Show. WAM has had a booth there for several years and it is always a lot of fun talking with people and sharing ideas with those interested in native plants. I met the young woman from the Kellogg Center who made the birthday cake for our 20th anniversary. She had been listening during the conference and was excited to start planting natives in her own yard.

Well, you have to be careful what you wish for. In March and April we were all hoping for warmer weather and our wishes were granted in the extreme. Spring came and went in what seems like a couple of weeks. My natives have not required as much supplemental watering as some of my ornamental plantings, but everything has been dry and it seems to me things are blooming much earlier than normal.

Since the conference our new newsletter editor, Julie Feutz, has resigned. We will miss her enthusiasm and eagerness to learn about natives. Marji Fuller has graciously agreed to help with this edition of the newsletter.

The most exciting news I have for you is that our new directors, Suzie Knoll and Chad Hughson have been busy updating our Website and based on what I have seen so far, it is fabulous. **The new redesigned WAM Website will be open 9-1-07.** Much more information will be available in an easier to use format. We are also going to be publishing the newsletter on the website as many other organizations are doing. We will be asking you to indicate if you prefer a copy mailed to you or if you can access it on the web.

Cheryl Tolley, President

Calendar

August 5, 2007

Good Earth Landscape Institute—Clarkston

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations \$5.00

Garden tour with donations going to the Master Gardeners Program of Oakland County. For more information contact Michael Saint@goodearthlandscapellc.com or go to <www.goodearthlandscapllc.com> for a locator map. Phone: 248.620.7188.

August 17-19, 2007

Wild Ones

Mark your calendar for next year's annual Wild Ones meeting and conference sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Chapter. Visit: www.cincinnatibirds.com/wildones/ for more information. Follow the link in Red. They will have programs, speakers, vendors, hikes and you will have the opportunity to meet Wild Ones members from all over the U.S. ✨

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***Birdscaping in the Midwest* by Mariette Nowak is now available**

by Nancy C. Small

Some of you were lucky enough to hear Mariette Nowak's excellent presentation, "Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds," at the Wildflower Conference this year. Fortunately for us all, and for all Midwestern bird and native-plant lovers, her book—*BIRDSCAPING IN THE MIDWEST: A Guide to Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds* (336 pp.)—has now been published. I've just read it, and it's wonderful: delightful to read and simply packed with helpful information about plants, birds, and other wildlife. It's a beautiful and inspiring book you ought to have in your library.

To obtain a copy, get in touch with Mariette Nowak by e-mail (mmnowak@wi.rr.com) or by regular mail: N9053 Swift Lake Dr., East Troy, WI 53120. The price of the book is \$27, plus a \$4 order charge, plus \$1 per book shipping and handling charge.

What the Experts Say about *Birdscaping in the Midwest: A Guide to Gardening with Native Plants to Attract Birds*

By Mariette Nowak

"This excellent guide to bird gardening in the Midwestern states provides abundant detail about how to improve the quality of backyard habitats through examples and practical plans. Mariette Nowak demonstrates that even small steps can improve local bird habitat in meaningful ways. More regions need detailed handbooks such as this. This book will also be of interest to those in the northeastern states."

—Stephen Kress, Vice-President of Bird Conservation, National Audubon Society

"I am greatly impressed—nay, practically overwhelmed—with the job that the author has done...This is a remarkable, comprehensive, and accessible work of synthesis, certain to be of significant value to home and property owners throughout the Midwest.

—Jerry Minnich, author of *The Wisconsin Garden Guide*

"Mariette Nowak has done an exceptional job of providing gardeners with a wonderful new book that incorporates two special elements into a northern gardening theme: Birds and Native Plants. As people have discovered the joys of gardening with native plants in the Midwest, they have also discovered the enhanced value of their gardens for attracting birds to their backyards. Mariette shares her vast experiences with gardening to help with planning gardens that range from prairie to woodland plant themes, and provides additional information for providing ponds and rain gardens. The plant lists are excellent references for selecting the right plants for the right purpose. This book is a mother lode of information that will help gardeners—from beginners to Master—their yards to life not only with fruits and flowers of native plants but an abundance of bird life and natural beauty."

—Carroll Henderson, Minnesota DNR and author of *Landscaping for Wildlife*.

"This guide to landscaping for birds is as much a guide to reconnecting people with the natural world as it is to providing habitat for birds. The great detail of information on plant/bird relationships will go a long way to benefiting birds and native plant species, as well as a multitude of other wildlife."

—Jim Steffen, Ecologist, Chicago Botanic Garden

"I am heartened to see that some one amongst us has perceived the grim emptiness in contemporary landscapes, replete with their drug-dependent rugs, lollipop trees, and poodle shrubs, places bereft of birds, wild flowers, and children at play. Here is a book that seeks to bring life and living things back to places where we live and play, or work or pray. Perhaps it will help shift our infrastructural aesthetic from one of neurotic control, corporate sterility, and profligate use of water to one of vitality, diversity, and

sustainability—to begin to hold dear places where birds can flit and sing, flowers can bloom and blow, and children can indulge the sweetness of play and imagination."

—Gerould Wilhelm, botanist, grandfather and coauthor of *Plants of the Chicago Region*

"This book will interest many people, who will benefit from understanding the connection between plants and birds. It provides a guide to land owners with an interest in helping birds and makes a connection between urbanites and nature."

—Randy Hoffman, Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin DNR and author of *Wisconsin's Natural Communities*

Author Mariette Nowak was director of Wehr Nature Center of the Milwaukee County Parks System for eighteen years. Now retired, she is a board member of the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology and former national vice-president of Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes.

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CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS PLANT? IT IS A COMMON BUSH BUT HAD ME STUMPED BECAUSE OF THE "BUDS." IT IS A WILLOW WITH GALLS CAUSED BY A TINY INSECT.

—Marji Fuller

Protect Monarch Butterfly Habitat with Waystations



If the landscaping in your yard includes milkweeds, especially Common Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), and a variety of flowering, nectar-providing plants, your yard likely qualifies as a Monarch Waystation. Monarch Watch, a Monarch butterfly conservation organization, is promoting the Monarch Waystation concept as a way to stem the loss of Monarch habitat brought on by urban sprawl, Roundup Ready® crops, and roadside management.

It is very easy to certify your Monarch Waystation by going online at <<http://www.MonarchWatch.org/ws>>. And remember that the nectar flowers mentioned on the application form are geared for people who don't have good access to native plants. Put down all your native wildflowers and Monarch Watch will be impressed. After all, our native insects have evolved with our native plants.


If your yard does not yet meet the criteria for certification, use the guidelines to enhance your landscaping so that it will qualify in a year or two.

A recent analysis of the 1,318 Waystations so far registered, Michigan and Texas are tied for the highest number at 121. So register your yard and LET'S BEAT TEXAS!

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Editor's Note:

There is a \$12 non-refundable fee to have your site certified as a Monarch Waystation. You can use the secure on-line registration form or download a pdf file to print and fill out. You will receive a packet of information along with a certificate and site number stating you have a certified Monarch Waystation.

Once you have a certified waystation, you can purchase the above metal sign to post in your yard or garden. 

MONARCH WAYSTATION CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If your monarch habitat site meets or exceeds the general description of a Monarch Waystation set forth below, your site may be certified and registered. Upon certification your site will be included in the international Monarch Waystation Registry, an online listing of Monarch Waystations, and you will be awarded a certificate bearing your name and your site's unique Monarch Waystation ID number. You will also become eligible to purchase a weatherproof Monarch Waystation sign to display at your site, indicating that you have created a habitat for monarch butterflies.

Size. There is no upper limit for the size of a Monarch Waystation, but approximately 15 square yards (135 sq feet) should be considered the minimum area required for an effective Monarch Waystation. A suitable monarch habitat can be easily integrated with an existing garden.

Exposure. Butterflies and butterfly plants need lots of sun; therefore, monarch habitats need to be located in an area that receives at least six hours of sun a day.

Drainage and Soil type. Milkweeds and nectar plants will do best in relatively light (low-clay) soils. Good drainage is needed to avoid root rot and provide good aeration of the roots.

Milkweed Plants. To maximize the utilization of your habitat by monarchs, it is desirable to cultivate a number of milkweed species. It is useful to have at least 10 plants of two or more species. However, if you have a large number of plants (10 or more) of one species, you will increase the possibilities that monarchs will utilize your property for a longer period during the breeding season.

Nectar Plants. Monarchs, other butterflies, and numerous pollinators need nectar. By providing nectar sources that bloom sequentially during the season (or continuously) as many butterfly plants do, your Monarch Waystation can provide resources for monarchs throughout the breeding season and the migration in the fall. A Monarch Waystation should contain at least 4 plants (annual or perennial) that provide nectar for butterflies.

In addition to the above characteristics for a Monarch Waystation, you should also have a plan to sustain the monarch habitat. You can get an idea of what we consider to be sustainable management practices from the questions posed on the application form.



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