



Native Plants, Natural Landscapes

Welcome to the Lexington Chapter of Wild Ones!

Wild Ones promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices that preserve biodiversity by improving, restoring and establishing native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

Meetings – Our local chapter has a full calendar of monthly meetings with wide ranging appeal. We have an annual native plant exchange; we tour gardens that use native plants in casual as well as formal settings; we take wildflower hikes to see some of our beloved native plants in their natural habitats; and we host expert speakers who help us learn about wildflowers, grasses, trees, seed propagation, and other issues.

Members - Our membership includes gardeners with lots of experience and those just starting out. Some are native plant purists, others mix native plants with non-natives. We have members who own large areas of land and others who have compact urban gardens. Some focus on attracting birds and butterflies to their yard, while others strive for biodiversity and try to make sure that our native bugs can flourish and fulfill their role in our ecosystem.

Benefits of Membership – When you join Wild Ones you support your local chapter as well as Wild Ones National, which includes more than 50 other chapters. The national organization publishes an informative bi-monthly magazine, the *Wild Ones Journal*, and supports community efforts to establish natural areas. Through the Seeds of Education Grant Program, Wild Ones National organization awards funds for educational projects using native plants.

On the local level, attending meetings is a great way to get together with friendly, knowledgeable people who share your interest in native plants and natural landscaping. You can tap into the expertise of fellow members and share your own skills and experiences. More and more people are discovering the beauty and benefits of landscaping with native plants, and Wild Ones is a valuable resource close at hand.

More Information – The Wild Ones website (www.for-wild.org) is full of excellent articles and information. And check out our chapter's website, where you'll find the meeting schedule and other information about our chapter and resources in our region: www.for-wild.org/chapters/lexington