



**2008**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**

AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>-24<sup>TH</sup>

APPLETON, WISCONSIN

In  
Celebration of  
Nature

HOSTED BY  
WILD ONES NATIONAL  
WITH THE ABLE  
ASSISTANCE OF  
FOX VALLEY  
AREA CHAPTER



## The Schedule

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND AT WILD ONES ECOCENTER

PM	2:00	Q0308 Board Meeting
	4:00	Deadline for Photo Contest Submissions
	4:00-6:30	Registration for Conference
	5:00	Reception and Buffet
	5:00-6:00	Professional Judging for Photo Contest, Eileen Herrling
	6:00	Photo Critique Session with Eileen Herrling
	6:30	<b>Raptors: Up Close &amp; Personal</b> , Ann Rosenberg

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD AT FOX VALLEY TECH COLLEGE

AM	7:00-8:45	Late Registration
	All Day	Attendee judging for Photo Contest; Silent Auction; Refreshments
	8:00-8:45	Wild Ones Annual Meeting
	8:50	Welcome
	9:00	<b>Birds, Bugs &amp; Butterflies</b> , Anita Carpenter
	10:00	Break
	10:15	<b>Favorite Prairie Forbs &amp; Grasses</b> , Connie Ramthun
	11:15	Break
	11:30	<b>Fun Facts about Woodland Plants</b> , David Kopitzke
PM	12:30	Lunch
	2:00	Workshops (concurrent) <b>(A) Getting to Know the Chapter Guidebook</b> , Workshop Leader Donna VanBuecken <b>(B) Seeds For Education and EE</b> , Workshop Leaders Steve Maassen & Wild Ones SFE Committee
	3:15	Break
	3:30	Workshops (concurrent) <b>(C) Networking with Chapter Boards</b> , Workshop Leaders Kris Kauth & Kay Lettau <b>(D) Marketing &amp; Membership Promotion</b> , Workshop Leaders Carol Andrews & Wild Ones Membership & Marketing Committees
	4:30	Break
	4:35	Silent Auction Closes

### EVENING ACTIVITIES AT WILD ONES ECOCENTER

PM	5:30	Hors d'oeuvres & Wine Tasting
	6:00	Dinner
	7:00	Banquet Keynote: <i>Greg Summers Environmentalism in the Fox River Valley and the rest of the USA</i>
	8:00	Awards; Silent Auction Results

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH AT WILD ONES ECOCENTER

AM	8:00	Refreshments
	8:20	Wrap-up
	8:30	Conference Keynote: <i>Neil Diboll What's on the Horizon? The Future of Natural Landscaping Tours</i> : See page 4 for details
	10:00	

## The Speakers & Workshop Leaders

### **"Raptors - Up Close and Personal"**

Ann will talk about the natural history of some of the more common raptors in the greater Fox Valley area. Speaking about her rehabilitation efforts and what people can do when they find injured or orphaned wildlife, she will show us the three educational birds she is licensed to have: a Screech Owl, a Red-tailed Hawk and a Great Horned Owl. These birds are un-releasable.

**Ann Rosenberg** has had a great love for wild animals and an interest in our environment all of her life. Ann started working at a rehabilitation center 15 years ago. When the center closed, she applied for her own license and educational permit. She lives outside of Neenah, Wisconsin where she spends some of her free time rehabilitating birds and doing educational programs with raptors to enable people to see them "up close".

### **"Birds, Bugs and Butterflies"**

Whether they be scratching the earth for wild seed, hiding under leaves or nectaring on prairie blooms, birds, bugs and butterflies enhance the enjoyment and accomplishment of turning a sterile lawn into a wild place. Join Anita as she reveals secrets of the interesting and often overlooked creatures found in our back yards.

**Anita Carpenter** has been interested in the natural world since childhood. Though her education led her into a career as a registered pharmacist, she still made time to earn a master's degree in biology. She serves as adjunct faculty on the UW-Oshkosh Biology Department spring field trip to Florida where she shares with students the excitement of discovering the natural world. As a nature writer, she is a frequent contributor to Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine.

### **"Favorite Prairie Forbs & Grasses"**

Wisconsin is home to nearly 2,000 species of native plants, with about one quarter of these originally associated with prairies. Today these plants are being used in prairie restorations and natural landscaping. Learn about our native wildflowers and grasses; what makes many of these native prairie plants favorites in natural landscapes.

**Connie Ramthun** is the owner of Kettle Moraine Natural Landscaping which specializes in local eco-type seed mixes for southeastern Wisconsin. She has provided consulting for the establishment of native prairies and wildflower gardens for the past twenty-five years.

### **"Fun Facts About Woodland Plants"**

There is so much more to learn about native woodland plants than merely their names: unexpected pollination, odd legends, little known food, medicinal, and craft uses are just a few of the topics of this talk.

**David Kopitzke** has taught classes in Biology, Botany, Ecology, and Tropical Ecology at the University of Wisconsin campus in Richland Center. Prior to his teaching career he worked for the Bureau of Endangered Resources (Wisconsin DNR) and as Curator of Botany at the Milwaukee Public Museum. All these jobs have presented opportunities for him to put his deep affection for the natural world into action.

### **"Environmentalism in the Fox River Valley and the rest of the USA"**

A history of the development of environmentalism in the Fox River Valley and a brief look ahead at the challenges of protecting nature.

**Gregory Summers** received his Ph. D. in United States history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Since then he has taught environmental history at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is author of Consuming Nature: Envi-

ronmentalism in the Fox River Valley, 1850-1950, which was published by the University Press of Kansas in 2006. His next book is The Comforts of Nature: A Natural History of the American Home to be published by the University of Washington Press.

### **“What’s on the Horizon? The Future of Natural Landscaping in America”**

Do we dare to hope that people are finally coming to their senses? Now that the Era of Cheap Energy is over, will the citizens of our land finally embrace the values of conservation and stewardship? As with almost all human endeavors, change comes painfully, and usually as a result of economic forces. The only thing that has gotten people to give up their gas guzzling SUV’s is the high price of gas. Nothing else has.

The only thing that will increasingly push people to living more sustainable and ecological lifestyles is the increasing cost to push Nature around. As the price of gasoline, fertilizers, and pesticides increases, the lawn begins to look like a luxury (which it was originally in 19<sup>th</sup> century England). When it hurts your pocketbook to fill up your riding mower, then more natural landscaping may be on the horizon.

**Neil Diboll** received his degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1978. He has since worked for the U.S. Park Service in Virginia, the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado, and the University of Wisconsin. In 1982, Neil began his involvement with Prairie Nursery, producing native plants and seeds and designing native landscapes. He has since devoted his efforts to championing the use of prairie plants, as well as native trees, shrubs and wetland plants, in contemporary American landscapes.

Neil’s work includes designs for residential, commercial and public spaces throughout the Midwest and Northeast United States. The essence of Neil’s philosophy is that we, as stewards of the planet, must work to preserve and increase the diversity of native plants and animals, with which we share our world. The protection of our natural heritage and our soil and water resources is essential to maintaining a high quality of life for today, and for the children of future generations to come.

**Eileen Herrling** has a music degree and teaches privately and also has over thirty years experience in photography. She has been active in local, national and international photography organizations as a star exhibitor and judge.

**Donna VanBuecken** has been Executive Director of Wild Ones since 1988 and holds a BA in organizational management from University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

**Steve Maassen** has been Seeds for Education (SFE) Director since 2000 and active in the Fox Valley Area Chapter SFE Program since 1994. He was a founding member of the national Green Charter Schools organization and he has helped develop a multitude of outdoor learning areas within the Fox Valley.

**Kristin L. Kauth**, Co-President FVAC-WO, is a retired community development/outreach professional in academic, corporate and non-profit settings.

**Kay Lettau**, currently Co-President of the FVAC-WO, holds BS degrees in Biology and Natural Science (Geology emphasis) from UW-Oshkosh, and has recently retired after teaching 32 years of high school science.

**Carol Andrews** currently serves as national Wild Ones President. She has been president of the Arrowhead Chapter since 2000. Carol hopes to use her business experience to help Wild Ones build on our existing efforts by coordinating a long-range marketing plan.



## Registration Form

**PLEASE COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION FORM FOR EACH ATTENDEE.**

Register on-line at [www.for-wild.org](http://www.for-wild.org) with credit card  
**OR**

complete this form, both sides, and mail with a check made payable to **Wild Ones 2008 Conference**  
to: Wild Ones 2008 Conference  
PO Box 1274  
Appleton, WI 54912

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Affiliation or PAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONFERENCE TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **Saturday Workshop Choices:**

Please circle your choice for each time period so we can plan room sizes and handouts. See page 2 for brief description under “The Schedule”.

**2:00** A or B      **3:30** C or D



## Questions?

Email: [conference@for-wild.org](mailto:conference@for-wild.org)  
Or call 1-877-394-9453

**Directions:** The Fox Cities are along US Hwy. 41 approximately 100 miles north of Milwaukee. The Wild Ones EcoCenter is located at 2285 W. Butte des Morts Beach Rd., Neenah, and Fox Valley Technical College is at 1825 N. Bluemound Rd., Appleton. For a map, go to [www.for-wild.org](http://www.for-wild.org) and click on the 2008 Annual Conference link. All lodging and planned non-tour activities are within four miles of each other.

## Lodging

There are numerous motels in the Fox Cities area. These two have agreed to provide special room rates and limited shuttle service to FVTC and WO EcoCenter.

**Best Western Midway Hotel . . . \$79/night** (until 8-8-08)  
3033 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54914  
920-731-4141; FAX 920-731-6343  
[clay-appleton@bwmidway.com](mailto:clay-appleton@bwmidway.com)  
Reference Group Code: **WILDONES**  
[www.midwayhotels.com/appleton](http://www.midwayhotels.com/appleton)

**Settle Inn & Suites . . . \$89.00/night** (until 8-8-08)  
1565 Federated Dr., Appleton, WI 54913  
920-560-3000; FAX 920-560-3001  
[guestservices@settleinnappleton.com](mailto:guestservices@settleinnappleton.com)  
Reference Group Code: **WILDONES**  
[www.settleinnappleton.com](http://www.settleinnappleton.com)

<b>Conference Fees (entire):</b>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Nonmembers</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration by July 25	\$70.00	\$80.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration by August 8	\$75.00	\$85.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Register at the door	\$100.00	\$110.00

<b>Conference Fees (partial):</b>	Member/Nonmember
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	Friday Only
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	Saturday All Day incl. banquet & workshops
<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	Saturday morning speakers and lunch only
<input type="checkbox"/> Free	Saturday afternoon workshops (circle your choices on other side)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00	per person Saturday evening dinner & keynote speaker only
<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	Sunday morning keynote speaker
\$	SUBTOTAL

**Sunday Tours** (Choose one - see details in next column):

- EcoCenter no charge, no transportation provided  
 Bus transportation provided for the following 3 tours:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Niendorf Prairie Restoration    | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosenberg Rain Garden & Raptors | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stroud Remnants & Restoration   | \$15.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box Lunch (Optional)            | \$10.00 |

**Please fill in costs from above:**

Conference Fees (Entire)	\$ _____
Conference Fees (Partial) Subtotal	\$ _____
Sunday Tour	\$ _____
Tour Box Lunch	\$ _____
<b>CONFERENCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Transfer CONFERENCE TOTAL to reverse side of this form.**

**Fun Things to do in the Fox Valley Area**

**Barlow Planetarium** ([www.uwfox.uwc.edu/barlow/](http://www.uwfox.uwc.edu/barlow/)) A world-class facility for 3-D excitement, giant full-color special effects and crystal-clear, five-channel, 10,000 watt THX surround sound with 48-foot projection dome.

**Weis Earth Science Museum** ([www.uwfox.uwc.edu/wesm/](http://www.uwfox.uwc.edu/wesm/)) The official State Mineralogical Museum of Wisconsin.

**Outagamie Museum** ([www.foxvalleyhistory.org](http://www.foxvalleyhistory.org)) Preserves and exhibits the history of Outagamie County and lower Fox River Valley. Operates the Charles A. Grignon Mansion, the Outagamie Museum, and gathers, interprets, and disseminates information related to the life and career of Harry Houdini who claimed Appleton, Wisconsin as his home-town.

**Hearthstone Historic Museum House** ([www.focol.org/hearthstone](http://www.focol.org/hearthstone)) Tour the first home in the world lit by hydroelectricity!

**Trails of the Fox Cities** include some of the best walking trails in the state. City of Appleton has recently been named the best walking city in Wisconsin by Prevention magazine and American Podiatric Medical Assn. Trails will take you from Fox Valley Technical College to the Wild Ones EcoCenter (5 mile walk). [www.foxcitiesgreenways.org](http://www.foxcitiesgreenways.org)

**Nature Net**, the Environmental Learning Network, lists a multitude of environmentally focused destinations in the Fox Cities including many nature centers and preserves. [www.naturenet.com/RegionalPartners/Fox\\_River\\_Valley.html](http://www.naturenet.com/RegionalPartners/Fox_River_Valley.html)

If you are driving, plan to stop at **Horicon Marsh** ([www.dnr.state.wi.us.org/land/wildlife/wildlife\\_areas/horicon/index.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us.org/land/wildlife/wildlife_areas/horicon/index.htm)) or the **International Crane Foundation** ([www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org))

Last, but not least, the **Fox River Mall**, located between the FVTC and the EcoCenter, on the Fox Cities Trails system ([www.foxrivermall.com/html/index13.asp](http://www.foxrivermall.com/html/index13.asp)) features over 180 stores like Macy's, Younkers, Scheels, Pottery Barn, Coldwater Creek, Chico's, Target, Ann Taylor, Abercrombie & Fitch, Aeropostale, and Build-a-Bear Workshop! Great choices for family dining include Northwood's Café, Fratello's Restaurant & Brewery, Atlanta Bread Company and TGI Friday's.

**Notes & Reminders**

- Interested in carpooling and room-sharing with other attendees? Email: [conference@for-wild.org](mailto:conference@for-wild.org)
- Plan to enter the photo contest. Details at [www.for-wild.org/conference/2008/photo](http://www.for-wild.org/conference/2008/photo)
- Bring an environmentally focused item to donate to the Silent Auction.
- Book vendor EcoThink will be on-site with the latest environmentally focused books.
- New Wild Ones mugs and tote bags along with Die Buckthorn Scum T-shirts and the usual shirts, hats and caps will be for sale.

**The Tours on Sunday**

**Prairie Restoration Tour - Bob and Carol Niendorf** invite you to walk through the prairie they have restored at their home just west of Oshkosh which sits on the shore of pre-historic "Lake Oshkosh". In 1989, with the help of Prairie Nursery, the Niendorfs converted a half acre of lawn to a prairie garden. Delighted with the results, they converted two acres of old field to a shortgrass and tallgrass area in 1997. They have about 50 or 60 species. **Bob Niendorf** is Emeritus Professor of Finance, UW-Oshkosh. **Carol Niendorf** is Retired Manager of the Oshkosh Symphony Orchestra. We will also stop at Sheldon Nature Area/Oakwood Environmental Charter School restoration project. *3-1/2 hours with travel.*

**Rain Garden and Raptors Tour - Ann Rosenberg** lives on the homestead of her great, great grandparents in rural Neenah. She purchased the home and just under three acres of land in 1998 and is slowly landscaping her yard. She wants to reduce the amount of mowed lawn and create spaces requiring less maintenance that encourage wildlife. Her rain garden was awarded to her by the Fox Valley Area Chapter as part of an "extreme yard makeover". This has given her the opportunity to spread the word about Wild Ones and native landscaping as she educates and excites people about our environment and rehabilitates raptors. *2-1/2 hours with travel.*

**Remnants & Restoration Garden Tour - Marilyn and Ron Stroud** began their prairie project following Marilyn's University of Wisconsin course on the environment at which Carol Niendorf of Wild Ones was a featured speaker. Their garden is 35 acres consisting of fifteen acres of prairie that was planted in 1998, a native remnant, a one acre wildlife pond, eight acres of wildlife swamp, and a five acre oak savannah. *3-1/2 hours with travel.*

**Wild Ones EcoCenter Restoration Plans** - Located on the west side of Little Lake Butte des Morts, the Wild Ones EcoCenter is currently comprised of deep and shallow water marshes bordered by hardwood, floodplain forests. Throughout the last several decades, anthropogenic activities from the surrounding urban setting have impacted water quality and floral diversity within the wetland complex, which has directly impacted wildlife and their habitats. Wild Ones along with Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust (NEWLT) and several other conservation organization partners will be improving aquatic, near-shore and riparian habitat quality in the lower Fox River by conducting restoration activities over the next few years at the Stroebe Island Marsh. James Havel will explain the various activities to be undertaken from rain gardens to improving the Stroebe Island Road causeway.

**James Havel** has a Master of Science Degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis in ornithology from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management and Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. He is currently employed by NES Ecological Services as a wetland/restoration ecologist. *1 hour.*