



Wild Ones River City 2021 Highlights

Native Plant Sales

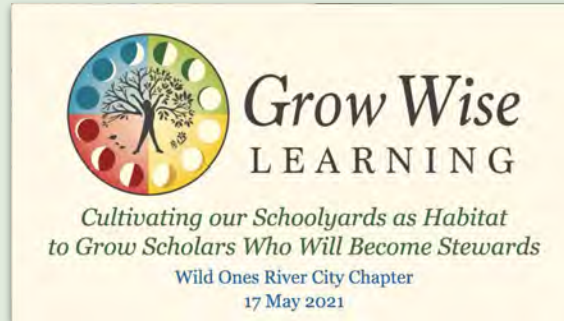
Offering native plants for consumers and providing educational materials and enthusiastic endorsements of plants.



- Our annual Native Plant Sale was held in July at the Fulton Street Farmers Market.
- Three additional native plant sales were offered during the summer and fall. Booths were rented at the Farmers' Market and we partnered with **Native Plant Guild** growers to provide a wide variety of plants to Market customers.

Many thanks to Marty Arnold who coordinated these events!

Zoom Chapter Programs



- COVID restrictions allowed us to learn new skills while offering 5 of our monthly programs on-line as Zoom webinars.

- A **YouTube library** has been created with these programs as well as others on our website for you to access and share. YouTube views:

2020 programs 1,155 views for 4 videos

2021 programs 1,315 views for 5 videos

Total views for last 2 years: 2,470!

Many thanks to Ruth Oldenburg for being the “media master” and making it all happen!

In-Person Chapter Programs



Three Programs were held with indoor and outside sections focusing on invasive plant removal, volunteering at local parks, and learning about the importance of soil for plant growth and development.

Walkabouts



Three Garden Walkabouts featured wetland/floodplain gardening, a rain garden as well as gardening for native bees, and native plant showcase gardens at Calvin Ecosystem Preserve.

Thanks to our Walkabout hosts Barbara Zvirzdinis, Rebecca Ling, Keith Edwards, and Jeanette Henderson!



Wild Ones Volunteering and Outreach



- Native Plant Education Garden volunteer work days twice/month
- Collaboration with Trout Unlimited to install native plant garden at Archival Brewing.
- Donation of Pollinator Garden Kit and native plant education materials to Urban Roots for use in their community education programs.



Thank you/Congratulations/Welcome!



Retiring Wild Ones
River City
Board Members:
Joyce Tuharsky (left)
Barb Olson (right)



Nominated for National
Wild Ones Board:
Marty Arnold



Welcome new
Board Members-at-Large:
(Left to right)
Karyn Detmer-Babbitt
(Karyn also is new co-chair of Garden Committee)
Linda Shuster
Kathy Stevens

2022 Officers



President
Marti MacArthur



Vice President
Linda Gary



Treasurer
Ann Nowak



Secretary
Keasha Palmer

Wild Ones River City 15th Anniversary Celebration



June 20, 2022 • 5–8:30 pm

*Celebrating 15 years of educating and
advocating for native plant landscapes*

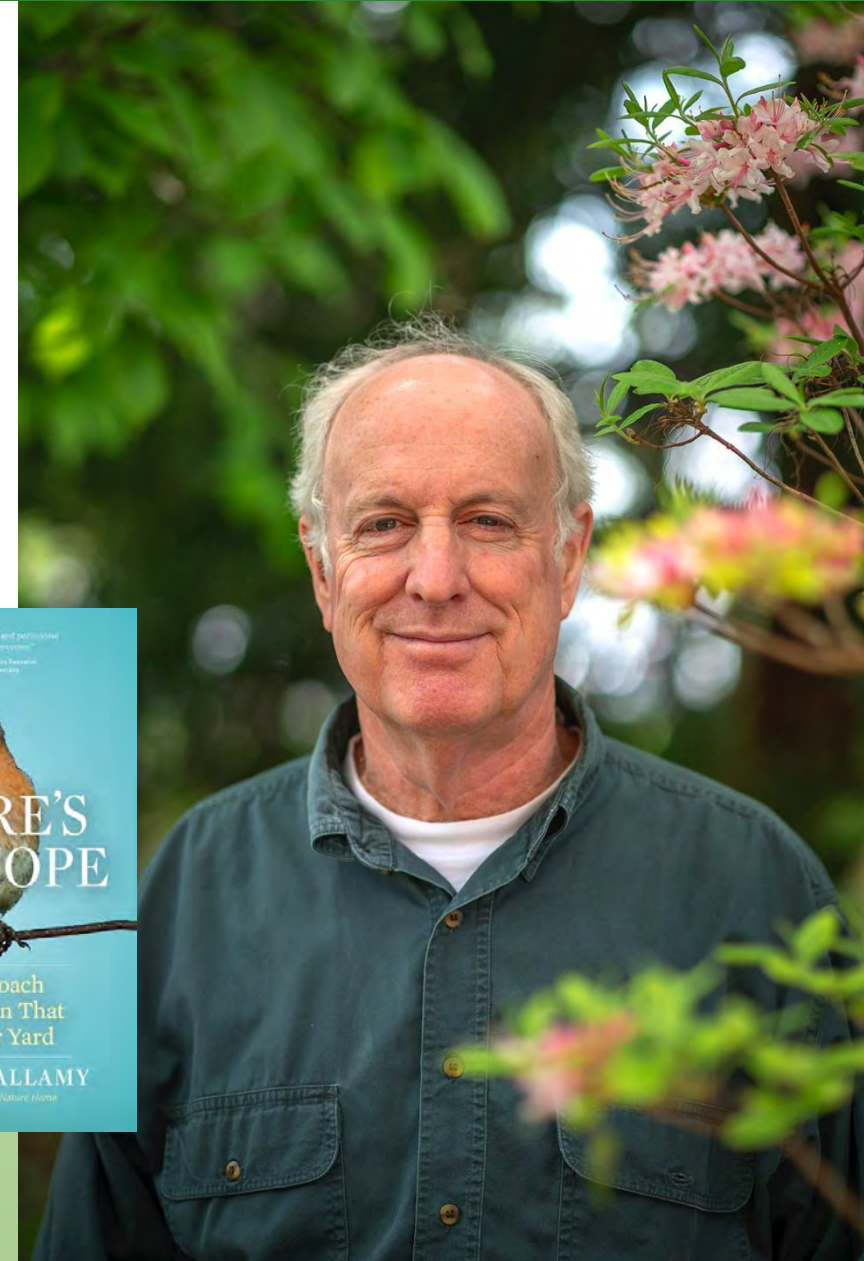
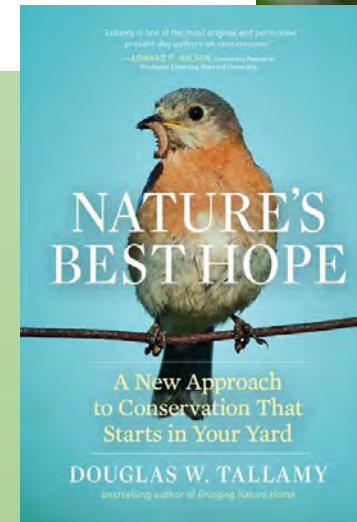
Featuring
Dr. Douglas Tallamy
Nature's Best Hope

The FREE event will include an Expo with community partners.

Aquinas College Performing Arts Center
1703 Robinson Road S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Registration required.

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