Col*umbus Chapter* http://columbus.wildones.org/

OUR MISSION

Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

Wild Ones Native Plant Butterfly Garden Recognition Program

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

Year round educational programing with a focus on Native Landscaping!

We ask that you attend at least 5 monthly educational meetings, events or conferences. These are Educational opportunities that will help you understand WHY Native Landscaping is so valuable to not only our own properties, but our entire eco system.

An initial home garden visit by a Wild Ones member, Let us know what you want!

We will tour the property, taking inventory of what you are currently offering to meet the needs of wildlife habitat in your area notes on what you would like to add to your existing or new garden areas. Photos will be taken at this visit. This visit will last 1 hour. We will have resources available for landscape designers and other information to complete your goals.

$100.00 Certificate from Native in Harmony- ONLY Ohio Geno Species sold here!

Please visit http://www.nativesinharmony.com/ for a list of native plants available. If you wish to add trees or shrubs Gale Martin Owner, will work with you in getting them ordered for your property.

$20.00 OFF Annual Wild Ones Columbus Membership!

We have several membership opportunities available **http://columbus.wildones.org/** plus an extensive list of resources and partners such as: Monarch Watch, National Wildlife Federation and others.

Final visit, checking off native landscaping that was added to the original landscape design!

After photos will be taken, we will post three photos on our Wild Ones national and local web sites. People across the USA will see the corridor that you and other have created by **Landscaping with Natives** for butterflies, pollinators and other wildlife that is essential for biodiversity across the world.

Professional Yard Sign-value $35.00 (see sign photo above)

Total cost for this program is $155.00. *We hope that you are looking forward to Bringing Nature to Others, One Yard at a Time.* **To schedule your visit. Email to either Peter Harrington** nativecbus@gmail.com or **Barbara Velez Barbosa** barb_carson@hotmail.com We look forward to hearing from you so together we can build a pollinator corridor for all wildlife. **Thank you!**

Creating a certified Wildlife Habitat Is as Easy as 1, 2, 3, 4!

Providing these habitat elements is all you need to create habitat for wildlife today:

FOOD -- Native plants provide wildlife with a buffet of nectar, pollen, nuts, seeds, berries and more. Plant diversity increases the number of species found in your habitat.

WATER -- A reliable water source is a key element for a variety of wildlife. Animals need water for drinking and some need it for breeding.

COVER -- Evergreen shrubs and stacked rock walls are two ways to offer wildlife shelter from predators and bad weather. Layers of vegetation also ensure safe places for critters.

PLACES TO RAISE YOUNG -- Dense shrubs, a nesting box or pond are examples of places wildlife need to mate and raise their young.

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING PRACTICES – How you manage your garden can have an effect on the health of the world around you. Techniques like capturing rain water, xeriscaping, mulching, avoiding pesticides, and composting are just a few examples of how you can make your garden conservation-savvy!

Go Native! Native plants should be the foundation of any well-designed wildlife habitat. Native plants are adapted to our climate, rainfall and soils, and they support native pollinators. They typically require less maintenance, water, fertilizers and pesticides once established. Learn which native plants are best for attracting butterflies, birds and other wildlife. Visit **Wild Ones, Native Plants, Nature Landscaping** natve plant experts for over 25 years http://www.wildones.org/ The web site has more helpful information and resources! Visit **Natives In Harmony,** to find Ohio, Genotype species natives plants for an ecofriendly habitat http://www.nativesinharmony.com/

Make it Official – Get Your Yard Certified!

It's fun! Watching wildlife in action can be fun and relaxing for everyone. Your habitat may attract beautiful songbirds, butterflies, frogs, and other interesting wildlife for viewing from your very own window.

Curb appeal! Replacing grass lawns with native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees will increase the beauty of your property and provide a nurturing refuge for wildlife.

Save money! Save a surprising amount of money on water and yard maintenance bills by getting rid of your lawn and installing drought-tolerant native plants.

Bring wildlife a home! Restoring habitats where commercial and residential development have degraded natural ecosystems can be your way of giving back to wildlife.

Eco-friendly! Gardening practices that help wildlife, like reducing the use of chemicals, conserving energy and water, and composting also help to improve air, water and soil quality. Your yard will sequester carbon and reduce the need for air-polluting maintenance practices, such as lawn mowing, through the use of native plants. You can also improve area water quality by reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Community! Gardening for wildlife can help you share your love of wildlife with your neighbors and help them get involved in creating a home for wildlife. Help people deepen their understanding of nature and increase their connection to the outdoor world.