



Wild Ones 2012 Design With Nature Conference

Saturday, February 25, 2012

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Plymouth Creek Center

14800 34th Avenue, Plymouth, MN

Tending the Delicate Balance

An intimate relationship exists between the plant and animal world – one cannot survive without the other. A tree will not bear fruit without help from pollinators, a butterfly will not take flight without nutrients from its larval host plant and a nesting songbird will not have food for her young without an abundance of nearby larvae. This circle of life is only possible when our ecosystem is healthy. Pressures from forces such as global warming and loss of habitat are interrupting this delicate balance.

Wild Ones 2012 Design With Nature Conference will address these pressures and explore opportunities the scientific community is considering to save certain species. Native plants and how we manage our landscapes play a key role, adding both diversity and natural beauty to the world around us.

Speakers include:

- **Jessica J. Hellmann**, Associate Professor,
Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Notre Dame
- **Stan Tekiela**, Naturalist, Wildlife Photographer and Writer
- **Elaine Evans**, Professor of Entomology,
University of Minnesota; Author of *Befriending Bumblebees*
- **Larry Weaner**, Natural Landscape Designer and Consultant, Larry Weaner Landscape Associates

Admission is \$60 per person, includes morning snack, buffet lunch and afternoon dessert. Discounted admission for members, non-members and students available through February 10, 2012. Registration closes February 20, 2012, or when all seats are sold, whichever comes first.

For additional information and to register, visit www.DesignWithNatureConference.org, email info@DesignWithNaturConference.org or call 612-293-3833.

Conference is hosted by Wild Ones Twin Cities (Central and West Metro), www.WildOnesTwinCities.org, and Wild Ones St. Croix Oak Savanna (East Metro).



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. Visit www.WildOnes.org.

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Our 2012 theme, *Tending the Delicate Balance*, explores the intimate relationship between the plant and animal world, addressing how we can prepare our gardens and natural landscapes for a changing Midwest climate.

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