



MEMBERSHIP Q&A

Q. What are the benefits of being a member of the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones?

A. We're glad that you're a member! In addition to receiving the bimonthly *Wild Ones Journal*, all members receive:

- Discount on *Certificate in Native Plants* class registration fees
- Discount on the annual *Plant Natives! Symposium* registration fee
- Invitations to Members-only events
 - Tours of Member gardens – *Landscapes in Progress*
 - Guided Native Plant and Wildflower Walks
 - Guided Field Trips
 - Annual Meeting and other social events
- E-mail notices about upcoming local native plant educational programs
- Special discount offers from native plant nurseries, including Trailhead Nursery, Overhill Gardens, GroWild and Sunlight Gardens
- Copy of the Chapter Membership Directory

Q. Does my membership include other members of my family?

A. Yes, all members of your household receive Wild Ones membership benefits.

Q. How do I find out about Wild Ones programs and events?

A. Our chapter presents a number of **educational programs with guest speakers** that are free and open to the public. These open meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at green|spaces, 63 East Main St. in Chattanooga.

Our annual ***Plant Natives! Symposium*** and native plant and natural gardening “marketplace,” is usually held in the spring. The symposium offers the opportunity to hear some of the country’s leading figures in the native plants and natural landscaping field.

Our ***Certificate in Native Plants*** classes are presented in partnership with Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center and the Tennessee Native Plant Society. They are usually scheduled on the second Saturday of the month. You do NOT have to be working toward a Certificate to attend these classes. If you want to know more about native plant gardening, these classes are a great way to learn from some of the experts in our area.

We also offer a variety of programs **exclusively for our members**, including ***Landscapes in Progress*** (visits to members' gardens), hikes, wildflower walks, field trips, a summer picnic, the annual meeting and a holiday social event. These programs and events are scheduled throughout the year at various locations.

Information about all of the open-to-the-public and members-only events, the *Certificate in Native Plants* classes, and the *Plant Natives! Symposium* are always posted on our website. Click the "[Programs](#)" tab on the website for a listing of our programs, or select "[Calendar](#)" in the drop-down menu under the "Programs" tab for the traditional calendar format.

For those programs and events that require pre-registration, you will find the links for registration on our website. We also send a **monthly e-newsletter** and occasional member e-mails with information about all of our programs.

Occasionally, we also offer "**Pop-Up**" events for our members; generally these will be opportunities to visit a member's garden when certain plants are in bloom. We will send an email to our members one or two days in advance of such events.

Q. How can I find out about other native plants and natural landscaping events in the region?

A. Check out our [Community & Regional Events](#) page, under the "Programs" tab on our website.

Q. What happens at the Annual Meeting for the chapter?

A. Every fall, the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones holds its Annual Meeting. This is a fun and casual time for members to get together, review the past year and elect officers. We also preview the programs and events planned for the coming year and talk about any topics of interest to our members. We hope you'll attend and be an active part of our chapter.

Q. Where can I buy native plants?

A. A [list](#) of nurseries that sell native plants is posted on our website.

Q. How can I get help identifying a plant?

A. Join our **Facebook [GROUP](#) – Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones**. This group page is a forum where folks post photos, share information and ask questions about native plants. You will need to request to be added to the Group; our Administrator will generally approve your participation on the page within 24 hours.

We also have a **[PUBLIC Facebook page](#)** where we post interesting information about native plants and natural landscaping.

Please **LIKE** us at [Wild Ones, Tennessee Valley Chapter](#).

Q. Is there a Member Directory?

A. Yes, there is a Member Directory that is provided to all active members of the chapter. The Tennessee Valley Member Directory is updated annually. To receive an electronic copy of the Directory, contact [Nora Bernhardt](#).

Please note that the Directory is intended to help members connect with each other, arrange carpools, etc. It is NOT to be shared with others or used for commercial purposes.

Q. How can I volunteer and get more involved with chapter activities?

A. We are a 100% volunteer chapter. Every one of our programs and activities are developed and implemented 100% by volunteers. We hope you'll become involved! You can start by becoming a member of one of our committees – Programs, Symposium, Certificate in Native Plants, Membership & Communication, Public Information or Landscape Recognition Awards.

To volunteer, please check our monthly e-newsletter for volunteer opportunities and check out our online [signup page](#) for upcoming volunteer activities.

You may also contact our Volunteer Coordinator, [Lena Hall](#), or feel free to contact any committee chairperson listed in the Member Directory.

Q. How do I renew my membership?

A. When your membership is due for renewal, you should receive a reminder from Wild Ones in the mail. If your membership is expiring, you may also receive an email from our chapter Membership Committee.

You can easily renew your membership [online](#). If you'd prefer to mail in your new/renew membership application print this handy paper copy of the [Membership Application](#).

All dues and donation payments to Wild Ones are fully tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Total cost to process your membership online will include a 2% service for credit card processing. To avoid this fee, send a check with the application directly to:
Wild Ones
2285 Butte des Morts Beach Road
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-1008

The annual price for a family membership will increase to \$40.00 on June 1, 2017.

Q. Who do I contact with questions about the chapter?

A. For general questions, please email us at tnvalleywildones@gmail.com

For questions about the *Certificate in Native Plants* classes, please email us at tnvalleycnp@gmail.com

