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Visit this Color Oklahoma planting at the Harn Homestead in Oklahoma City now to see spectacular wildflowers. Photo by David Sapper..

Upcoming Events/Activities

(check the ONPS website or Facebook for more details)

May 24 - Tour Our Native Yards

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tour-okc-native-yards-plant-sale-registration-1029301447337>

Jun 7 - Central Chapter Field trip (see page 4).

Jun 20 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Jun 27-28 - Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Sustainable Urban Landscaping Conference -

<https://www.okcbeautiful.com/event-details/sustainable-urban-landscape-conference-1>

Jul 12 - Central Chapter Field trip (see page 4).

Jul 18 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Aug 7 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building (see page 4 for details).

Aug 15 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Sep 4 - Central Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and 7 pm program at OCU Dawson-Loeffler Building.

Sep 8 - NE Chapter meeting, 6:30 socializing and program at 7 pm at the Tulsa Garden Center.

Sep 19 - Fabulous Wildflower Fridays (details below)

Oct 3-5 - SAVE THE DATE!!!!

ONPS Annual Meeting at Girl Scout Camp Wah-Shah-She (see page 9 For details)

Central Chapter, 6:30 pm socializing and 7:00 pm meeting at Oklahoma City University in the Dawson-Loeffler Science Center, Room 208.

NE Chapter, 6:30 pm socializing and 7:00 pm meeting at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S Peoria Ave, Tulsa

Fabulous Wildflower Fridays, 3rd Friday monthly, 5:30 pm, casual, at Panera Bread, 5601 E 41st Street, Tulsa

Preview Chapter meeting topics inside. All members are invited to all meetings, including board meetings, and are encouraged to bring guests.

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President's Message

By Shalini Chitturi, ONPS President

"When spring rains"

The slumbering Earth suddenly came alive within the last few weeks of relentless spring rains, splurging everything in green.

Our neighboring lakes and streams were rumbling in waves, flooding away some of the hidden seeds. The elegant cranes feasted on the unexpected fish savories. The sycamores, bald cyprus and the willows are showing off their vigor, while the dutiful *Typha* is jetting out of the damp earth. The underrated sedges and rushes are proudly claiming their muddy territories.

The Mexican and the sand plums were subtly enticing me in divine fragrances, while the golden Alexanders and ephemerals bloomed quietly, for the early pollinators. Before I knew it, the ground became a swaying layer of reddish *Castillejas* and *Gaillardias*, contrasted with specks of bright coreopsis and spiderworts

I was so happy to see a new patch of sprouting milkweeds. I added a few more, that I bought at the Stash event recently.

We had an amazing time at the 'Wonders of Wildflowers' event at Selman Living Lab last weekend. We had our meetings and meals at Selman Living Lab and some field trips at Alabaster Caverns State Park! It was very exciting to know about the unique Gypsum Hills, the Alabaster Cave formation, and the flora and fauna that is flourishing in that terrain.

There are many plant events happening in Oklahoma. The next ONPS event is TONY on May 24th. Details of the TONY and other events are available in our ONPS Facebook Group and website. Please come and enjoy these events.

These spring rains surely made our soil richer and easier to garden. So, I would request you all to use this opportunity and plant some more of our needed natives, and remove many more non natives and invasives. Let's aim for another year of amazing pollinators and wildlife! Happy Native Gardening!

CENTRAL CHAPTER EVENTS**SUMMER 2025**

May 24 Tour Oklahoma Native Yards (TONY) & Plant Sale: A tour of NW OKC yards and vendors showcasing Oklahoma native plants. Sign up at OKNativeplants.org. 9am-2pm.

June 7 Plant Walk: Oklahoma River Botany
Join us for a plant walk along the Oklahoma River near downtown OKC. We will meet at 8:45 am at Culture Coffee, 1029 NE 6th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73117. At 9 am, we will caravan to the river to botanize!

July 12 Plant Walk: Plants of Arcadia Lake
We will meet at 9:00 am at the Outdoor Education and Training Center, 7401-8489 E 33rd St, Edmond, OK 73013 (located on the south side of Arcadia Lake).

August 7 Oklahoma moth expert, Zach DuFran, will present about the moths of Oklahoma and their relationships to native plants.

Indoor events: Start at 7 pm

Location: Oklahoma City University, 2501 N Blackwelder Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73106 I Room 208 in the Dawson-Loeffler Science Center (near NW 27th St and N Indiana Ave).

Outdoor events: Bring water and hiking clothes

Info and updates: OKNativePlants.org

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\$800 2/2/2025 thru 5/9/2025

Color Oklahoma Donations

4/10/2025—Barry & Melanie Relinger

4/10/2025—Rick & Donna Stuber, in Honor and Memory of Judy Boyle

Contributions to General Fund

3/7/2025—Forrest Underwood

4/1/2025—Andrew Barton, in Honor of Darah Aldridge

Northeast Chapter Update

The Northeast district has been extremely busy this spring hosting informational booths to spread the word about ONPS membership.

March 8th at the Home and Garden Show at the Tulsa Expo Center.

April 11 and 12 the 70th Annual SpringFest at Woodward Park

April 19 Sand Springs Herbal Affair—cancelled because of storms

April 26 at Jenks Herbal Festival

May 2-4 at WOW at Selman Living Lab

May 17-18 at Audubon Habitat Tour in homes in the Tulsa area.

Our May program was *Rhonda Wyatt*, Landscape Design Architect and owner of *Natural Surroundings*. In 2023 she was introduced to using natives in her designs to benefit insects, animals, and the climate. Since then, she has been learning about native plants and helping her clients incorporate native plants into their designs.



Our September meeting will be back in the ballroom at Tulsa Garden Center on the second Monday (Labor Day is the first Monday) See you on September 8, 2025.

Welcome New Members

Added 2/6/2025 thru 5/9/2025

Karin Needleman, Mary Christopher
Kate & Walter Kennedy, Becky Gentges
Tricia Braden, Hunter Young, Destiny Carter
Sara Quesenbury, Brittany Shahan, Kyla Morrison
Rachel Rasmusson, Lauren Hamra, Joseph Dittmer

Cindy Tinkham & Brenda Webb
Katherine Hair – complimentary
Joshua Platter & Hannah Marchant
Stephanie Steward, Marie & Paul Stone
Bailey Hoffner, Madaleine Brown

Life Membership

New—Ken Gooch, Jr.

Renewed as Life—Denise Gregg

Welcome back

Pete & Karen Watkins

Denise Gregg, Christine Parker

ONPN Native Plant Events

Article and Photos By Connie Scothorn

Native plant events are blooming in popularity this summer, and the Oklahoma Native Plant Network (ONPN) is doing all we can to organize, support, and sell native plants at as many of these gatherings as possible.

We kicked off the season on April 12th at Stash in Norman for our second annual native plant celebration there. The event was packed with plant vendors, educational booths, food trucks, and even a live band! Over 2,100 people attended on a gorgeous spring day.

Lia Woods from Lia's Garden at Commonwealth shared that she met some of the friendliest people in the state while in Norman—and sold nearly every plant she brought! Bill Farris of Prairie Wind Nursery was also pleased with how the event continues to improve each year. He brought more plants than before and still managed to sell nearly all of them. And these were just two of the twelve vendors that attended.

We're thrilled to share that our very first Native Plant Festival in McAlester, OK, was a great success! Held on May 3rd at the Puterbaugh Center, the event welcomed over 350 plant enthusiasts from across Southeast Oklahoma. Katie Huskerson, president of the Oklahoma Native Plant Network (ONPN), remarked, "We are excited to make these plants more available to people living in the Choctaw Nation and other residents of Southeast Oklahoma." The strong turnout and community enthusiasm made for a wonderful launch of what we hope will become an annual tradition.

At both events, thousands of native plants were available for purchase—trees, shrubs, forbs, grasses, groundcovers, and even native annuals. Every plant was *truly* native to Oklahoma, grown to support the pollinators and wildlife that call our state home. In addition to the great selection, a variety of speakers shared valuable insights on the value and importance of gardening with native plants and how we can create pollinator- and wildlife-friendly landscapes. If you missed them—don't worry! Be sure to mark your calendar for next spring's—you won't want to miss them again.

Join Us for the 2nd Annual ONPN Grower's Workshop!

Date: Wednesday, July 10th | **Time:** 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Resonant Head, 400 SW 25th St., Oklahoma City

The Oklahoma Native Plant Network (ONPN) is thrilled to invite you to our second annual Grower's Workshop! This all-day event will bring together native plant enthusiasts, growers, and experts for a series of engaging and informative presentations tailored to growers of all scales.

We've assembled an outstanding lineup of experienced professionals who will share practical insights and proven strategies across a range of topics essential to native plant production and ecological horticulture.

Featured Speakers & Topics:

Natasha Thomas-North

Growing Center Manager, Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries (Baldwin, KS)

Natasha will discuss operating a large-scale, ecologically driven nursery. Taylor Creek Restoration Nurseries operates five facilities, employs over 100 staff, and works on restoration projects in 38 states. Their commitment to using locally sourced seed genotypes sets a national standard for restoration nursery practices.

Elia Woods

Owner, Lia's Garden (Oklahoma City, OK)

Elia will present on climate-friendly greenhouse design, highlighting three alternative heating systems: compost, climate batteries, and thermal mass. She'll also showcase her DIY germination chambers and offer guidance on building your own low-energy propagation systems—ideal for growers from hobbyists to professionals.

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Bill Farris

ONPN Co-Founder, and Owner of Prairie Wind Nursery

Bill will share strategies for effective seed stratification and techniques to overcome challenging vernalization requirements for native species.

Cedric Leblanc

Owner, Sanctuary Gardens

Cedric will delve into propagation techniques using soft tissue and hardwood cuttings, as well as divisions. He'll explain when cloning is most appropriate and why, offering advice for optimizing plant reproduction.

Susan Chambers

ONPN Co-Founder, and Owner of Rose Rock Landscape and Design

Susan will present the results of native grass germination trials and explore the differences between germination-specific and general-purpose growing media.

Stay tuned—registration details will be announced soon! Contact Jordan Gee for additional information at 918-855-3744.

Whether you're a backyard grower, nursery owner, or restoration professional, this workshop offers something for everyone interested in advancing native plant production in Oklahoma.

Save the Date for the ONPN Fall Festival!

The ONPN is already gearing up for an unforgettable Fall Festival this year—our third and best yet! Join us on **September 27th at Mitch Park in Edmond** for a day packed with hands-on learning, fun, and community spirit. And there will be lots of native plants to purchase!

While we can't reveal the full schedule or speaker lineup just yet, trust us—you won't want to miss it. **Mark your calendars!**

Oklahoma Native Plant Society launches Celebrate with Wildflowers!!!!

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society, Color Oklahoma and an ONPS member are providing funds to grant 2 pounds of native Oklahoma wildflower mix per county for winter 2025 plantings to promote the importance of planting native plants across the state. One or two different non-profit, educational or municipal entities from each of Oklahoma's 77 counties will receive the wildflower seeds, planting instructions, signage and other assistance as part of the program. Publicity will begin on June 1, 2025 with a grant deadline of August 15, seeds will be distributed by late October for late November or early December planting across the state. The 77 county project is set for 2026 to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

ONPS is purchasing and distributing the Yard by Yard native Oklahoma seed mix from Enid-based, Johnston Seed Company as part of the project. Johnston Seed produced the mix because of its unique ability to produce deep root systems that pull rainwater into the earth, thus reducing flooding; adapted to local conditions and need no fertilizer or pesticide to thrive; need no (or very little) watering once established; and feed our butterflies, bees, birds, and other pollinators that reside within or around our communities.

The mixture is made up of partridge pea, Illinois bundleflower, plains coreopsis, white yarrow, white prairie clover, blanketflower, purple coneflower, wild bergamot, prairie coneflower, black-eyed Susan, lance leaf coreopsis, leadplant, purple prairie clover, prairie verbena, butterfly milkweed, pale purple coneflower, rattlesnake master, and lemon mint.

Sign up forms and complete Celebrate with Wildflowers information will be available on the ONPS and Color Oklahoma websites by June 1, 2025 as well as Facebook and Instagram for both organizations.



ONPS Wonders of Wildflowers 2025

Article by Debbie Drinko

Oklahoma Native Plant Society Wonders of Wildflowers weekend in the Cimarron Gypsum Hills near Freedom, OK was nothing short of amazing!



I took my trailer, the Prairie Chicken, of course. Several people tent camped and others stayed in the bunkhouses.

Gloria, Chad and Marie from UCO gave a wonderful presentation Friday evening educating us on gypsum and the plants, birds, reptiles and mammals in this unique area. Astronomers from Texas had equipment set up for us to view the night sky. This area is pretty remote, with little light pollution and the moon was in a perfect phase making for spectacular viewing.



Top left: Stevens' Fiddleleaf, *Nama stevensii*, Photo by Lynn Michael; Top right: members enjoy breakfast before field trips, Photo by Juliette Hulen; Bottom left: lemon paintbrush, *Castilleja citrina*, Photo by Sandy Graue; Bottom right: ONPS members search the gypsum hills for the Spiny Foxtail cactus (photo on page 12), Photo by Joe Roberts.

Saturday morning we headed out for some fantastic botanizing on the UCO property. The afternoon adventure was a tour of a cavern at Alabaster Caverns State Park..... it's still early in the bat migration season, but we did see two hanging in the cave! After dinner we drove out to a private cave hoping to see the bats leave for their evening hunt.

It was a great experience! Can't wait for the next adventure with my plant people!!!





Clockwise starting upper left: ONPS members traipse the hills, Photo by Juliette Hulen; scarlet beeblissom, *Oenothera suffrutescens*; James' holdback, *Pomaria jamesii*, and scarlet globemallow, *Sphaeralcea coccinea*, Photos by Lynn Michael; Gloria Caddell discusses plant identification with ONPS members, Photo by Juliette Hulen.



MEET THE MEMBERS: Donna Horton

By Fran Stallings, Historian

Oklahoma and Ohio have more in common than universities called OSU.

Donna Horton, née Donna Hamilton, was born in Oklahoma City. Her earliest memory is planting okra seeds in her grandmother Mimi's garden. After four years, however, her father was transferred in January 1961 from Tinker AFB to Wright Patterson AFB near Dayton, Ohio. She was amazed by the Ohio winter's deep snow! Their back yard had just enough hill for sledding. Ohio winters are long, though. The first warm day usually happened after May 1, so it was a treat to visit Oklahoma relatives during spring break.

Just 8 miles from her Ohio home was Aullwood Audubon Center, Farm & Sanctuary, where at age 10 she, in her Oklahoma overalls, was featured in several photos of the summer gardening program. That program inspired her family to plant half of their backyard in vegetables, then rent more land to garden. At the edges of her neighborhood there were still beech/maple woods with wildflowers and morels, and open fields at the end of the street to go feral in. She got into all kinds of literal scrapes (such as falling off a waterfall's small rock cliff) and "learned so much about consequences." The little waterfall area was a "Thin Zone" full of peace.

At Miami University she studied botany and many other subjects. During a memorable joint field course in botany+geology+geography the professor drove a university vehicle packed with students through nearby counties, studying landscapes of glacial till and unglaciated areas, driving up and down hills and watersheds over a variety of bedrock and soils. Donna learned to organize her observations by drawing long triptychs illustrating transects along a route showing the different subsurface features supporting the different kinds of plants that grew above. That meshing of various sciences still fascinates her today.

Donna says her first inclination was to be a researcher studying some remote wilderness topic like wolves or the correlation of plants with the local geology and geography. Instead, during college she overcame excruciating shyness to become an environmental educator and an interpretive naturalist, working with people so that there would always be wolves and wild landscapes to study.

She had planned to complete a fifth year at Miami, half of it student teaching in a classroom and at a nature center, in order to obtain a teaching certificate. However, she found out that the much respected co-directors of Glen Helen Outdoor Education Center in Yellow Springs OH, would be leaving that program for other jobs at the end of the year. So she graduated with a B. S. in Botany, in spite of not having enough hours in any one department. Because she had so very many hours, her advisor signed her degree application, concluding that she "must have learned SOMETHing."

She was accepted into the internship program at Glen Helen. Along with room and board and a stipend of \$20/week, the interns earned 10 hours of graduate credits from nearby Antioch College. The real pay was in the priceless hands-on experience of being a teacher-naturalist. She and another fellow intern were two of the first to return to work at the Glen after attending as fifth graders.

Next she interned at Woodland Altars Outdoor Ed Center in Peebles OH. It was associated with the Church of the Brethren. It provided more work experience, but offered no university credit and abysmally low pay. It was time to return to Oklahoma.



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In November 1979, Donna became Sequoyah State Park's first full time, year round naturalist and the 2nd full time year round naturalist in the state (1st female). The park superintendent had planned to have his new employee work with the maintenance staff from Labor Day to Memorial Day, because there had only been a summer nature program. Shocked to find out that the new naturalist was a woman, he sent her instead to clear out the junk that had rapidly collected in the Nature Center at the end of the summer. She decided not to tell him she knew how to use tools and fix toilets. She started a year-round naturalist program, working with group camp guests, off-season campers, lodge guests, local schools, and the Cherokee Nation. She participated in Christmas Bird Counts, bald eagle surveys, and training and supervising seasonal state park naturalists. She drew an accurate park map, maintained and designed trails, and supervised Eagle Scouts to build the new trails.

In 1983 Donna moved to Oxley Nature Center in Tulsa where she stayed until her retirement on December 31, 2013 (30 years +1 month). She met her future husband, Robert Horton, while leading Oxley's first night hike in March 1984. She served as Oxley's representative on the committee formed by Betty Kemm and Harriet Barclay and many others to organize the Oklahoma Native Plant Society, and she served on the first ONPS board as secretary in 1987. Donna served as VP of ONPS in 2020 and 2021. Currently she is a board member At Large.

ONPS provided leaders all over the state on May 20, 1989 for a number of field trips celebrating Oklahoma State Wildflower Day; Donna led wildflower hikes at Redbud Valley Ecological Preserve that day. Later, when the Nature Conservancy switched operators of Redbud Valley from the University of Tulsa to Oxley Nature Center, she and Robert became the first Oxley caretakers, living onsite at the Preserve.

Donna's most satisfying work has been serving as a mentor to other naturalists, training both volunteer and paid staff from Oxley and from many other agencies, and continues to offer such training. She never had children but has had many "chicks" -- her mentees. Many have gone on to work in national and state parks and universities. One of her students has since become a trainer and mentor herself and brings her own "chicks" to professional conferences. Donna was thrilled to meet a few of these "grandchicks" at a regional conference. Their work will mean that we will continue to have wolves and wild landscapes to study.

ONPS is lucky that Ohio's loss is Oklahoma's gain.

SAVE THE DATE: ONPS ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 3-5, 2025!

Mark your calendars for the ONPS Annual meeting this coming October 3-5 at Camp Wah-Shah-She. This 524 acres Girl Scout camp is located in the Osage Hills near Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The Lodge/Conference Center has bunk beds, a large multipurpose room, indoor shower/bathrooms and a kitchen area. This gives us room to have all our meetings, dinners and lots of trails to explore. Save some items for a silent auction, bring your bedding, your messkit, and your hiking boots, and we will have some fun around the campfire. Outside tenting will be allowed, but no electricity.

Pre and Post Conference trips will be offered to Wootaroc and Osage Hills State Parks, so plan on coming to the area early and staying late for extra fun.

The registration flyer will be posted on the oknativeplants.org website the first part of August, so download and print a copy to mail in or register on-line.

Color Oklahoma Visits First Tribal Wildflower Planting Site

Article and Photos by Monica Bartling, Color Oklahoma Chair

The Sac and Fox Nation in Stroud, Oklahoma hosted the April 29, 2025 Color Oklahoma Board meeting at their Cultural Center on SH-99 south of Stroud, Oklahoma. Peggy Big Eagle shared the Sac and Fox history and the elders hosted a lunch for the group at their administration building in downtown Stroud. The foods prepared included traditional Sac and Fox dishes from their feast season and featured delicacies like pork and hominy, grape dumplings, corn and squash, green beans and potatoes, strawberries and traditional fry bread.

SH-99 in front of the Cultural Center was a December 2024 planting site for Color Oklahoma. The Elders presented Color Oklahoma with a check for \$1,000 for their matching grant for the fall 2025 planting. The same area planted in 2024 will be re-seeded in 2025. Flowers planted were Coreopsis, Indian Blanket and Showy Primrose.

Color Oklahoma's business meeting including approval of a new style guide, logo, pitch deck and branding campaign presented by Rebecca Fernandez, co-founder of, VOKSEE, a full-service production studio, in Los Angeles. Fernandez is an Okemah, Oklahoma native who volunteered her skills to produce the new image and design templates for Color Oklahoma.

Color Oklahoma signs for 2024 plantings have been delivered to Pryor, Cheyenne, Sac and Fox, Duncan, and Rush Springs. The pricing for seeds for 2025 plantings from Wildseed Farms in Fredericksburg, Texas were approved.

Lynn Michael presented a 2026 program to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence for the United States by offering grants to plant one pound of native wildflower seeds in all 77 counties in Oklahoma. Michael said that we should have enough funding to have 2 grants per county or 154 total pounds planted across Oklahoma. The Pollinator Plots and the overall program would encourage communities to plant wildflowers in public spaces, as well as promote native plantings in general. The group recommended the Yard-by-Yard mix produced by Johnston Seed Company in Enid, Oklahoma as the seed mix purchased. Monica Bartling said that Johnston Seed would allow ONPS to label the mix.



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Sac and Fox Elders shown with Color Oklahoma Board Members at Color Oklahoma's April 29, 2025 Board Meeting and the Sac and Fox Cultural Center on SH-99 South of Stroud. Front row, from left, Marlene Ellis, Monica Bartling, Robin Tiger, Sandy Graue, Joe Roberts. Row two (standing) from left, Rosemary Blie, April Mullake, Toni McKinney, Clarissa Littlehead, Anna Kilgore, Lynn Michael, Jennifer Wood, Peggy Big Eagle, Melissa Denny, Everett Denny. Back Row, from left, Nancy Nullake, Elizabeth Wolfstongue, Shirley Wakolee, Dr. Ron Tyrl, and Thomas Reuben.

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Dr. Tyrl suggested we remove the information currently posted as sowing guidelines on the Color Oklahoma site and update and repost the information.

The group financial reports were provided by ONPS Treasurer, Mary Korthase and possible grant applications for late 2025 plantings were discussed. It was reported that there are currently six applications in-hand and, most likely, 4 more to come in by the May 31, deadline.

Color Oklahoma is a committee of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society with the mission of providing matching grants for planting native wildflowers along Oklahoma's Highways and Turnpikes and public spaces. Funds generated are from the sale of Color Oklahoma license plates available at Service Oklahoma Tag Agencies across the state, directly from Service Oklahoma, or from the Color Oklahoma website at:

<https://coloroklahoma.com/you-can-help/>.



Show from left in their traditional Ribbon Skirts are Sac and Fox members, Elizabeth Woltfongue, April Nullake, Nancy Nullake, Clarissa Littlehead, Anna Kilgore, Marlene Ellis, Rosemary Blie and Peggy Big Eagle. The patterns in the Ribbon Skirts are symbolic and represent various aspects of life and culture such as family lineage, spirituality, and nature's elements. Zigzag and wavy lines of ribbons represent waves of water, diamond shapes stand for the four directions. Each color might also have a specific meaning, for instance, blue signifies the sky or water, while green stands for life. Sac and Fox Ribbon Work Patterns are a beautiful art form that has strong cultural and traditional significance.

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WOW 2025 ! Cactus were a major attraction on the gypsum hills during the ONPS Wonders of Wildflowers weekend. L to R: *Echinocereus reichenbachii perbellus*, 2-Missouri Foxtail Cactus, *Escobaria missouriensis missouriensis* (2nd showing fruits) Photos by Lynn Michael



Justine Anderson of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission gave a boost to native wildflowers with this post on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18uwgWbE3X/>