In keeping with WAM’s commitment to education, this year’s conference, “Saving and Spreading the Wild” will explore the increasing divide between children and the natural world.

We are looking forward to our keynote, Jeanne McCarty, who is the newly appointed Executive Director of REAL School Gardens, a grassroots gardening program that helps children by supporting elementary school communities as they design, install and sustain outdoor classrooms. Formerly with the Jane Goodall Institute for 8 years, her work included the global youth program, Roots and Shoots, an environmental and humanitarian education program with 8,000 groups in 92 countries. She has conducted workshops and delivered presentations throughout the United States as well as in Russia, Singapore, South Africa and Tanzania. She holds a Masters Degree in American Studies from the University of Maryland.

Her program will focus on raising conservation minded children who grow up with the desire to protect the world they live in. She will provide an overview of today’s challenges and children’s lack of time spent in the outdoors, solutions and the importance of connecting them to the natural world at a young age and how to move them into taking action as they grow older.

Jeanne McCarty
SUNDAY, March 2, 2008
8:45 A.M. – 4:15 P.M.
Registration and Refreshments 7:30-8:30

Morning programs:

“Loda Lake Restoration Project”  Pat McGhan
Created in 1938 by a collaboration between the U.S. Forest Service and Michigan Garden Clubs, this 72 acre sanctuary is being restored.

“Great Lakes Hummernet”  Allen Chartier
Research objectives of the project, how to participate and helpful hints on how to attract and feed hummingbirds.

“No Child Left Inside”  Travis Williams
Learn about the need for our communities to embrace the No Child Left Inside Movement. and also what the Outdoor Discovery Center is doing in West Michigan.

12:00 – 1:45 Grant Awards Luncheon
(BY TICKET) OR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Afternoon Concurrent Programs:

“Nomenclature, Why and How Changes are Made”  L. Alan Prather, Ph.D.
Why did they change that plant name? Learn the process involved.

“Native Bees”  Julianna K. Tuell, Ph.D.
Hear about work with native bees and the native plants that attract them.

“Bringing the Natural World into the Workplace”  Sam Pobst
The contribution of plant material to the economic viability of a building and its operations.

“Native Plants and Downspouts”  Shannan Gibb-Randall
How to create habitat and deal with the problems of storm water with native plantings.

4:30 – 6:00 WAM Annual Meeting and Social Hour
Join us for a brief WAM meeting followed by the opportunity to socialize with speakers and fellow attendees.

CONCURRENT EDUCATORS’ WORKSHOP
8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Registration and Refreshments 7:30 – 8:30

Introduction:
Join this exciting program about an innovative way for teachers and educators to Leave no child inside.

Morning Sessions
Directions on how to approach a school project by giving tips on identifying appropriate sites and matching plants to the site. Examples of projects, lessons and activities that can be used on-site will be presented.

12:00 – 1:45 Grant Awards Luncheon
(BY TICKET) OR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

Wam/Glassen Grants will be awarded at this luncheon. Winners will have an opportunity to share details about their winning projects

Afternoon Programs:

“Start your Design”
Spend your time working with professionals to begin planning your school site project. There is also a continued opportunity to attend presentations from the regular WAM conference.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
The Nominating Committee announces the retirement of long time board member and charter member, Marvin Cooley. Marvin is our historical link to the Michigan Audubon Society. You all know Marvin from his dedicated work on the conference exhibits and vendors. Although he will be leaving the board, he will continue on with his committee work. Thank you Marvin !!

The nominating committee is excited to present Trish Hacker-Henning as a candidate for the Wildflower Association Board. Trish is active in the native plant movement. She grew up on a farm in Michigan, is a member of Wild Ones, an advanced Master Gardener and owns a native plant business. Trish has been a member of WAM and has attended conferences since 1996.

The other two directors up for re-election are Cheryl S. Tolley, current president of WAM and Robert Krueger, the WAM Grant Coordinator (along with Maryann Whitman).
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008
8:45 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
*Registration and Refreshments 7:30-8:30*

Morning Concurrent Programs:

“How to with Herbicides”   *Vern Stephens*
Sometimes nature needs a little assistance. Learn what to use, when and how.

“Cherokee Fen Restoration, Madison WI”   *Perry Rosa*
The mitigation and restoration of this 140-acre fen was used as an opportunity to measure performance of success.

“Trees and Shrubs”   *Connor Shaw*
An unorthodox method of raising Trees and Shrubs.

“LEED Certification”   *Jerry Sosnowski*
The process from start to finish.

“Landscaping with Wild in Mind”   *Bob Welch*
A practical hands-on approach using natives wherever you live.

“Why Burn?”   *David Borneman*
Restoring Nature with Fire.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (by ticket)
Or Lunch on your own

*Afternoon Programs:*

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
*Jeanne McCarty*

“How to raise Conservation Minded Children”
The importance of connecting children to the natural world, to give them the emotional connection as well as knowledge and understanding to grow up with the desire to protect the world they live in.

**PANEL ON NATIVE PLANT MAINTENANCE ISSUES**
Moderated by Steve Keto
With panelists Brian Majka, Jewel Richardson
Jerry Stewart and Jerry Sosnowski
A continuation of last year’s popular and lively discussion of this important topic to the success of any native planting large or small.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Early-bird registration deadline is **2-03-08**

Regular pre-conference registration deadline is **2-23-08**

On-site registration fees are per-day rates of $50 members and $70 non-members. Conference materials will be available for late and walk-in registrants while supplies last.

**LUNCH RESERVATIONS** for Sunday and/or Monday are required and must be paid by 2-23-08

If you need confirmation of your reservation, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the registrar.

Payment must be sent with registration to…
Jean Weirich, Registrar,
3947 E. St. Joseph
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

NO REFUNDS AFTER 2-23-08

Special Needs – If you have special needs, including dietary, mobility or auditory, please indicate these in detail on your registration form, including the best time for the registrar to contact you to discuss them.

Starting time on both days is 8:30 a.m.

Lunch Menus on both days offer vegetarian options
Save the stress and hassle – come early and stay at the Kellogg Center Hotel and Conference Center. Be there for coffee and bagels at 7:30 a.m. Sunday and stay for the Social Hour after the Annual Meeting without having to leave home early or drive home at night!

The Kellogg Center Hotel is holding a block of rooms for WAM at the special ANR Week rate of $81.00 per night. Call the Kellogg Center Hotel early and tell them you are attending the ANR Week Michigan Wildflower Conference. The block of rooms will be released January 30, 2008.
SEND REGISTRATION TO: Jean Weirich, 3947 E. St. Joseph, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

2008 MICHIGAN WILDFLOWER CONFERENCE
AND EDUCATORS’ WORKSHOP

Please mark sessions you plan to attend:

**Sunday, March 2, 2008**
- [ ] General Conference
- [ ] Educators’ Workshop
- [ ] Sunday Grant Awards Lunch

**Monday, March 3, 2008**
- [ ] General Conference
- [ ] Monday Lunch

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ORGANIZATION, SCHOOL OR BUSINESS

ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

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SCHOOL (IF REGISTERING FOR EDUCATORS’ WORKSHOP) | ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) | COUNTY

NOTE: FOR THIS CONFERENCE ONLY, MI AUDUBON SOCIETY AND MICHIGAN GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS QUALIFY FOR THE WAM MEMBER RATES.
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| Sunday Grant Awards Luncheon                | [ ] Vegetarian | [ ]              | [ ] $20.00 |
| Monday Lunch                                | [ ] Vegetarian | [ ]              | [ ] $20.00 |

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WAM Membership
- [ ] New
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- [ ] Household $15
- [ ] Business/Organization $60

Donation to WAM (tax deductible)

I can receive the WAM Newsletter online rather than by US Mail: [ ] Yes [ ] No

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**Mail check or purchase order with registration form to:** 2008 WAM Conference, c/o Jean Weirich, Registrar, 3947 E. St. Joe, Grand Ledge MI 48837.

Questions or specific needs? Contact Jean by e-mail: weirichj@gaiagrass.com or phone 517.627.7927.