Wetland Flower Walk July 2019

Roland Yoder announced a guided tour of the flowers blooming in the wetland for July 31. A dozen and a half people showed up at Troll Bridge at 8:00 AM to beat the heat.

As usual, Roland had prepared a few show-and-tell items for our elucidation. First, the proper procedures and tools to deal decisively with the beautiful but dangerously invasive teasel. Take no prisoners!

Button Bush is a prize native that supports butterflies and bees.

Multi-hued Swamp Rose Mallow is in full bloom across swaths of the wetland.
From Troll Bridge (named for Little Tucker Troll who resided there-under) one can see many native summer flowers. Roland, who planted many of them, is a good guide to point them out.

There is Button Bush which bloomed earlier in the spring, now full of buttons.

And Ironweed, one of Roland’s favorites.

Swamp Rose Mallow along Barn Road

And Black Berries ripe for picking.
So much beauty on all sides.

Common Milkweed setting seed, big leaves ready to host Monarch butterfly babies. Where are the Monarchs this year??

Humm. Now what’s the name of this shy beauty? Right there along the edge of Barn Road.

Rudbeckia (Brown-Eyed, or Black-Eyed, Susan?)
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Queen Anne’s Lace, non-native but food for the Black Swallowtails.

So many more flowers, so little space to show them all here. Join the next tour to see them.

Robert and Jacqueline spotted several stealthy teasels camouflaged by Kurtz Run along Oregon Trail and, with the proper tools and protection, did what you have to do. Teasel is known to hunker down when you walk by, then spring back up for sunshine and seed production just as soon as you turn your back.

Thanks to Cathy and Dick we enjoyed tea and lemonade under the shade of the big tree on Observation Point along Oregon Trail.

Many creative minds in one place and under the influence of the magical environment, proposed that we design, excavate, and build a level patio on Observation Point, a solid sitting space large enough for a couple dozen people like us to sip tea quietly and absorb the amazing sights, fragrances, feeling, sounds, sheer beauty of the expansive vista of the wetland along Kurtz Run. What’s the next step?

Roland plans to announce another wetland tour soon. Consider joining him, on foot, in a chair, golf cart, go cart, walker, bicycle, or however you can get there. The path is fairly easy. We take our good old time. Ask Roland if you have questions. It’s delightful!