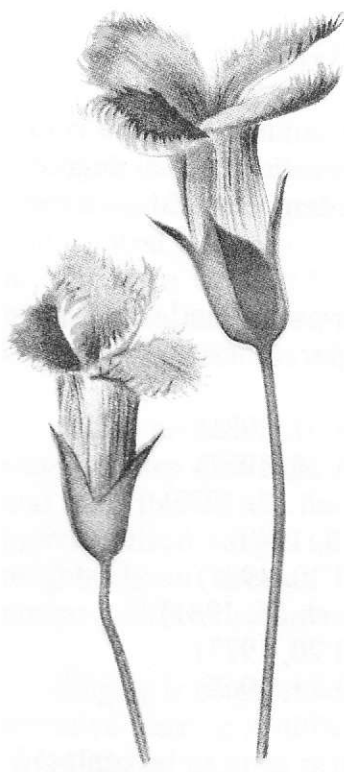




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## Friends of the Wild Flower Garden 1952 - 1992

The Friends of the Wildflower Garden was formed in 1952 by Clinton Odell, a long-time benefactor of the Garden, in response to a growing need for assistance with supporting the Wildflower Garden. Elected to that first Board of Directors were Clinton Odell who served as President until his death in 1958 at the age of 80, Donald C. Dayton 1952-56, Mrs. Carroll Binder 1952-70, Leonard Ramberg 1952-70, Earle Brown 1952-62, Mrs. Clarence Tolg 1952-65 and Garden Curator, Martha Crone 1952-71. Within a year of organizing, membership grew to nearly 200 members, all devoted to the preservation of the Garden.

Beginning in January 1953, the Friends began publishing *The Fringed Gentian*, the quarterly newsletter which serves to keep members informed of activities at the Garden. Throughout the first two decades the Friends contributed \$500.00 annually to the maintenance of the Garden; board members, friends and volunteers devoted their own time and money so that the Garden could remain open to the public. Each May from 1962-66 the Friends sponsored a Garden Tour and Open House for members and friends. Martha Crone, the "wildflower lady" retired as curator of the Garden in 1958. Kenneth (Ken) Avery then became the Garden Curator, and served on the Friends Board of Directors and was President of the Friends from 1966-68.

In 1968 the Friends established the Martha Crone Shelter Building Fund with a goal of \$20,000 to build an adequate building for an office, museum and herbarium of specimens. Lead by Catherine Faragher, W. H. Tusler, Martha Crone and Leonard Witt, the Shelter was built and furnished by money raised by the Friends - every detail of the project was attended to. The Shelter was dedicated May 13, 1970, and generously donated to the Minneapolis Park Board. From 1970 until the present time the Friends coordinate volunteers who staff the Shelter.

Financial support of the Garden by the Friends grew during the 1970s to the present time, buying plant materials, financing maintenance and repairs and garden equipment. Membership grew to 350 individuals and families by 1976. That same year the Friends donated \$2,000 to the Park Board for the upcoming Bi-Centennial. Dutch elm disease reached the Garden, and monies were provided to inoculate the elms. For several years the Friends maintained a student scholarship fund.

In recent years the Friends contributed \$9,000 for the new front gate. And, monies were provided for research for the Eloise Butler biography. Due to the generosity of our members, garden clubs, the Odell family and so many, many others, the Friends of the Wildflower Garden continues today as it began forty years ago, a non-profit organization, run entirely by volunteers who are dedicated to the preservation and protection of the Eloise Butler Wild Flower Garden and Bird Sanctuary.

## NOTES FROM OUR GARDENER, CARY GEORGE

The extreme fluctuations in weather seem to be continuing this spring and summer. After a cold, damp, and cloudy April, May has turned into a dry, windy month with temperatures 10-20 degrees above normal. Rainfall for most of May has been less than 1/4 inch. The Garden needs rain -- a soft all-day rain, not a quick "gully washer."

The spring bloom was roughly a week behind the average. I compiled a few woodland wildflower bloom dates for this year and included the earliest bloom date on record in parenthesis.

Bloodroot, <u>Sanguinaria canadensis</u>	April 3 (March 31, 1981)
Leatherwood, <u>Dirca palustris</u>	April 8 (March 25, 1987)
Skunk Cabbage, <u>Symplocarpus foetidus</u>	March 31 (March 13, 1973)
White Trout Lily, <u>Erythronium albidum</u>	April 9 (April 7, 1988)
Large-Flowered Trillium, <u>Trillium grandiflorum</u>	April 30 (April 10, 1981)
Snow Trillium, <u>Trillium nivale</u>	March 26 (March 25, 1981)
Virginia Bluebells, <u>Mertensia virginica</u>	April 29 (April 20, 1977)
Red Elderberry, <u>Sambucus pubens</u>	April 27 (April 21, 1968)

The weedy wood chip mulch surrounding our main sign in the parking lot is soon to be replaced with wildflowers. I ordered mature specimens of New Jersey Tea, (Ceanothus americanus) from Landscape Alternatives in St. Paul. This is an attractive prairie shrub that hopefully will survive the rigors of busloads of school children and remain an interesting feature even in winter.



"Nature is an open book for those who care to read. Each grass-covered hillside is a page on which is written the history of the past, conditions of the present, and predictions of the future. Some see without understanding; but let us look closely and understandingly, and act wisely, and in time bring our methods of land use and conservation activities into close harmony with the dictates of nature.

The disappearance of a major natural unit of vegetation from the face of the earth is an event worthy of causing pause and consideration by any nation. --Civilized man is destroying a masterpiece of nature without recording for posterity that which he has destroyed."

J. E. Weaver, 1938  
North American Prairie

## **BIRD REPORT: Indigo Bunting**

**Park Naturalist, Sarah Christiansen**

Back in April when the snow still lay in spots and the skunk cabbage was poking up out of the bog of the Wildflower Garden, the **Indigo Bunting** was residing in the sunny climes of Florida and South and Central America. After molting its brownish winter feathers, the male Indigo begins to brighten to a brilliant tropical blue. Beginning in April and into May, after building up reserves, migration north begins, travelling in small flocks of 5-10 males. The first sighting of a male in the Wildflower Garden this year was May 11.

Males arrive early to set up their territories, which range from 2-6 acres. They are great fun to watch as they challenge each other in song and chase, flying out at one another with their wings fanned and body fluffed in a "moth flight." It is a startling voluminous song, and each male can have its own individualized song. Groups of Indigo Buntings which have territories near each other will have neighborhood "accents." Males sing well into August, so if you listen long enough perhaps you will notice a difference between songs you hear from our Indigo Buntings and those elsewhere.

Singing is heightened in courtship when the females arrive several days after the male. She is often secretive making it difficult for bird watchers to spot her. But, if you keep track of the male, which is far easier because of his bright color, you may catch sight of her. Once paired, the female will devote her time to nest building with occasional food snacks from the male. The nest is usually low at 2-10 feet off the ground in the crook of a tree or shrub. She will lay 3-4 eggs (one a day) and incubate them herself. If they have another brood, the parents will stay with the young until it is time to migrate south.

At the end of May, I caught sight of a female as she sounded off an agitated Chip Call. Perhaps then, we have a nest and can look forward to some "Butler Buntings" soon to join the life of the Garden!

### **GUIDED TOURS OF THE GARDEN**

Park naturalists provide guided tours of the Wildflower Garden throughout the summer. Registration for the tours is not necessary, and they depart from the Crone Shelter. The times are as follows:

- June/July:** Weekdays at 7:00 P.M.  
Saturdays at 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.  
Sundays at 11:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
- August:** Weekdays at 6:00 P.M.  
Saturdays and Sundays are the same as June/July

Tours of the Wirth Park Tamarack Bog (Quaking Bog) located across Wirth Parkway are Saturdays at 5:00 P.M. Tours for the bog depart from the main gate.

**Annual Volunteer Get-Together**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 1992 6:30-8:30 P.M.**  
**Martha Crone Shelter, Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden, Minneapolis**

Again this year the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden is hosting a get-together and potluck dinner for this year's volunteers at the Garden. The forty volunteers and their guests will gather at the Martha Crone Shelter to socialize, the Friends' new slide presentation will be shown.

\*\*\*\*\* Volunteers with the Friends greet visitors to the Garden from 10:00-12:30 and 12:30-3:30 during the week, and on weekends. To volunteer call Shirley Schultz at 521-5422 after 10:00 A.M.

\*\*\*\*\* A recent visitor to the Garden phoned in to thank the volunteer who offered her suggestions for identifying a particular bird and a plant growing near her home, with his help she was able to identify them. The helpful volunteer was Ken Avery.

**Special Event**

**Sunday, August 2, 1992 1:00-4:00 P.M.**  
**Eloise Butler's Birthday**  
**Stamp Cancellation of the new Wildflower Stamps**

Join the Friends for an afternoon to remember the contributions made by Eloise Butler, founder and first curator of the Wildflower Garden. Martha Hellander, author of Miss Butler's biography, *The Wild Gardener* will be on hand to sign copies of her book.

The U.S. Post Office will sell wildflower stamps and will have a mobile unit on hand at the Martha Crone Shelter with a special stamp cancellation commemorating Miss Butler. Specially-designed cachets and postcards will be offered that day by the Friends. The stamp cancellation event is an opportunity to send a special mailing to friends who are wildflower or stamp enthusiasts.

**Martha's Here!!**

Martha E. Hellander, author of *The Wild Gardener: The Life and Selected Writings of Eloise Butler* will sign copies of her book at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden.

**Saturday, June 13 1:00-4:00 P.M.**

The Friends of the Wild Flower Garden will sell copies of *The Wild Gardener* at the Garden from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. on the following weekends:

**June 6 & 7**  
**June 13 & 14**  
**June 20 & 21**



## Joyce Smeby, President of the Friends

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden and the 85th year of existence of the Wildflower Garden, remarkable milestones. Throughout the years the Friends have had their moments of glory, the Martha Crone Shelter built in 1970 is an example. However, most notable to me is that the Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary has, for the most part, remained unchanged.

Regrettably, my life is surrounded by change, children to adults overnight, hair to gray and a technology for everything. I live in a world of computers, deadlines and fax machines, rigidly following a schedule.

But when I seek solace in my life I look for the timeless, and over the years I have found that when I come to the Garden. The Garden follows no artificial timetables, it takes its cues from the natural world. And, I am drawn to its disorder: plants choose where they like best to grow and flowers are not in neatly clipped borders. Wildflowers are visually quiet, their hues are soft and their flowers less conspicuous than their tamed, cultivated cousins. The Garden, serene and understated, renews me.

The focus of the Friends has been over the years to preserve this very special Garden, and it is my fervent hope that the Friends can, at a future milestone, say "Here's the Garden, nothing has changed."

**"When the world wearies and ceases to satisfy, there is always the garden."**

**The Herb Quarterly**



**IN MEMORY OF  
Lynn W. Nelson  
Sven Hultman  
Charlotte Tanner  
Jean Chamberlain**



We regret to note the death of Jean Gregory Chamberlain, long-time member of the Friends who gave significant volunteer hours of service as Secretary of the Board from 1975-1981. Jean was a highly-respected teacher of sixth grade at Northrop Collegiate School in Minneapolis for over 25 years. A memorial was made to the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden by Betty Bryan in Jean's memory.

### **RADIO LISTENERS "LISTEN UP"**

This spring Minnesota Public Radio's "Mid-Morning Program" aired an hour-long feature on the Wildflower Garden. Our gardener, Cary George and author, Martha Hellander did a wonderful job of taking radio listeners through the Garden. If you missed the program, MPR Producer, Liz Hannon has said the program will be re-broadcast sometime in July. The Friends have a taped copy of the radio program available to loan to members, call Kathryn Stennes (612) 374-1268.

## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden was held Saturday, May 16, 1992 at the Martha Crone Shelter in the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. President, Ann Kessen welcomed the 17 people in attendance. The minutes of the last year's annual meeting were read and the 1991 financial report reviewed. All were approved.

Reports were presented from the newsletter, volunteer, membership and memorials committees. Fourteen members were elected to the 1992-1993 Board of Directors: Dale Johnson, Ken Avery, Ann Kessen, Gloria Miller, Shirley Schultz, Joyce Smeby, Kathryn Stennes, Geri Benavides, Harriet Betzold, Mel Duoos, Betty Bryan, Connie Bartz-Lavoie, Sallie Cole and Elaine Christenson. Our Gardener, Cary George is an ex-officio Board Member.

Gardener, Cary George reported that the Park Board chose Wordsworth's "Let Nature Be Your Teacher" from the Friends' two submissions to be inscribed above the new front gate. Cary thanked the Friends for the purchase of the new wood stove for his office/shed. Plant materials purchased with \$700.00 from the Friends were ordered last winter and will arrive soon. The planning and preparation of work on the back gate are complete, work will begin soon. No completion date has been set. The membership of the Friends is indebted to Cary for his careful and conscientious tending of the Garden.

President Ann Kessen reviewed volunteer activities by the Friends this past year: increasing membership, cataloging of our extensive slide collection, completing a slide presentation about the Garden, fundraising through the sale of the Butler biography, producing a membership brochure and stationery, providing funds and technical input on the expansion of the back gate area, and providing volunteers for the Crone Shelter.

Martha Hellander spoke of the publication of *The Wild Gardener* and thanked the Friends for their financial and emotional support the past two years. Martha, her husband and daughters are moving to the Chicago area in mid-June, but she will remain close to the Friends and to the Garden.



Following the Annual Meeting, the newly elected Board met and elected officers. Ann Kessen who did such a superb job as President of the Friends for the past three years stepped down as President. The following are officers and committee chairs:

**President, Joyce Smeby, Minneapolis**  
**Vice-President, Harriet Betzold, Golden Valley**  
**Secretary, Ann Kessen, Minneapolis**  
**Treasurer, Connie Bartz-LaVoie, Plymouth**

Memorials, Elaine Christenson; Membership, Betty Bryan; Historian, Dale Johnson; Volunteer Coordinator, Shirley Schultz; Newsletter, Kathryn Stennes

**A GOOD YEAR FOR MEMBERSHIP**

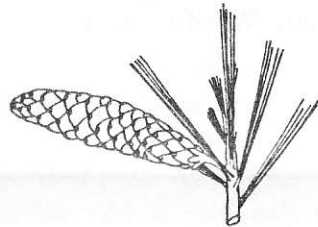
by Betty Bryan, Membership Chair

Eighteen new memberships in the first three weeks in May! Several have taken advantage of the Friends' offer to reduce the price of *The Wild Gardener* for members; others have given support to the Friends for the first time. Two others have reinstated their support after a lapse of time.

In the year preceding the Annual Meeting, 186 members renewed and 41 new members joined. Sixteen members were lost. Total: 227, a net gain of 25. Healthy growth indeed! 100% renewals in these months: March '91, May '91, August '91, December '91 and February '92. My thanks to all who responded to requests for renewal! The opportunity to talk with many members added to my understanding of their appreciation of the Garden and of the Friends' efforts on their behalf.

**1992 MEMBER DIRECTORY TO BE PUBLISHED THIS SUMMER**

Attention Members: Check your mailing label! Is the address correct? Name spelled correctly? The Directory carries the information you sent in or returned to the Membership Chair when you joined or renewed. Send changes to 1076 Cedar View Drive, Mpls. 55405, or call 377-1437.



**HELP THE WILDFLOWER GARDEN - JOIN THE FRIENDS!**

To join the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden complete the membership form below and send the completed form and membership dues to: Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, Betty Bryan, Membership Chair, 1076 Cedar View Drive, Minneapolis, MN 55405.

**MEMBERSHIP FORM - *Friends of the Wild Flower Garden***

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

**TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP**

- Individual ..... \$10.00
- Family Membership ... \$15.00
- Limited Income ..... \$ 8.00
- Sponsoring Member .. \$25.00
- Sustaining Member .... \$100.00
- Benefactor ..... \$200.00
- Life Member..... \$500.00

## NEWS OF OTHER WILD FLOWER GARDENS . . .

### GARDEN IN THE WOODS, Framingham, Massachusetts

The New England Wild Flower Society owns and operates the **Garden in the Woods**, a 45 acre landscaped collection of native plants, begun in 1930. They have woodland, bog and meadow settings for over 1500 varieties of plants, many rare and endangered plant species. The New England Wild Flower Society was formed in 1922 to promote the appreciation, knowledge and conservation of native plants, and their program director organizes special events and a variety of courses on native flora.

The Garden is open to the public from mid-April to the end of October, and is open every day but Monday from 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. (closed holidays). Admission is \$5.00. The Garden is just a 40 minute drive from Boston and Worcester. For information about the Garden write to the New England Wild Flower Society, Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701 or telephone them at (508) 877-6574 for information and events.

### THE VERMONT WILDFLOWER FARM, Charlotte, Vermont

Open from May through mid-October, **The Vermont Wildflower Farm** is a place dedicated to the enjoyment of wildflowers. They are open to the public, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M., 7 days a week, and have winding pathways through the gardens for a self-guided tour. Admission is \$2.00. The Farm has a gift shop which includes a full selection of hard-to-find wildflower seed. And, if you can't stop by you can write or call for a free catalog: Vermont Wildflower Farm, Box BR, Charlotte, VT 05445 - Telephone (802) 425-3500.

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### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Susan N. Anderson, Hopkins....Patricia D. Baker, Mpls...Cathie Baldwin & Chris Armstrong, Golden Valley...George Bloom, Mpls...Bonnie Bray, Golden Valley...Diane Bushyager, Maple Grove...Sarah Christiansen, Mpls...Denise & Steve Cronin, Mpls...Gretchen M. Estrem, Burnsville...Roberta L. Hill, Hopkins...Mary Ann Meyer, Mpls...David & Marcy Minikus, Golden Valley...Patsy Niggley, San Diego, CA...Robbie Olsen, Robbinsdale...Polly Penney, Mpls...Darlene Pfister, Golden Valley...Sally & Steve Pundt, Mpls...Tom Savre, Mpls...Pat Siddiqui, Mpls...Svea E. Smith, Mpls...Carol A. Weber, Brklyn Ctr.

## "Annals of a Wild Garden" Eloise Butler

The shy woodland plants are fast dying out on our river banks; the tamarack swamps have been drained, and with the drying up of the water have disappeared the wondrous orchids and the strange insectivorous plants; the pools with the desmids and diatoms have been filled in and houses built over them; and the prairies have been platted into building lots. The land has been ruthlessly stripped of the exquisite features that Nature, the greatest landscape gardener, has wrought through the ages, and "all the king's horses and all the king's men" can never make the place the same again....Cottagers on the suburban lake shores have fettered ideas of planting that are more appropriate for city grounds, and condemn their neighbors, who strive to preserve the wildness, for a lack of neatness in not using a lawn mower, and in not pulling down the vine tangles in which birds nest and sing - apparently dissatisfied until the wilderness is reduced to a dead level of monotonous, songless tameness. What does one go into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind, if you please; but surely not geometric flower beds, nor mounds of the ubiquitous canna and castor bean.

Excerpt from *The Wild Gardener: Life and Selected Writings of Eloise Butler*.



Eloise Butler (1851-1933)



**Martha Hellander** grew up in Nebraska and Minnesota. She is a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Law and lives with her husband and two daughters in Edina, Minnesota. From 1985-1990, she and her family lived near the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary in the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood.

Martha has been a member of the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden for several years. This summer Martha and her family will be moving to the Chicago area, however she will be at the Martha Crone Shelter in the Wildflower Garden to sign copies of her book, *The Wild Gardener* on Saturday, June 13, 1:00-4:00 P.M.

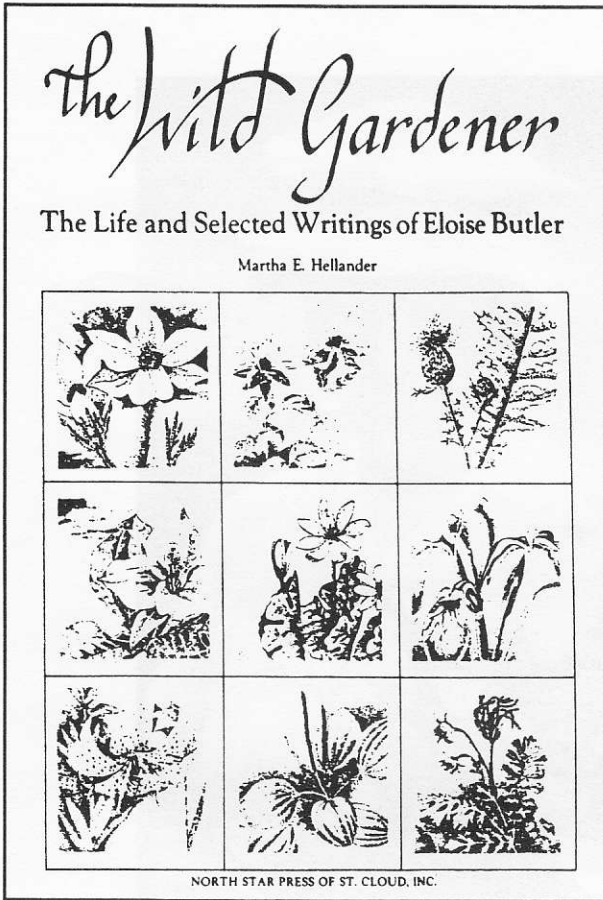
# Eloise Butler Biography!

*The Wild Gardener: The Life and Selected Writings of Eloise Butler* is the recently published work by local author, Martha Hellander. In 1907, Eloise Butler established Minnesota's first wildflower preserve which today bears her name, the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary.

*The Wild Gardener* tells the story of the life of Eloise Butler (1851-1933), botanist, teacher and preservationist of native plants and birds. Miss Butler served as curator of her beloved garden until her death at age 81.

Published by North Star Press of St. Cloud, this 208 page book is an enchanting look at early life in Minneapolis, filled with photos and plant illustrations.

*The Wild Gardener* is the perfect gift for your own library, for nature lovers, gardeners, and historians. All proceeds from the sale of the book through the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, Inc. will benefit the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Members of the Friends receive a \$2.00 discount off the book price.



Make your check payable to: Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, and mail it along with the completed order form to: The Friends, c/o Mel Duoos, 5113 Bryant Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55430. If ordering by mail, expect delivery within two (2) to four (4) weeks.

## MAIL ORDER FORM - *The Wild Gardener*

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\$19.95 per book . . . . . Number of books \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the FRIENDS (\$17.95 per book)

6.5% Sales tax for deliveries in Minnesota . . . . . \$ + \_\_\_\_\_

(\$1.30 per book) (\$1.17 per book to Members)

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## **SUMMER PROGRAM CALENDAR - 1992**

### **Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary**

Saturday, July 25, 9:00 P.M.

**Night Hike!** - Bring a long-sleeved shirt and insect repellent - and then experience the Garden in a new light, moonlight.

Sunday, July 26, 7:00 A.M.

**Morning Birding** - Join us for a morning search for summer residents in and around the Garden. Wear comfortable shoes and bring insect repellent.

## **August**

Saturday, August 1, 8:00 P.M.

Park Naturalist, Tom Savre will share songs and stories about the out-of-doors...outside if it's warm or inside by the fire if it's chilly.

Sunday, August 2, 1:00-4:00 P.M.

**Eloise Butler's Birthday and Stamp Cancellation!** - Meet Martha Hellander, author of *The Wild Gardener: The Life and Writings of Eloise Butler*, go on special guided tours of the Wildflower Garden and the Quaking Bog, meet people from Minnesota's Native Plant Society and local nurseries. Bring your mail to the Garden today, the U.S. Post Office will be on hand to sell wild flower stamps and a special cancellation commemorating Eloise Butler.

Saturday, August 8, 7:00 A.M.

**Early Bird Walk** - Glimpse early fall migrants in the cool morning hours.

Sunday, August 9, 3:00 P.M.

Get to know the native grasses and wildflowers in the upland garden.

Saturday, August 15, 8:00 P.M.

**Moon Walk** - Join us for night hike during the full moon.

Sunday, August 16, 3:00 P.M.

**Quaking Bog** - Walk to the bog in Wirth Park.

Saturday, August 22, 3:00 P.M.

**Nature Printing** - Bring along a T-shirt or pillowcase, we'll create nature prints.

Sunday, August 23, 5:00 P.M.

**Beginning Birding** - Naturalists will guide you to identifying birds.

Saturday, August 29, 8:30 P.M.

**Perseid Meteor Shower Search** - Hope for a cloudless night so we can include on our night hike a perusal of the night sky for constellations and meteors.

Sunday, August 30, 3:00 P.M.

**Storytelling Under the Sky** - Bring a blanket for an afternoon of storytelling. All ages are welcome!

All park naturalist programs are held on weekends and are free and open to the public. Please pre-register by calling the Crone Shelter at 348-5702 after 10:00 A.M. Park naturalists will take participants on a guided walk through the Garden so it's advisable to wear comfortable shoes. Programs begin at the Martha Crone Shelter.

# SUMMER PROGRAM CALENDAR - 1992

## Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary

### June

Saturday, June 6, 8:00 P.M.

Naturalist/Folksinger Tom Savre will share songs & stories about wildlife.

Sunday, June 7, 7:00 A.M.

Morning bird walk, look for late-arriving migrants & summer residents.

Saturday, June 13, 9:00 P.M.

**Moon Walk** - Join us for an after-hours walk through the Garden.

Sunday, June 14, 3:00 P.M.

**Wildflower Sketchbook** - Acquaint yourself with this summer's beautiful wildflowers. Materials provided or bring your own sketchbook.

Saturday, June 20, 3:00 P.M.

Discover the variety of organisms living in Birch Pond. Dipnets and microscopes make this a hands-on experience. Children welcome.

Sunday, June 21, 3:00 P.M.

**Nature Printing** - Bring a white T-shirt or pillowcase and we'll create unique objects of art using natural materials.

Saturday, June 27, 3:00 P.M.

The Garden is home to over a dozen types of wild ferns. You'll learn about ferns you are likely to see in Minnesota's woodlands and wet places.

Sunday, June 28, 7:00 P.M.

**Evening Birding** - Beginners and experienced birders are welcome.

### July

Saturday, July 4, 3:00 P.M.

**Prairie Wildflower Walk** - The prairie is in bloom with Scarlet Lychnis, Oxeye Daisy, Tall Buttercup and much more. Learn about native flora.

Sunday, July 5, 3:00 P.M.

Learn some amazing facts about mosses, ferns, horsetails and conifers.

Saturday, July 11, 7:00 A.M.

Join us to check out the bird life of nearby Cedar and Brownie Lakes.

Sunday, July 12, 3:00 P.M.

**Nature Printing** - Bring a white T-shirt, pillowcase or whatever you want to work your creation into. We'll supply the rest of the items for imprinting.

Saturday, July 18, 3:00 P.M.

**Tasty Teas** - Sample a bevy of beverages made from aromatic teas and learn the folklore of these plants and how to recognize them in the wild.

Sunday, July 19, 3:00 P.M.

We'll hike out to see which insects are active in the Garden.

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