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GRAPEVINE

By Maryann Whitman

This is my last Grapevine. While I had a grand time serving as your WILD ONES JOURNAL Editor since 2004, I do leave with some regrets. I know full-well that I have benefitted personally from all the Wild Ones members with whom I've interacted—you're a knowledgeable, generous group.

I've enjoyed the reading I have had to do to write and edit as I did, and talking to a great variety of people outside of Wild Ones, collecting information, learning, soliciting articles for the WOJO—it's been a trip. And I am grateful for it.

Most of all, I regret that I will no longer get to bounce ideas off Donna VanBuecken who has been my very patient and wise advisor and partner during this time. But I know that the next editor will establish the same satisfying working relationship with your new Executive Director Gail Gerhardt.

I leave feeling certain that the WILD ONES JOURNAL will continue on with the same passion and truth that I've tried to bring to it, and Wild Ones members will continue to learn about the essential interaction between native plants and the rest of life on this planet Earth. Studies are demonstrating the importance of our argument, that native plants and biodiversity are essential to healthy, vibrant ecosystems. This statement makes deep sense to us... and the naysayers are grasping at uncertainties and a blind hope that things "will just work out okay".

Remember always: It's all one piece, of many parts

