NATIVE plants will be used for BG, they have been chosen for full sun and normal mesic soil. Nativars and cultivars will not be used, Becky was a true naturalist and wanted everyone to be aware of the importance of native plants, shrubs and trees.

Plants, that are hosts to butterflies and also good pollen, nectar and food sources for pollinators and birds are included. There will be several grasses, which provide shelter to small butterflies and moths.

This is a partial list of some of the plants that we would like to feature.

NATIVE HOST PLANTS

 Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)

 Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias Incarnata (winter-sowed by Becky).

Milkweeds are host to the _Monarch butterflies_, it also is a great source of pollen and nectar to other pollinators. These are just a few of the many native milkweeds for our area.

 Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)

Is a host plant for the _Silvery Checkerspot_. It is a favorite of all pollinators and a food source for birds through the winter.

Field Pussytoes (Antennaria neglecta) – **Becky's Garden**

A host plant for the _American Painted Lady_ butterfly. (From Becky's garden)

Golden Alexander (Zizia aurea)

A host plant for the _Black Swallowtail butterfly_

Smooth Blue Aster (Symphyotrichum leave)

A host plant for the _Silvery Checkerspot_ and the _Pearl Crescent_ butterflies

NATIVE POLLEN/NECTAR PLANTS

Yellow or Grayhead Coneflower (Ratibida pinnata)

Blazing Star (Liatris spicata)

Wild Hyacinth (Camassia scilloides)

Michigan Lily/Turk's Cap Lily (Lilium superbum) **- Becky's garden**

Narrow Blue-Eyed Grass (Sisyrinchim angustifolium)

Hairy Beardtongue (Penstemon hirsutus)

Royal Catchfly (Silene regia)

Zig Zag Goldenrod (Solidago flexicaulis) – **Becky's Garden**

Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)

NATIVE GRASSES

Prairie Dropseed Grass (Sporobolus heterolepis)

Little Bluestem – (Schizachyrium scoparium}

These grasses provide shelter, for the smaller butterflies and moths, from predators and weather.