



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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## Future Activities

Watch email for notices of impromptu hikes. **Please offer suggestions of your favorite spots** to Paula or Becky; we will get them posted as soon as weather permits. If you do not communicate by email and have a suggested destination or want notice of a walk, call Paula to get on the phone list.

**August 30 Sunday: Wetland Walk** to see Stephanie Smith's and Otto Fagan's wetlands. We will meet for lunch at 11:30 am. Park and meet behind Chili's [not in Chili's lot] in the Broadway [east] Shopping Center. We will select a restaurant for lunch and carpool from there. Sign up to attend.

**September 12 -13: EcoArtFest at Cooper's Landing.** 2 pm to 10 pm We will **NOT** be setting up our booth, but you are welcome to attend this pleasant diversion.

**September 14: Regular Meeting Location has changed for this meeting!!!** Ann Koenig will be giving us a lesson on basic tree identification. The meeting will be held at 7 pm at the Water's House at the MDC Regional Office (the MDC Regional Office is located at 1907 Hillcrest Dr., which is off of Old 63). Go past the brown office building and continue up the hill to a house at the end of the road; that is Water's House. **See article on Page 2.**

**Sept 17 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!** 11:30 am at the Uprise Bakery at 10 Hitt Street, near Broadway.

**September 25-27: Fall Board Meeting and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** in Fulton. State Board has made extra efforts to bring together the founders and to make this a celebration. Watch this newsletter and Petal Pusher for details. **Sign up for banquet is inside your new Petal Pusher.**

**October 3: In Touch with Nature, Field Day at Lincoln University Busby Farm** in Jefferson City. Wagon tours and exhibits to discuss uses of native plants in landscaping, conservation, and as alternative crops will be emphasized. We will be setting up the booth. Please let us know if you will be helping. **See article on Page 3 for details.**

**October 10: Fall prairie walk:** Bennitt CA and "The Hole" [both in NW Boone Co]. This is the first of the three part propagation workshop. Meet at noon at the MDC Research Center – we will decide where to eat lunch before we go. **See article on Page 4 for materials. Please sign up with Becky.**

**October 17: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chestnut Roast** at HARC, the MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center, New Franklin, MO. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be setting up our booth at 9:00 am. Please let us know if you can help. **See article page 4.**

**October 24: Fall color walk at Three Creeks:** meet at 1 pm at the MDC Research Center to carpool. Sign up to attend.

**December 5: Winter Board Meeting** – 10:00 am at the Dunn-Palmer Herbarium in Columbia

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225.

**September Meeting**  
**has a Different Location!!!**

*submitted by Vanessa Melton, President*

The September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting topic will be a lesson on basic tree identification given by Ann Koenig with the Missouri Department of Conservation. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm at the Water's House which is part of the MDC Regional Office located at 1907 Hillcrest Drive here in Columbia. Hillcrest is a left from Old 63 ¼ mile south of Stadium.

To get to the Water's House go past the Regional Office building. Continue to the top of the hill and the end of the road. The house and parking lot there is the Water's House [used as some MDC offices].

Following Ann's presentation we will be heading outdoors (just around the building) to see "real-life" trees and to hone in on what we just learned. Bring shoes you don't mind getting dirty and insect repellent if you want. See you then!

**Thanks From DNR**

*submitted by Jean Graebner, Secretary*

Department of Natural Resources sent us a letter of thanks; the essence is as follows:

Thanks to Hawthorn Chapter for donating the picnic table to the new pocket park adjacent to KATY Trail in Rocheport. It will be maintained by DNR for 10 years with an option to renew maintenance for another ten years.

The letter was sent 14 July 2009 and signed by Dawn Fredrickson, KATY Trail Coordinator.

**September 17:**  
**Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!**  
**11:30 am at Uprise Bakery**  
**Hitt Street just south of Broadway**

**We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday**  
**of the month.**  
**All are invited; please join us.**

**Thanks to** Paula Peters, Jean Graebner, Nadia Navarrete-Tindall and Vanessa Melton for their contributions this month.

**MONPS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Fulton, Missouri**  
**Friday Evening, September, 25 – Westminster College**  
**Hunter Activity Center – Hermann Lounge**  
5:30 PM – Reception and Welcome  
7:00 PM – MONPS Quarterly Board Meeting

**Saturday Morning, September 26 – 8:00 AM to Noon**  
Field Trip – Prairie Garden Trust – 4 mi S of Fulton  
Private preserve owned and managed by Lorna and Henry Domke  
We'll meet at the Country Hearth & Inn parking lot at 8:00 AM

**Saturday Afternoon, September 26 – Westminster College**  
**Hunter Activity Center – Hermann Lounge**  
1:00-5:00 PM – Speaker Series  
Doug Ladd, Paul Nelson, Bill Summers, Jim H. Wilson, & George Yatskievych

**Saturday Evening, September 26 – 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM**  
Banquet Dinner – Sir Winston's Restaurant, Fulton  
MONPS Awards  
Possible keynote speaker?

**Sunday Morning, September 27 – 8:00 AM to Noon**  
Field Trip – probably Tucker Prairie; suggestions are accepted.  
Again, we'll meet at the Country Hearth & Inn parking lot at 8:00 AM

**Lodging – in Fulton**  
Country Hearth Inn & Suites ~ \$80 with AAA or AARP – (573)642-0077

**Lodging – Kingdom City – 10 mi N of Fulton**  
Super 8 ~ \$58 with Missouri Native Plant Society – (573)642-2888  
(Contract # G0000863)

**Additional Lodging**  
**Fulton:** Holiday Inn Express ~ \$86 – (877)863-4780  
**Kingdom City:** Comfort Inn ~ \$90 – (573)642-7745

**Note:** It is a "Family Weekend" for Westminster College in Fulton. You may want to make reservations early

**State Board has made extra efforts to bring together the founders and to make this a celebration. Fulton is only 30 minutes from Columbia, and you have 4 months' notice; please send in your reservation found in your new Petal Pusher.**

## In Touch with Nature

*A Fall Field Day at Lincoln University Busby Farm in Jefferson City.*

Lincoln University Cooperative Extension is planning their second annual fall field day on **Saturday, October 3 from 10 am to 2 pm at Alan T. Busby Farm located off US-54 W, 5 minutes south of Jefferson City.**

Nadia has designated our booth space under a cabin porch with an additional tent. We need to be there by 9:30 to set up. PLEASE call Paula to help at the booth.

Come alone or with your family and friends to learn. The event is open to everyone. Presenters include LU staff/faculty, MDC, MU, Native Plant Society, and other collaborators. During this field day, visit exhibits, get involved with hands-on demonstrations, and take part in walking or wagon tours. Activities include native plant gardens tours, storytelling, prairie seed planting, goats, sheep, and chickens presented by the small mammal and value added programs at LU. Follow a step by step demonstration to learn to establish a landscaped garden using native plants for beautification and to benefit pollinators and other wildlife. A special guest will be Jim Low, as seen on the June 2009 of the Missouri Conservationist (<http://mdc.mo.gov/conmag/2009/06/30.htm>) Jim will offer demonstrations of Dutch oven cooking using natives, and local foods. Visitors will have the opportunity to taste his special recipes. Environmental education activities will be offered for children.

For more information about this event and if you or your group are interested in participating with an exhibit please contact Nadia Navarrete-Tindall ([navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu](mailto:navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu)) or visit the website: <http://www.lincolnu.edu/pages/2526.asp>

Directions to the farm:

From Columbia, south on US-63, merge onto US-54 W/US-63 S via the ramp to Jefferson City. Continue to follow US-54 W for 7.9 miles through town. After passing **Neighorn Creek**, take the left side of the road on a long hill, turn **left** just past the crest of the hill on Monticello Rd [opposite small Phillips gas station], and right on Goller Rd [thru double pipe gate]. Once on Goller Rd. look for signs. Drive time is about 45 minutes.

## Financial Report

**January 1, 2009 to August 27, 2009**

*Submitted by Paula Peters, Treasurer*

I am submitting this report for the newsletter since I will be unable to make the Sept meeting. I would also like to note that all expenses have been paid for Marge's Memorial and we no longer hold any of that money in our account.

### Expenses

\$32.97	1/10/09	Stamps and Newsletter
\$42.00	1/11/09	Stamps
\$6.99	1/17/09	Award frames
\$40.00	2/2/09	Earth Day booth
\$275.00	3/25/09	DNR MM (Marge's Memorial) picnic table
\$60.00	3/25/09	Dues to State
\$62.11	3/31/09	Newsletter and Brochures
\$183.65	4/7/09	MDC Book Order
\$160.00	5/12/09	Stone for MM
\$100.00	5/29/09	Dues to State
\$47.67	6/3/09	Newsletter and Stamps
\$140.95	6/26/09	MDC Book Order
\$200.00	6/26/09	UU Church for Meeting Rm
\$73.88	7/31/09	Stamps and Newsletter
<u>\$566.35</u>	<u>8/19/09</u>	<u>MDC Book Order</u>
\$1991.57		Total Expenses to date

### Income

\$461.00	2/2/09	Dues, Calendars, Books
\$1288.00	4/28/09	Dues, Earth Day, and Bradford
\$924.00	7/7/09	Dues and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bradford Event
<u>\$64.00</u>	<u>8/13/09</u>	<u>Dues</u>
\$2737.00		Total Income to date

Starting Checkbook balance 1/1/09 = \$5066.96

Current Checkbook balance 8/27/09 = \$5812.39

There is one unpaid expense = \$140.00 Dues to send to State.



Rudbeckia subtomentosa with hopper;

*B Erickson photo*

**You are cordially invited to attend  
7th Annual Missouri Chestnut Roast.  
This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year for  
Hawthorn NPS to set up a booth at  
this festival; please sign up to help.  
Drive time about 45 minutes.**

**Horticulture and Agroforestry Research  
Center, New Franklin, Missouri  
October 17, 2009 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Free Admission and Open to the Public.  
Assistance Dogs Allowed - No Pets**

**This event will introduce the public to  
Missouri-grown chestnuts, pecans and  
black walnuts; Missouri wineries; Missouri  
value-added product producers; and will  
showcase the beauty of the Horticulture  
and Agroforestry Research Center and the  
Missouri River Hills.**

The day's activities will center around the farm's  
Thomas Hickman House.

The house, built in 1819, is one of Missouri's oldest  
standing brick homes and  
is on the National Register of Historic Places. The  
Hickman House and  
grounds are under restoration to reflect the era in which  
it was built.

Tours of the house will be available throughout the day.

- Missouri chestnut, pecan and black walnut  
producer booths with free tasting samples
- Educational presentations and exhibits
- Musical entertainment
- Children's activities
- Guided bus and walking tours of the chestnut  
orchards and agroforestry research areas
- A chestnut roasting booth with free samples of  
fresh roasted chestnuts
- Value-added food producers will provide free  
tasting samples and products for sale,  
including Missouri wines, meats and nuts.  
Food concession stand will feature Missouri-  
produced grilled elk, buffalo, pork and beef  
products for sale.

*For more information: contact Julie Rhoads at  
573-882-3234 or email [rhoadsj@missouri.edu](mailto:rhoadsj@missouri.edu)*

**Please visit [www.centerforagroforestry.org](http://www.centerforagroforestry.org) for a list  
of all of the participating producers and exhibitors  
and driving directions.**

*A festival of culture and agriculture*

## **Seed Collection Prairie Walk**

*Submitted by Becky Erickson*

The Propagation Workshop is not just about how to stratify  
and germinate seed in the winter. But we need to know where  
to find seed in the fall, how to identify it, and preserve it; later  
in spring, how to transplant the growing seedlings. So the  
workshop takes place in three parts.

The first part is Identification and Collection of Seed 10  
October. We will go to two diverse and beautiful areas where  
we can collect many different species that we might like to  
grow for our own yards and for plants to sell at our booth.  
And we will probably see some blooming gentian: sapphire  
gems of the autumn prairies.

You need to bring all your usual creature comforts. Then  
for collecting, you need several [10-30] small and medium  
paper sacks with the bottom seams taped, a sharpie marker,  
and a sense of adventure. Plastic zippy bags are not  
recommended because, inevitably, you will forget to keep the  
bag carefully opened to dry the seed so seed and greens will  
all mould in the bag. Paper bags are the best for drying and  
for storage before you move on to the next step.

Please sign up with Becky for this educational outing.

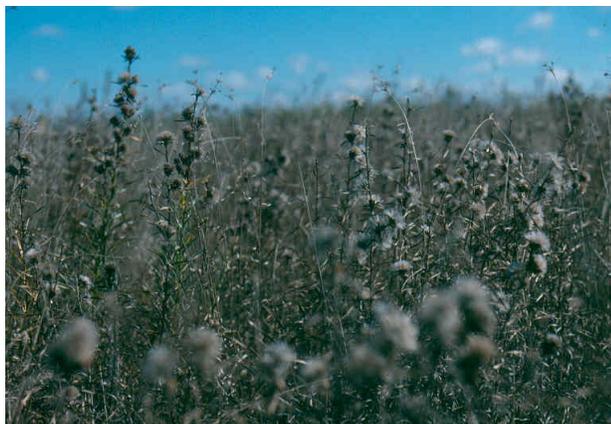
657-2314 or [beckyerick@socket.net](mailto:beckyerick@socket.net) .



Ratibida pinnata



Schizachyrium scoparium



Liatris squarrosa and L. aspera

*all B. Erickson photos*

## Day on the Gasconade

*submitted by Becky Erickson*

Our canoe trip was originally scheduled of 18 August. There were only four members who were interested in enjoying the subtle flow of the Gasconade. So when thunderstorms threatened on 18 Aug, we agreed to postpone the trip for the next week, Monday 24 August.

What a glorious day!!! Ann, Lea, Becky and Vanessa [and Cora] are sorry for the unadventurous who would not commit to a fabulous day for a float down a beautiful stream with no other traffic. Besides two small power boats, we had the Gasconade all to ourselves. Besides a few clouds about noon, there was a clear sky. Ann enjoyed our stops by collecting banded and holed stones. Lea sought out trash picking in a true Stream Keeper style [2 tires, a blue barrel, a piece of culvert, a plastic raft, and a whole bag of trash.]. Vanessa had the sharp eyes and ears to spot osprey with a sunfish, bald eagles, red shouldered hawk, kingfisher, fox squirrel, pee-wee, cardinal flower, button bush, sunflowers, golden-glo, dutchman's pipe. Ann found three square, hibiscus, Virginia smartweed and other water plants I cannot remember.

Vanessa's side-kick Cora got so excited about the moving paddle and bubbles, she bit the paddle handle and got herself pulled into the river. She swam the whole 200 feet for shore and we had to chase her down.

We missed sharing this adventure with you. We all really wish you would step off the asphalt and join us where you can't see your shoe laces. There is so much to learn there. "Go my Sons, burn your books. Buy yourself stout shoes. Get away to the mountains, the valleys, the rivers, the shores of the seas, the deserts, and the deepest recesses of the Earth. In this way and no other will you find true knowledge of things and their properties." Peter Severinus, 16th. century Danish educator.



Lea, Ann, Cora, Becky and Lea's prized trash from day floating on Gasconade River

*V. Melton photo*

**Please Step Forward For Service**

Please contact one of the officers ready to volunteer a little time to a very good environmental and educational service. We need people to serve as officers, to grow plants for fundraising and we need people to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Chestnut Festival.

\_\_\_ Student (\$11.00)

\_\_\_ Regular (\$16.00)

\_\_\_ Contributing (\$26.00)

Includes both Chapter and State dues.

Make check payable to: **Missouri Native Plant Society.**

**Send check and this form to:** Paula Peters, 2216 Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia, MO 65202

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