



# 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 walking destinations** to Paula or Becky; we will get them posted as soon as weather permits. **PLEASE call or email Becky 657-2314 or Paula 474-4225 as soon as you know you will attend an activity.** We don't want to leave anyone behind if weather or plans change. Leave your name and PHONE # if you leave a message. If you do not communicate by email and have a suggested destination or want notice of a walk, call Paula 474-4225 to get on the phone list.

## Please plan to help with the booth

**Earth Day Fair in Columbia postponed to 2 MAY. Please help.**

**17 June at MU's Bradford Farm on Rangeline Road South**

**Call Paula to discover your service possibilities.**

**1-2 May: Saturday-Sunday State meeting** based at Farmington. Details in Petal Pusher. Impromptu mid-week: **Shooting stars** at 3-Creeks CA

**10 May Monday: Regular Membership Meeting 7 pm** at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Steve Stacey will speak on bryophytes [mosses, etc.] See article P2.

**15 May Saturday: Graham Cave SP** between Loutre River and Danville on I-70. Besides the interesting cave history, we will tour some amazing woodland/glade restorations. For carpool, meet at MDC [College & Stadium] at 9am; return 3pm. Bring sun-hat, water, camera, sack lunch.

**20 May Thursday Lunch** with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 am Uprise Bakery [RagTag] Hitt Street, S. of Broadway.

**22 May Saturday: Warren Taylor's** [Callaway Co] for spring wildflowers and orchids. Meet at MDC Research at 9. Lunch at Beck's in Fulton about 1. Bring a sun-hat, camera, and water.

**23 May Sunday: Part 3** of the propagation workshop – Potting/ transplanting. Time and place TBA. Contact Becky if interested in this workshop. Optional or rain date 29 May Saturday.

**30 May Sunday: Spring Creek Gap Natural Area;** restored open woodland and glades. On US63, N. of Vichy. Meet at MDC Research at 9; return 2-3pm. Bring sun-hat, water, camera, sack lunch.

**5-6 June Saturday-Sunday: State Meeting** based at Chillicothe. Details in Petal Pusher.

**17 June Thursday 4-8 PM Bradford Farm** Native Plant and Quail Habitat open house. Set up booth at 2:30.

**26 June Saturday: Pettis County Prairies**

**Contact Paula for more information 474-4225**

## Mosses, Speaker Topic at May Meeting

*Submitted by Nadia Navarrete-Tindall*

**Reminder: May Regular Meeting will be opened at 7 pm.**

Steve Stacey from Jefferson City will be the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Hawthorn Chapter on May 10. Steve will talk about moss identification, the beauty of incorporating moss in shade gardens, how mosses propagate, and different methods to grow moss outdoors and indoors. During this presentation Steve will show us mosses up close and teach us to develop a whole new awareness about these charming but sometimes overlooked plants.

Steve Stacey has been gardening all his life and has been a Master Gardener since 2003. He was Training Coordinator for the Central Missouri Master Gardeners from 2005 to 2007. Steve has held the Central Missouri Master Gardener Chairman position since 2007. Steve's study and interest in Moss (known as Bryology) goes back many years and he has been nicknamed the Moss Man. He is a member of ABLS, the American Bryological and Lichenological Society. Steve has offered the level II class to Master Gardeners since 2007. He is interested in other plants as well including wild edibles and other plants for landscaping and consumption.



Moss carpet

*B. Erickson photo*

## Please plan to help with the booth Earth Day was postponed to Sunday 2 May. Please come help!

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*V. Melton photo*

What a great day at Bradford Farm [10 April]! We have an extra \$418.50 in our treasury (minus the cost of the books, of course). We sold 30 books and one shirt - the rest was for plants.

Paula Peters, Treasurer

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### Lunches . . .

**May 20, Thursday:  
Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!  
11:30 am at Uprise Bakery [RagTag Theater]  
Hitt Street just south of Broadway**

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### Invitation from Columbia Audubon

Columbia Audubon invites you and your friends to enjoy the migrating birds and spring wildflowers along the trails thru the woods at Wild Haven. To get to Wild Haven, take Route B [Paris Road] north of US 63. Turn right at HH. Just before crossing RR tracks (about 1/10 mile), turn left on Brown Station Road. Take first right turn onto **O'Rear Road**. Follow O'Rear until it turns to gravel, then look for the Wild Haven sign and gate on the right (about a mile from Brown Station).



*Trillium nivale*, snow trillium

B. Erickson photo

## Snow Trillium Bloom at Jim Whitley's "Thicket"

Submitted by Ann Wakeman

It was cloudy and cool, Silver Fork Creek was running a bit higher, but after a long, cold winter, we needed to get out, see some green and blooming plants. We weren't disappointed; this hike literally liberated our bound up psyches and reawakened our senses.

Walking through the woods to the steep decline down to Silver Fork, we were large patches of lush mosses growing in seepy areas. Lots of leaf cover didn't expose many flowering plants through the forested part, but as we got down into the flood plain of Silver Fork, we were greeted by large drifts of harbinger of spring, budding Virginia bluebells and Dutchman's breeches, the foliage of trout lily, wild sweet william and fragile fern. One boulder sported a colony of walking ferns. We also revisited winter tree identification of trees since they weren't leafing out yet, identifying pawpaw, ohio buckeye, sycamore, box elder, redbud.

After wading Silver Fork, we saw, on a steep hillside, many snow trilliums [*Trillium nivale*] blooming singly and in clumps of 3 to 7 plants nestled among patches of wild leeks with their broad bright green leaves. Jim salvaged these trillium from a population which was flooded under Mark Twain Reservoir. As we headed back to the road to our cars, the rain started, but we had to take a short side trip to see Jim's daffodil patch. The early daffodils were flowering their cheerful yellow and orange tones. Then we declared it lunch time and had a great lunch complete with homemade pie at Heuer's Store.



Paula, Lynn, Ann, Vanessa admire walking fern

B. Erickson photo



A few of many hundreds of daffodils at Jim's patch →

B. Erickson photo

## House and Native Gardens For Sale

### 208 Anderson, Columbia

Submitted by Scott and Donna Hamilton

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Our flower gardens will be in full bloom in a couple of weeks, and they will look simply amazing!

Our neighborhood is great - centrally located and minutes from downtown, the university, the ARC and the farmers market - and it is also very walkable and has fantastic neighbors!

The house has the original hardwood floors through, an updated kitchen with custom built cabinets and stainless steel appliances, and a finished upstairs area with lots of built-ins that would make a wonderful master suite, or a children's room. It also has a full basement with a workshop and a single car garage. The lot is very deep and fully fenced, with mature shade trees and has a private driveway. The yard has water features and extensive native wildflower landscaping, that makes for abundant birds and wildlife in the middle of the city. Other bonuses include a large deck, a swing-set, a green house, a wood stove and a hot tub!  
Thanks



Hundreds of native Missouri wildflowers are planted throughout the landscape. Two water features stay filled by natural runoff and a rainbarrel system. For gardeners, there are two raised beds and a greenhouse. You can harvest cherries, apricots, blackberries, and strawberries right from the yard!

## Ethics and wild plants [reprise from April]

An all too unfortunate occurrence is if someone decided to pick any wild flower preventing anyone else from enjoying it's beauty; and preventing it form reproducing.

**There are four main consequences to this illegal activity:**

1. All living organisms need to reproduce. Digging up wildflowers, picking wildflowers, or collecting their seed will reduce a plant's ability to reproduce and will adversely affect its long-term survival in that location;
2. Removing wildflowers from the wild can adversely affect pollinators and other animals that depend on that species for food and cover;
3. Removing wildflowers from our national forests and grasslands prevents other visitors from enjoying our natural heritage; and,
4. Most wildflowers when dug from their natural habitat do not survive being transplanted.

There are [legal ways to collect native plants from national forests and grasslands](#) that will allow their use but still sustain them for future generations.

**Remember, respect and protect wildflowers and their habitats, leave only footprints, and take only memories and photos so that future generations may enjoy our precious natural heritage.**

This is your chance for a short, exciting, educational trip this summer. **Field trips are outstanding!!!!!!!**

## 22nd North American Prairie Conference

**University of Northern Iowa from August 1-5, 2010.** We invite you to experience the Iowa prairies, the Cedar Falls metro area, University of Northern Iowa and the Tallgrass Prairie Center. In keeping with the conference theme, "Restoring a National Treasure," there will be various opportunities to observe prairie restorations and reconstructions. Participants will be able to discuss the latest prairie research, explore remnant and restored prairies on field trips, and view local and national exhibits. We anticipate a large gathering of prairie enthusiasts and hope you will be among them. Feel free to check the web site ([www.napc2010.org](http://www.napc2010.org)) often as we finalize plans and provide updates. We are currently accepting abstracts for poster and paper presentations until May 14, 2010.. There are also numerous sponsorship, vendor, and exhibit opportunities for those who are interested. For questions or more information feel free to contact us.  
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**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. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money

\_\_\_ Local Chapter (\$6.00 no state information)

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

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

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

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