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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

10 April at MU's Bradford Farm on Rangeline Road South

25 April at Earth Day Festival [Peace Park] Columbia

Call Paula to discover your service possibilities.

3 April Saturday: Serviceberry at Basket Area [Ashland] Meet at MDC [College & Stadium] at 11am for carpool. Bring daypack with water, lunch, camera. Picnic at the creek. Depending on weather and blooming trees, this could be postponed to Sunday 11 April. Must make reservation to receive possible changes.

10 April Saturday: Plant sale at Bradford Farm. Warm up your dormant potted plants a month ahead so we will have green plants to sell at the booth. Call Paula for work schedule.

15 April Thursday: Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 am Uprise Bakery [RagTag Theater] Hitt Street, S. of Broadway.

17 April Saturday: HaHaTonka, near Camdenton. Tour open woodlands, glades, sinkholes, and castle if time allows. Probably not in town at noon for lunch so bring daypack, water, snacks/lunch, camera. Many restaurants available on return trip. For carpool, meet at MDC [College & Stadium] at 9am; return 4pm. Must make reservation to receive possible changes.

25 April Sunday Earth Day Booth in Columbia Peace Park. Usually set-up at 9am and breakdown at 6. Call Paula for work schedule. Bring potted plants.

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.

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.

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March Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ann Wakeman, Secretary

Vanessa Melton opened the membership meeting 6pm Mon. March 8 at the Unitarian Church. Vanessa introduced member Jean Everett visiting from College of Charleston, SC. Richly illustrated with gorgeous slides, many of wildflowers, she spoke of the formerly extensive and diverse system in the Southeastern U.S., the longleaf pine forest. With less than 3% remaining, this system consists of open forest land with scattered longleaf pine and carpeted with a very diverse herbaceous layer. This supports many birds [especially Red-cockaded woodpecker], animals, and plants [pitcher plants], some that are endangered species dependent on this ecosystem. Prescribed burning is helping to restore this ecosystem on public lands, though it doesn't assist with invasive exotic plants that also threaten.

The business meeting followed:

* Vanessa reminded the chapter needs to send in the application if we want to set up a booth at the Trailside Expo at MLK trailhead first Saturday of June. Sales aren't permitted at this event, but it will be in a different location than in the past. The new display tables being built will be easier to set up. Further discussion was tabled.

* It was noted that chapter membership dues are not now required annually even though the State offers lifetime membership. This discrepancy suffers our chapter to float newsletters to lifetime members at the rate of 75-cents per issue to print and mail. Offering a lifetime membership fee in the local chapter was discussed. Nancy Brakhage suggested we may need to amend the chapter by-laws allowing this. Nancy moved to offer lifetime membership in the Hawthorn chapter to be enacted in July when dues become due. Becky seconded. Motion carried.

* Nadia has stepped down as chapter representative. John White has agreed to fill that position. Nadia is still chair of the State awards committee until awards are decided and solicited more nominations by April 1 [See PetalPusher for award details.

* Paula gave treasurer's report of the chapter's balance being \$5916.35. This is about the same as it was a year ago. She will have report in the next newsletter.

* Becky wanted to know the number of attendees for the March 27 field trip to see snow trilliums at Jim Whitley's farm in north Boone County.

* Becky stated the display tables will be ready by Easter weekend for the native plant sale at Bradford Farm, April 10.

* Paula stated the chapter is signed up to have a booth at Earth Day, April 25.

* Meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

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

Calendar Continued . . .

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.

23 May Sunday: Part 3 of the propagation workshop – Potting. Time and place TBA.

30 May Sunday: Spring Creek Gap Natural Area; restored open woodland and glades. On US63, N. of Vichy.

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

?June 12 or 13 = quail and native plants Bradford Farm
26 June Saturday: Pettis County Prairies

July schedule according to weather

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

Lunches . . .

The March lunch at Uprise Bakery had sparse attendance [Jean and Paula]. All of the 'missing and unaccounted for' are forgiven because of the glorious gardening weather that day.

Please come in April. Take a break from dreary tax preparation to help plan for the spring and summer activities and share your adventures in the wild.

April 15, Thursday:

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

Financial Report – Year 2009

Submitted by Paula Peters, Treasurer

Income – Deposits

\$4011.00 Books, Calendars, Hats, Plants & Dues

Expenses

\$435.00 Marge's Memorial final expense (table & stone)

\$370.00 State dues

\$0.00 Travel Board Meeting

\$40.00 Booths

\$411.05 Newsletters, Stamps, Brochures, Frames

\$200.00 UU Church

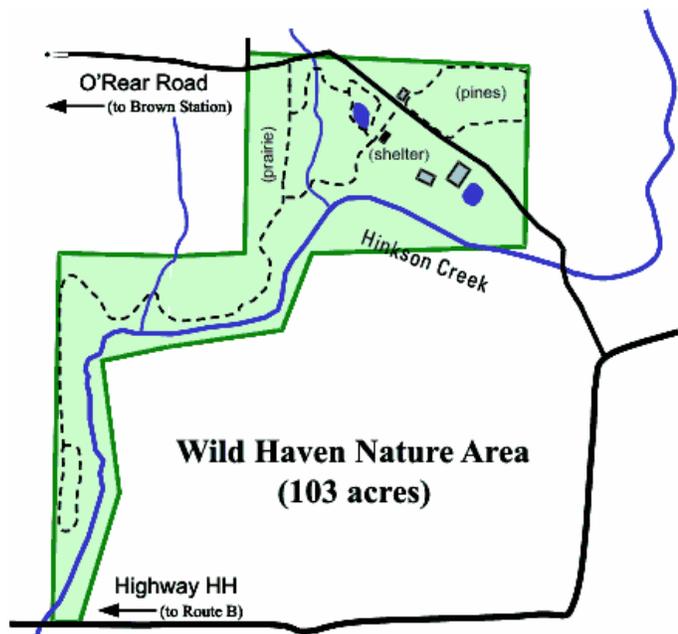
\$1198.90 Books, Calendars

\$200.00 Grant to Rock Bridge

\$2854.95 = Total Expenses

Congratulations to John [Rusty] White for accepting the position of State Representative. For those of us who know what an adventure the state meetings are, we envy his position. Have fun John!! The first State meeting is 1&2 May based at Farmington. Details in Petal Pusher – Join us!!

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).

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Excursion at Wild Haven

Submitted by Vanessa Melton

On March 7th seven hardy souls most eager for Spring, ventured to Wild Haven (a Columbia Audubon Society property north of Columbia) to learn how to identify trees in winter. Several species of trees were identified and thanks to Becky Erickson we had identification keys to identifying even more. Red, blackjack, and white oak, black cherry and sycamore weren't too bad to ID, but rusty black haw and chinkapin oak were somewhat of a challenge. Service berry will be easy to remember now that Becky clued us into the fact that the terminal buds look like witch's fingers; and bitternut hickory is the only bud that is mustard yellow.

The first signs of Spring were evident on the hike as we found several spring beauty leaves peeking up through the leaves and a spring peeper frog made an appearance on the trail. After the hike we enjoyed a sumptuous lunch on the sundeck at Old Heidelberg in Columbia.

We would really enjoy your company on the next field trip, so check the calendar on the front page of this newsletter for a listing of upcoming field trips!



Ann, John, Jean E. and Becky admire a gnarly black oak tree. [V. Melton photo]

Ethics and Native Plants

Reprint from USFS website = Location:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/ethics/index.shtml>

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An idyllic setting in an alpine meadow of the Albion basin in the Wasatch Mountains [Utah]. *Photo by Teresa Prendusi.*

For many of us a field of wildflowers is one of the most beautiful experiences we can encounter in Nature. There is a deep impulse we carry from childhood into adulthood to reach out and pick a flower in a beautiful butterfly-filled meadow or along a public wooded trail lined with spring beauties, irises, or wake-robins. It is because we all carry such memories that we have devoted an entire website to Celebrating Wildflowers. Millions of people visit the public lands each year and if only a small fraction of them each picked a few flowers, soon there would be none for the rest of us to enjoy.



Photo by Teresa Prendusi A vast springtime profusion of coneflower (*Helianthella uniflora*) on Willard Peak, Utah.

Almost all wildflowers are fragile and many wilt and perish soon after being picked. Over the years, the repercussions of wildflower picking by unthinking people go far beyond the loss of the flowers themselves. A critical chain of events is triggered for years to come once wildflowers are lost. We don't often realize it, but wildflowers support entire ecosystems for pollinators, birds, and small animals on a micro scale. Butterflies and other insects, small birds, and animals depend on seeds, nectar, and pollen for their food supply and life support system. In addition, some pollinators are not very mobile



or have very small home ranges or depend on just one species of plant and die once their habitat has been destroyed.

The Forest Service is very enthusiastic about the public's increased interest in native plants found on our national forests and grasslands. This interest and increased knowledge and awareness of the benefits of landscaping and gardening with native plants have resulted in nurseries producing native plants for the public to grow. Landscaping and gardening with native plants has many benefits including the creation of habitat for many different animals; from pollinators to birds, to small mammals. Many folks are now planting butterfly gardens that benefit these beautiful animals and bring enjoyment and joy to the gardener.

Unfortunately, the Forest Service is experiencing increased poaching of native wildflowers; even some that are listed as endangered species. Many people desire species that are not available commercially because these plants are difficult to grow or take too many years to reach maturity; and some people desire the rarest of the rare bringing those precious jewels ever closer to extinction. Consequently, some people are illegally removing wildflowers and other native plants from their natural habitats. In some cases entire populations of a species have been stolen.



Rare and unusual plants such as carnivorous pitcher plants (*Sarracenia* sp.) have become rarer due to illegal removal from public lands. *Photo USDA Forest Service.*

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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](#)

Ethics and Native Plants . . . cont.



B. Erickson photo

An all too unfortunate occurrence is if someone decided to pick yellow lady's slipper orchids (*Cypripedium calceolus*) preventing anyone else from enjoying their beauty. .

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) 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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Need Plants for McDermott Park in Rocheport

Submitted by Jean Graebner

A group of four [two Rocheport citizens and two NPS members] has devised a plan to plant and care for what we are calling "The Gnome Bed", located in the Rocheport Pocket Park where our memorial tree to Marge McDermott is growing. This native plant garden will surround the statue of the gnome figure which is a central feature of the park. Nancy Brakhage designed the garden and she and Jean Graebner volunteered to acquire the plants. A Rocheport couple, Shirley and Jack Wilson, have a strong interest in the little park and have offered to supply the labor.

This is a call from Nancy and Jean for plant contributions. What we need are Crested iris [Iris cristata], Rose verbena, [Glandularia canadensis] Missouri coneflower [Rudbeckia Missouriensis] and Prairie dropseed [Sporobolous heterolepus]. If you can provide any of these please call Jean at 698-2855 or Nancy at 449-1316.

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___ Local Chapter (\$6.00 no state information)

___ 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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