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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.

February 18: Thursday Lunch with Native Plant enthusiasts 11:30 am at Uprise Bakery [RagTag Theater]; Hitt Street just south of Broadway.

6 March Saturday: Wanda Parscal's [Holt's Summit] for winter tree identification and spring flower leaf identification. Jean Everett will join us from South Carolina. Meet at MDC [College & Stadium] at 10 am. Lunch at Summit Winery.

March 8 Monday: Regular Membership Meeting at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. pm speaker Jean Everett PhD [see reference Page 2]

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

27 March Saturday: Snow Trillium and leeks at Jim's 100-Acre Woods. Wear water-proof boots. Meet at MDC [College & Stadium] at 12:30 for carpool to lunch at Heuer's Store followed by mosey to the Trillium site.

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.

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.

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Program for March 8 Meeting

Submitted by Jean Everett

The program for the March membership meeting will be given by Jean Everett, Ph.D., Senior Instructor, Department of Biology, College of Charleston, SC. She will elaborate on the longleaf pine ecosystem which was once the most extensive and diverse system in the Southeast – 90 million acres of open stands of stately longleaf with a lovely ground layer filled with bunch grasses mixed with an incredible array of wildflowers. This amazing system has been reduced and fragmented by many forces, and now less than 3% remains functionally intact. Longleaf systems have many similarities to prairies, both with unparalleled beauty. This richly illustrated lecture will describe the longleaf system and what happened that it is now so nearly extirpated.

Propagation Workshop

Submitted by Becky Erickson

The Propagation Workshop this year was a joint effort with Wild Ones and Master Naturalists on 23 Jan {Sat} at 11:30 am. Laura Hillman was hostess to ten participants.

Wild Ones traditionally has a winter pot luck in January so Laura opened her kitchen for a vegetarian buffet at 11:30 am. We enjoyed swapping stories over lunch of seed collection trips, growing methods, recipies, and squirrels on birdfeeders.

We adjourned to the garage where we could get messy with pots, dirt and seeds. We brought seed from wetland, prairie, forest, and glade - common and rare.

All are looking forward to the potting workshop in May so we can provide new plants for sale at the booth next year.

Thanks to Ann Wakeman for taking the Secretary position.

Thanks to Vanessa Melton for agreeing to a second term as President.

Calendar Continued . . .

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.

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 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.

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.

January Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ann Wakeman Secretary

President Vanessa Melton opened the regular meeting January 11 at 6pm at the Unitarian Church. In lieu of scheduling a speaker, events for the upcoming year were discussed. Vanessa passed around a Columbia Missourian article of Jim Whitley who had passed away 17 December 09. It will go to Joann Whitley.

The following subjects were brought up and discussed:

- Meeting times for the chapter: fall & winter meetings will start at 6pm for the months of November, January, and March due to shorter day length. Spring & summer meetings will start at the regular 7pm time for May, July and September. Nancy Langworthy moved to accept the proposal for these times, seconded by Denny Donnell. Motion passed.
- Meeting place: The Unitarian Church is agreeable to earlier winter meeting times for the Chapter. They requested an increase in donation fee to help cover increased utility costs. The chapter agreed to a donation of \$200, which Paula Peters pays in July. This is the same rate Audubon pays for use of the Church building.
- Field trips: Becky Erickson passed around a tentative schedule of field trips for the coming season and asked for input on which places and dates worked for members. A revised schedule will follow by email.
- Grant program: Nancy inquired on the status of the education grant program. Discussion was deferred until chair, Glenn Pickett can update the chapter what is occurring with that program.
- Speakers & programs: Vanessa asked for ideas for future program speakers. Possible topics included medicinals, mushrooms, bryophytes.
- Events: Becky reported display tables for events are being made to replace current aging ones. Wanda Parscal had requested someone else take over keeping book inventory the chapter sells at events. Paula agreed to take them over as it's just as easy for her to keep track of inventory for ordering. Paula mentioned the Chapter needs sturdy boxes and a hand truck to move the boxes of books, preferably one with larger wheels.

Future events where the chapter could set up an education booth: native plant sale at Bradford Farm April 10, Earth Day April 25, Eco Art Fest, Quail Day in June, Back to Nature in September, Heritage Festival in September, Chestnut Festival in October. The chapter will decide whether to attend these as events come up.

Treasurer report: Paula Peters reported the chapter has a balance of \$6223.01 on hand. Discussion of looking into putting this into interest earning account was tabled it was pointed out interest is minimal and the current checking account is free.

Officer nominations: This year offices of President and Secretary are to be elected. Nominees are President: Vanessa Melton and Secretary : Ann Wakeman. Nancy moved this slate of officers be elected, Denny seconded. Motion passed.

Nancy brought up our chapter needs to increase the diversity of attendees at meetings and events. Chapter members are encouraged to do more outreach. Discussion of reaching out to biology clubs in high schools, university students, getting Chapter activities in the newspapers, etc. All ideas to accomplish this will be entertained. One project discussed was more work on the Stadium roadside planting project. Becky informed there is a population of groundhogs which are eating most of any seedlings that emerge. If someone would be interested in trapping and relocating the herbivores, they would help this planting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

Lunches . . .

The January lunch at Uprise Bakery drew eight Hawthorn members. We exchanged some recipes and discussed plans for some of the spring and summer moseys into the beautiful wildlands of Missouri. Hope YOU ALL will join us in February - - -

**February 18:
Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!
11:30 am at Uprise Bakery [RagTag Theater]
Hitt Street just south of Broadway**

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.

___ Local Chapter (\$6.00 no state information)

___ Student (\$11.00)

___ Regular (\$16.00)

___ Contributing (\$26.00)

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

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