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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.

7 March Sunday: Audubon's Wild Haven 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 to be decided. **Note location and date change; See article Page 2.** Must make reservation to receive possible changes.

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. Must make reservation to receive possible changes.

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.

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.

Winter Mosey at Audubon's Wild Haven

Sunday 7 March 10 am meet at MDC Research office on College at Stadium for carpool.

From the Columbia Audubon website: - http://columbia-audubon.missouri.org/nature_areas/index.htm#wild

Wild Haven Nature Area

Wild Haven is a 103-acre nature area located northeast of Columbia along upper Hinkson Creek. The area includes a 64-acre tract donated by the late Lee Jenkins in 1983, with the remainder acquired with the assistance of the Boone County Trust. Wild Haven consists mainly of mature forest along a mile-long reach of Hinkson Creek. The area includes some high-quality natural habitats, including a small remnant prairie and sandstone glades, as well as a former Christmas tree plantation and two small ponds. Some areas are being managed to restore natural habitats, remove exotic plants, and establish habitat demonstration areas. This is an ideal location for field trips, outdoor classroom activities, and study of ecology and natural history. Wild Haven has an extensive trail system, and a picnic shelter and workshop are available. Wild Haven includes an area leased a local astronomy club and a rental residence; please respect their property and privacy.

Directions:

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).

State Representative Position Open

Nadia has resigned her position of State Representative. We need a person who enjoys a weekend away from Columbia three times per year [see calendar] to attend state field trips and meetings. This person must enjoy exploring Missouri outback with like-minded botanists and attending a short [1-2 hour] state meeting. He/she may accept payment from our treasury for motel room and gasoline receipts. The representative must take notes at the meetings and write short reports for the newsletter; he/she must also compile a brief report of our activities for the Petal Pusher. Please call or email any of the officers with your offer to volunteer. **Honestly, it is the most fun job in the club!**

Calendar Continued . . .

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.

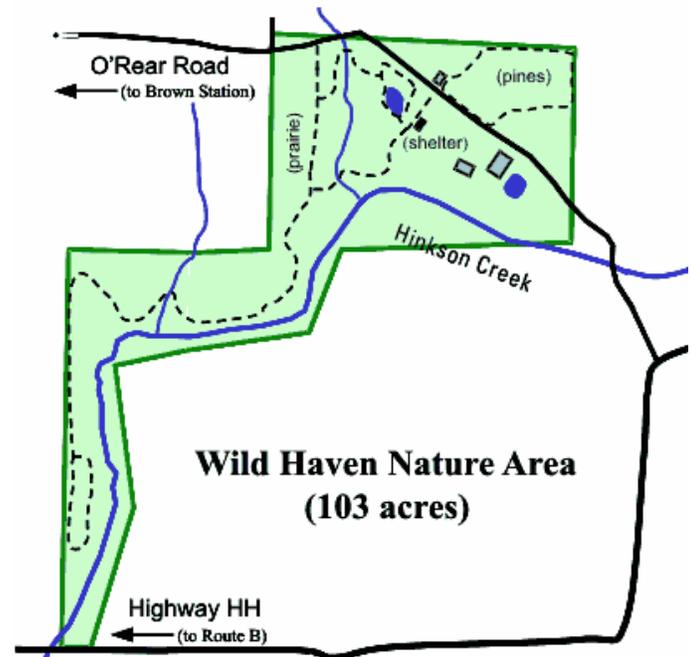
30 May Sunday: Spring Creek Gap Natural Area; restored open woodland and glades. On US63, N. of Vichy.

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.



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 heterolepous]. If you can provide any of these please call Jean at 698-2855 or Nancy at 449-1316.

For those of you who have not yet visited the park, it is located at the intersection of First Street and Central next to the Katy Trail. It is highly visible and town planners see it as one of the first impressions hikers and bikers get of Rocheport.

Lunches . . .

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

March 18:

**Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!
11:30 am at Uprise Bakery [RagTag
Theater]**

Hitt Street just south of Broadway

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.

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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Liatris meadow in Wisconsin from 19th Prairie Conference



Nebraska hill prairie from 20th Prairie Conference

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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