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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.

6 November Saturday: Mosey at Pinnacles. Jean Everett, [Nancy B's daughter] will be joining us on a visit from USC. Meet at MDC research [Stadium&College] before 10 am for carpools. Lunch at Heuer's store after. Bring rubber boots; we will cross the creek. **Make reservation with Becky or Paula!!**

8 November Monday: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. **Speaker will Robin Kennedy, Curator of Dunn-Palmer Herbarium.** Further discussion on filling Vice President and Treasurer positions.

13 November, Saturday: Wreath workshop and cookout at Ann Wakeman's; 10 am to 3-ish pm. See article on Page 5 for instructions and directions. Call Paula for questions.

18 November Thursday Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Uprise Bakery [RagTag Theater] 10 Hitt Street just south of Broadway.

December: Look for an announcement for a winter **Holiday Party.**

If you want to collect seed this fall, you can contact Ann Wakeman 573-642-6927 or Becky Erickson 657-2314. You can collect at Ann's any time you can get an appointment with her. You can collect with me on public land on weekdays 11 am to 3 pm by appointment.

BIG THANKS to Doug Miller for reviving the web site. Hopefully all members will visit our website to see the exciting information available to the public. **Use it as a tool to invite new members.**

Thanks to, Paula Peters, Vanessa Melton, Jean Graebner for their submissions to the newsletter.

Election Time

Submitted by Vanessa Melton, President

The time has come again for election of officers and this year we need to vote for Vice President, Treasurer, and State Representative. Here is a list of the nominations so far:

Vice President – Nancy Langworthy

State Representative – John White

We still need a person to run for Treasurer, and hey, if you are thinking about doing it and are afraid to step into the role all by yourself, find a partner who would take on the role with you. We could have two Co-Treasurers! There are two aspects of the Treasurer role, the money side and the membership duties, that could easily be split between two people.

We will have further discussion at the November membership meeting, so please, if you are interested in running for Treasurer/Co-Treasurer just contact Paula Peters 573-474-4225 or pieridael@gmail.com , or Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vanndawn@gmail.com as soon as you can.

Blazing Star Award Nominations

Submitted by Vanessa Melton, President

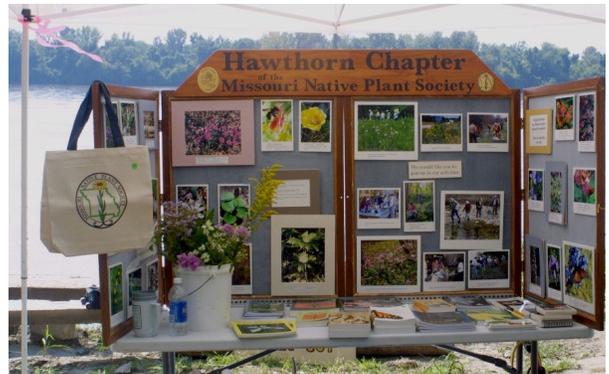
The Holiday season is already upon us with Halloween just around the corner and it is time to start thinking about the Blazing Star Award. I know the connection may be hard to see, so here it is - our chapter will be giving a Blazing Star Award at the annual Holiday Party in December.

It is time to start collecting nominations for the award, so if someone from the chapter comes to mind as a person who has offered their time, services, expertise, etc for the betterment of the chapter please let us know. Send us the name of the person you would like to nominate along with a description of why you think they deserve this award by November 15th. The chapter will only be giving away one Blazing Star Award per year so competition will be tough. Please send the information to Nancy Langworthy at 573-874-2463 or nancylangworthy@hotmail.com or Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vanndawn@gmail.com.

If you have a name in mind of who to nominate, and you are not sure if they have already received an award in the past this will help you out. Here is a list of members who have won Blazing Stars in the past three years: Judy Turner, Jim Whitley, Paula Peters, Nancy and George Brakhage, Jean Graebner.

Also, something else to consider is the Award Committee has decided to offer an award to folks outside the chapter for excellence in using native plants in landscaping, teaching others about native plants and their benefits, etc. We will come up with a catchy name for the award, because we don't want there to be confusion between the Blazing Star Award and this award which would be for non-members. More information on this award will be forthcoming.

Editor's summary: We need volunteers for Treasurer's position.



Our booth is how we educate the public and recruit new members. We need someone to transport and store our new display board, the main table [only 6 feet] and two small tables [5 feet]. They all fold flat and take up very little space. They can be carried by one person. That person needs to bring them to display opportunities and retrieve them until the next one. Usually 5-6 per year: Bradford April, Earthday April, Bradford June, Eco-Art Fest Sept, In-Touch-With-Nature Sept, Chestnut Festival Oct, possibly one more or one less. Contact an officer to volunteer.



Agalinus pedicularis, yellow false foxglove at HHT.

B. Erickson photo



Paula, Ann, Allison, Lynn, & Mike considering and tasting wild grapes at HHT.

B. Erickson photo

2010 Nature Calendars

submitted by Paula Peters

We will once again be ordering MDC nature calendars for the holidays. I will accept orders from now until November 14, by phone (573-474-4225), at the November meeting on the 8th, and by email (pieridael@gmail.com). I will also accept orders for the new Mushroom book (\$12) and the new Herp book (\$6). The order will be made on November 15. The calendars and any books that you requested will be available at the Holiday party, Dec lunch, the regular January meeting, or can be picked up at my home (2216 S Grace Ellen Dr, Columbia), or a place in town of your choosing. The price for the calendars will be \$6.00. These make great holiday gifts.

Paula – 573-474-4225.



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Propagation Workshop

Submitted by Becky Erickson

Propagation workshop is offered every year to teach members how to grow plants for their own gardens and to make potted wildflowers to sell at our booth. We have a grant program with Columbia Public Schools and we need plants to sell for the grant program. At the September Membership Meeting, nine members expressed interest in attending the three parts of the propagation workshop offered this year. If you want to be included in the three classes of this workshop, you need to make reservations with Becky now so you will receive appropriate instructional postings and updates of activities. The workshop consists of three classes.

The first class was Sunday 10 October. Five of the nine original committees participated in seed collection. We learned to identify plants from structure rather than from flowers, and techniques of seed collection and storage. Once we saw and named a species we could identify it the rest of the day. Some unusually structured species were wild quinine, tall coreopsis, rough blazing star and rattlesnake master. We learned the difference between little bluestem and broomsedge. The highlight of the day was finding BOTH closed bottle gentian at Bennitt CA and downey gentian at The Hole.



Gentiana perberula
downey gentian
found at The Hole
[North Boone Co]

B. Erickson photo

The second class will be in mid January; this also depends on weather and the schedule of the host of the gathering and the core participants. During this class you will learn stratification and scarification techniques to coax native seed into germination. You will need to bring all of your collected seed to share, any small pots and trays you have kept from last year's plantings and a bag of course potting soil. If you are just getting started, there will probably be enough equipment for you to use this time, then keep them to share later.

The third class will be close to 1 June; this date also depends on the weather, how much seedlings have grown and the participants' schedules. During this class you will learn how to transplant your seedlings into plugs or pots for maturing growth. Techniques are NOT like transplanting tomatoes or other annuals, so don't think you already know how to do this. These plants you have grown can be incorporated into your own gardens later in the same year or over-wintered for sale at our booth efforts the following year.

Once again – you need to make a commitment with me so I know to keep you updated and in the loop on these activities. My contact info is in the front page column.

Chestnut Festival

Submitted by Jean Graebner, Vanessa Melton, Paula Peters, Becky Erickson

We had many visitors stop by the Hawthorn chapter booth interested in learning more about native plants. One visitor showed us a photo of an unknown plant she had let grow in her garden. She was afraid it was a ragweed. We assured her it was a goldenrod. She was relieved it was not an allergen. The new MDC Mushroom book and the Events Calendar were hits among the book lovers.

Warm weather was not inspiring gardeners as our vast array of native plants was overlooked. Maybe it was the time of year or the economy – who knows. It was inspiring to see so many folks interested in learning more about native plants and how to control invasive species. In the Spring, of course, we would probably sell more plants.

I was again impressed by the caliber of the people who came by our booth. I have noticed this before at the Chestnut Festival. They are really interested in the plants, frequently already have a garden or gardens, or farmland and are actually looking for real reliable information. They ask good questions and pay attention to the answers. Two landowners each spent 20 minutes with Becky learning how to suppress sericea lespedeza. They buy books. They talk about books they already have. They are looking for certain books that they have heard about. Even the children seem to be of this ilk. Anyway, I always enjoy this crowd and feel like this festival is a perfect fit for us. I'm not sure but what getting the books and pamphlets out there might not be just as important. We took in \$516; not bad for 6 hours! This was mostly for books and calendars.



Paula helps landowner choose plants at Chestnut Festival.



V. Melton photo

Jean and Becky help plant customer at In-Touch-With-Nature at LU's Busby farm in September.



Becky and Tim Reinbott of MU's Bradford Farm discuss the uses of natives at In-Touch-With-Nature at LU's Busby farm in September.

V. Melton photo

Jean and Nancy take a break during EcoArt Fest at Cooper's Landing.

V. Melton photo



I thought you might be interested in this new website . . .

Landscape for Life!

Ray Mims, Conservation & Sustainability, United States Botanic Garden, 202.226.4067 desk

www.landscapeforlife.org that USBG www.usbg.gov has partnered in creating. The basic message is **Gardening with nature isn't complicated!**

Landscape for Life

Helps Homeowners Create Sustainable, Beautiful Gardens!

A new website launched by the United States Botanic Garden and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center gives every home gardener the resources to harness lessons from nature to create a garden that supports the environment.

Based on the *Sustainable Sites Initiative*, www.sustainablesites.org Landscape for Life helps home gardeners work with nature. From a garden in city or suburban lot to a community garden plot or common area of a condo, the website carries the message that we all garden within an ecosystem and offers a wealth of helpful and accessible information to build on this connection.



Wreath Workshop and Fall Cookout

This activity will be held this year at Ann Wakeman's and Mike Rues's home. Ann and Mike have rebuilt one of the most diverse native habitats in central Missouri. If you don't want to make a wreath nor eat a meal cooked over an open fire it is worth the short trip to see their open prairie and woodland gardens.

If you want to make a wreath, bring a wreath base [straw or grape vine] clippers, glue gun, florist wire, attractive dried plant material, and a sense of adventure. Other people will bring other plant material and you can cut more from Ann's prairie and gardens. You need to arrive around 10am so you have time to orient yourself with the shed, other people and cut more material.

If you want to participate in the cookout, you need to bring a vegetable dish [hot or cold] to share and a small chicken/game hen or hot dog/ sausage to roast on the fire. We will provide the roasting spit for the chickens. You may bring a camp grill for other meat or dutch oven to cook in. It takes 1.3 hours to roast a small chicken so even if you don't want to make a wreath, bring your food before 11 am so we can eat about 12:30 to 1 pm.

To get to Mike and Ann's house from Columbia go west on Broadway beyond 63 Hiway on WW east into Callaway Co about 9-10 miles > then take F Hiway east 4-1/2 miles to Windy Meadows Lane [abandoned/closed-down auto repair and storage units out at highway]. Turn south [right] > follow gravel drive a short mile around to left; keep right at limestone rockpost. House is brown with craftsman style split-entry. Might be a barrier with arrow in road for you to follow.



One of the past cookouts



Paula's wreath

B.E. photos



Fall glade onion. *Allium stellatum* at HHT

Rock formation on glade at HHT

B. Erickson photos

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

- Regular (\$16.00)*
- Student (\$11.00)
- Contributing (\$26.00)* designate chapter or state
- State Lifetime (\$200)
- Chapter Lifetime (\$120 – you must also be a member of the state organization to utilize this option)
- Chapter only (\$6.00 – this is for members who already belong to State and another chapter)

*Includes both Chapter (\$6) and State (\$10) 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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