



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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## Future Activities

### Time to renew.

**Please send your checks to Paula so she can record your membership.**

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 **Call Vanessa or Paula for more information.** Carpool meeting place, commuter parking lot at AC and US63.

## August

**30 Thursday 9:30 a.m. Lincoln University.** Doug Tallamy, Professor and Chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the best-selling book 'Bringing Nature Home' He will explain the reasons for the decline of native plants and animals that depend on them and what we can do to help reverse it.

Dr. Tallamy's presentation will be on campus at Scruggs University Center, 819 Chestnut Drive. Parking will be at Dickinson Research Center; shuttle is available. [See article inside]

## September

**10 Monday: Membership Meeting 7pm** Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Nels Holmberg will speak on Bryophytes: Mosses, Liverworts and Hornworts [See announcement inside].

**15 Saturday: Plant Sale, Bradford Farm 10 to 2.** Sorry plant sale was cancelled by Farm manager due to lack of funding.

**15 September Saturday WildOnes:** everyone is invited on a plant buying foray to Becky Erickson's and Mervin Wallace's. To go in carpools, meet at 9am from commuter lot at AC and 63 Hiway. Please carpool as neither place has parking for more than 5 cars. Bring pots and flats to trade in. No credit cards at Becky's; proceeds to NPS.

**22 Saturday: In touch with Nature. 11 – 4 pm.** LU's Busby Farm south of JC Contact Nadia for more info: (573) 681-5392 or by email [Navarrete-TindallN@LincolnU.edu](mailto:Navarrete-TindallN@LincolnU.edu).

**28-30 Fri-Sun: State Meeting at Cuiver River State Park.** See September Petal Pusher for details. No dogs.

## October

**6 Saturday: Spring Creek Gap** mosey asters goldenrods fall colors. Easy walking. Depart from commuter lot at AC & US63 9 am. Socialized dogs welcome.

**27 Saturday: Wreath workshop and potluck/cookout at Nancy Brakhage's house.** Directions next month. Bring a wreath base and plant materials.

### **MONPS Board Meeting Schedule for 2012**

See Petal Pusher for details on programs, moseys and motels. All are welcomed to see the wild places of MO with people who know plants, ecology and history.

Fall – Sep. 28-30, 2012 – Cuivre River State Park, Lincoln Hills, and vicinity.

Winter – Sat. Dec. 1, 2012 – UMO Herbarium, Columbia, MO. Business and planning.

**Thanks to Nancy Langworthy and Nadia Navarrete-Tindall for their submissions to the newsletter this month.**

## Announcements:

### Program for August Meeting

Nels Holmberg presents - The Bryophytes: Mosses, Liverworts and Hornworts

*Submitted by Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall*

Botanist Nels Holmberg will be offering a talk at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting about bryophytes including a power point presentation accompanied by hands-on activities. Nels is a very knowledgeable Botanist. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from him about this important group of plants.

He will start with an introduction about bryophytes, how to tell the 3 groups apart, where they grow and their importance to our environment. He will also teach us how to recognize some common species and prepare herbarium voucher specimens. He will also try to bring live specimens to study. We hope to see you at the **UU Church Monday 10 September, 7pm.**

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**Plant Sale originally scheduled for 15 Sept [10-2] at Bradford Farm has been cancelled** due to lack of funding to the farm operations.

#### HOWEVER

**15 Sept 9 am: WildOnes is inviting everyone on a plant-buying foray to**

**Becky's and Merv's.** Meet at US63 and AC [Newhaven] Commuter Lot for carpools since there is hardly room for more than 5 cars at either place. Bring empty pots and trays for trade-in.

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### Program for November 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Henry and Lorna Domke will talk about the work they do at Prairie Garden Trust.

#### Account balance

26 August from John George, Treasurer = \$8218.44

#### September Lunch at RagTag is

Thursday 20 September, 11:30 am at RagTag, 10 Hitt St.

#### Wreath Workshop and potluck/cookout will be a Nancy Brakhage's house 27 Oct 10 am.

We are running low on dried materials for the workshop and could use some more.

## Doug Tallamy to speak on Bringing Nature Home at Lincoln University **THIS THURSDAY MORNING** **30 Aug 9:30am**

*Submitted by Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall*

Doug Tallamy, Professor and Chair of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and author of the best-selling book 'Bringing Nature Home' will be at Lincoln University on Thursday, August 30, 2012. He will explain the reasons for the decline of native plants and animals that depend on them and what we can do to help reverse it.

Dr. Tallamy will discuss the important ecological roles of the plants in our landscapes, emphasize the benefits of designing gardens with these roles in mind and how to sustain wildlife with native plants in your own backyard and look at the consequences of failing to do so.

Dr. Tallamy's presentation will begin at 9:30 a.m. on campus at Scuggs University Center, 819 Chestnut Drive. Parking will be at Dickinson Research Center, 1219 Chestnut and shuttles will run from 8:15 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. to bring participants to the event.

Immediately after the talk, a special Missouri Prairie Foundation/Grow Native transplanting ceremony will take place, followed by a book-signing. During the signing, visitors will have the opportunity to taste appetizers prepared with native edible plants and take tours at the Native Plant Outdoor Laboratory on campus next to Allen and Foster Halls. This laboratory is comprised of more than 80 herbaceous and woody plants native to Missouri. It is a work in progress with the goal of adding more species during years to come. Signage and brochures will be available in English and Spanish. Shuttle rides will also be provided to take participants back to their cars from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by Lincoln University Cooperative Extension's Native Plants Program in collaboration with the Missouri Prairie Foundation and Missouri Wildflowers Nursery. The Native Plants Program is committed to increasing awareness about the importance of adopting native plants in urban gardens and encouraging producers and farmers to protect or create habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.

Because seating will be limited, please register in advance. Cost is \$10.00 to the general public and \$5.00 for adults 65 and older. Check should be postmarked no later than August 15, 2012. There is no charge for Lincoln University students with a valid ID. Students who wish to participate need to send name and contact information to reserve a seat.

If you have questions about seating availability or need special accommodations, please contact Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall at (573) 681-5392 or by email [Navarrete-TindallN@LincolnU.edu](mailto:Navarrete-TindallN@LincolnU.edu).

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**Time to renew: send dues to Paula.**

**Print last page for form.**

Univ of MO has a new website developed by the MU Weed Science program. It is a Weed ID guide:  
[weedID.missouri.edu](http://weedID.missouri.edu)

## Personal Retrospective

*Submitted by Nancy Langworthy, Vice President*

Five years ago last month my husband Harry and I moved to Boone County after decades away, to live on our farm for the first time. Five years ago next month I joined Hawthorn Chapter and had a very pleasant evening at the Hartsburg branch of a local winery spent with several of you. I'd like to share some thoughts about those five years.

You have taught me to see the countryside differently. I now know that the wonderful "daisies" that grow in several different places on the farm are Jerusalem artichokes and common sunflowers and grey headed coneflower. I now see serecia lespedezia and autumn olive along the roadside; for some reason I have more difficulty seeing honeysuckle as we pass, but I know, really know, that it's there too. Unfortunately, I'm really on first name terms with these invaders to my farm, along with Johnson grass, "bad" thistle, and others. We now row crop to speed up the elimination of the fescue planted on the farm by the previous owner, with the long-term goal of putting in the rich beauty of native grasses and forbes but it seems a long way off.

I have resisted your lessons on burning and spraying; I spray with reluctance and cannot bring myself to burn, despite knowing the arguments.

We have all sorts of birds including, for a short time, a barn owl. We have all sorts of animals including, seasonally, a badger. What really pleases me most is our great blue heron visitors; I love their prepalolithic appearance. I'm certain the diversity is greater now than it was five years ago, despite our continual presence. It's the native plants that make the real difference.

To the frustration of some of you, I'm not a great fan of the botanizing trips. They are wonderful trips, I know, I just am a more solitary person than a group person, and so generally choose to wander my 100 acres on my own. My interest is very selfish, I guess: I want to know what is on *this* land. But you all have managed to help teach me just exactly that. And you will continue teaching me.

What I want to say is, "Thank you for sharing all this richness."

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**Feed Monarchs: come on the plant buying foray 15 Sept and get milkweeds to feed monarchs.**

## Help Monarchs;

### sign up with Monarch Watch

*Submitted by Becky Erickson*

Look up Monarch Watch on line to get information for reporting monarch visitation and reproduction on your property, or anywhere in the area. Your reporting these observations is VERY important to record counts of migrating monarchs.

In case you don't know what they look like, I have included a photo of a larva, a chrysalis and an adult. There are thousands more if you use Google images.



A monarch butterfly caterpillar sits on a milkweed plant at the home of David Snow in Thousand Oaks. (Gary Friedman, Los Angeles Times / July 5, 2012)



**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 Bradford Plant Sale. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money.

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\_\_\_ 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 **RENEW NOW !!**

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**July 1 through June 30.**

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