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

December

1 Saturday: State Board meeting UM Herbarium, [on Rock Quarry Road just south of Stadium – on right] Columbia, MO. Business and field-trip planning. **All are welcome.**

8 Saturday: Holiday Party Starting at Noon, at Vanessa and David's house. Invitation inside. Directions on **page 2.**

20 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts, 11:30 at RagTag, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway]. Informal exchange of ideas and information. You will probably be in town doing last minute shopping, come, join us!

January

14 Monday Regular Membership Meeting, 6 PM Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd.

17 January Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts, 11:30 at RagTag, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway]. Informal exchange of ideas and information.

Thanks to, Vanessa Melton-Silvey, Ann Wakeman, Paula Peters, Lea Langdon for their submissions to the newsletter this month. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the website up to date. **We would like to get announcements, impressions or other creative nature writing from you, too.**

Holiday Party 2012!

This year's Hawthorn Chapter Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 8th, 12 pm, at Vanessa and David's house close to New Franklin. See directions below on how to get there if you haven't been there already. We will have appetizers and wassail at noon with the main lunch being served around 1 pm. Please bring a dish to share with the group. No dogs, please. Call Vanessa if you have any questions at 573-698-3337.

Take I-70 W to the Midway/Fayette Exit and go north (right). Keep going all the way past the highway to Fayette (Hwy. 240) as if you were heading to New Franklin.

After you pass Hwy. 240 go a few more miles to County Rd. 441 which will be on the right.

If you head down a bridge into the river bottoms you have gone too far.

Once you are on County Rd. 441 you will see the first driveway on the left, followed by a brown house on the right, and then you will see the 2nd driveway on the left.

Head down the 2nd driveway and keep going straight into the woods past the log cabin house.

Ignore the 'Keep Out' signs - they are not for you. :)

As you will come down the drive you will see our house (it is woodland green) and park anywhere you can find a space.

November Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ann Wakeman, Secretary

The November 12, 2012 meeting of the Hawthorn chapter of Missouri Native Plant Society was called to order at 6:12 pm by president Vanessa Melton-Silvey.

Lorna and Henry Domke presented the program about the Prairie Garden Trust where they are inviting people can go Experience the Magic of Nature. They gave a virtual tour of the prairie plantings, savanna restoration, woodlands, river bluffs, Hiller's Creek, and created pools for aquatic plantings. Currently as a 501c3 Trust, it contains the original farm Henry's parents, Herb and Joan Domke established. Eventually, 500 acres will be in the Trust holdings. Herb started the first prairie plantings in 1986.

Lorna and Henry now have a Master Plan for overall future plans. They have hired Peckham & Wright to add to the current visitor center.

The Prairie Garden Trust is open for bird walks, butterfly walks, scout groups to earn ecology badge, college field trips All visitors are welcome; however, since the visitor center is only open when Lorna or Henry are on the grounds, they request contacting them prior to visiting.

Treasurer's report. John George forwarded the report of \$7746.57 after reimbursements to Paula for the MDC natural events calendars and John White for his trip to Troy for State meeting.

Old business:

Hickam Cabin at Rock Bridge State Park, no update on the when renovation is to begin.

Vanessa reminded the chapter of upcoming election in January for Chapter Representative, Vice president and someone to finish the President's term. Members need to be thinking who can fill those positions.

Glenn Pickett announced awarding a grant to 2 teachers at Rock Bridge High School for October field trip work day. At the October 1 deadline another grant came from Midway Heights School for 40 second graders to establish a Monarch Watch pilot program to enhance pollinators. Denny moved to approve \$149 for purchasing plants, butterfly nets, field guides for this application. Becky seconded, motion carried.

New business:

In order to add new members, ideas were discussed. Sending the e-newsletter to interested potential members, bringing a friend to walks and meetings, setting up a Facebook page. Nadia will ask if Randy would set up a facebook page for the chapter with links to the newsletter.

Events:

Vanessa and David will be hosting the Holiday Party at their house December 8.

Announcements

Paula will be ordering more MDC Natural Events calendars on later that week. Please contact her if you like to have a larger quantity.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:45pm.

Announcements:



State Board Meeting

Don't forget the winter meeting, Dec. 1st, 10:00AM, at the UMO Dunn-Palmer Herbarium in Columbia. Anyone is welcome to attend and help us decide locations and dates for the 2013 Board meetings and field trips. Learn about the native plant database and the roadside wildflower brochure being developed. Directions to the herbarium : where College crosses Stadium, turn south on Rock Quarry Rd. The herbarium is about 500 feet south on the right in the Museum Support Center Building.



Suggested Websites

If you have found a good botanical/ecological site you would like to share with the membership, please send it to Becky.



December Lunch at RagTag is

Thursday 20 December, 11:30 am, 10 Hitt St. *Schedule your shopping downtown that day and join us for lunch.*



Project Table STILL for Sale

There is **STILL** a very sturdy hand built table we used at our booth displays for many years being stored at Becky's house. This 3X8 foot table has a thick, varnished, plywood top with 3" skirting, heavy folding legs. It would cost much more than \$100 for the materials and the time it takes to build a comparable table [possibly \$400]. \$100 goes back into the NPS account. Please call Becky for viewing, sale, and pickup. 657-2314



2013 MDC Nature Calendars

Submitted by Paula Peters, Membership Chair

The calendars will be available for pickup at the Holiday Party 8 Dec., lunch 20 Dec, the January membership meeting, or can be picked up at my home (2216 S Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia), or a place in town of your choosing. Call for appointment 474-4225.

Youth Activities with Natives

Submitted by Lea Langdon

The Columbia Outdoor Classroom Project has been working in several school prairies with classes of 4th-grade students this fall. At Rock Bridge Elementary School and Mill Creek we harvested seeds, anticipating a winter burn. The plan is to spread/sow them back into the same and other school prairies, after a burn, to increase diversity. We also had students pulling tall goldenrod where there were large patches of it, and cutting tree seedlings that we then painted with herbicide. At Midway Heights Elementary, we had a workday with adult volunteers (including some HNPS members) and two 4th-grade classes, where we worked on reclaiming an area that had originally been part of their prairie, but had gradually been mowed away. We put down large pieces of cardboard and mulched them, and planted prairie grasses & forbs. We ran out of time & cardboard, so another workday is scheduled for the afternoon of Nov. 29th, but we got a good start on the project.

COCP also works with other school native plantings. The photo of Russell School is of a pre-school class that was planting and mulching natives in their native butterfly garden. The preschool teachers are often the teachers with the most flexibility, and as a result they often have more openness to having their classes use and improve our outdoor classrooms. I love getting the kids started early, enjoying being outside, and knowing that they can participate in caring for their outdoor spaces. The parents help, so they get to learn about natives as well. > > > > > >

If anyone would like to be involved in a school prairie burn (tiny prairies!) I would highly appreciate knowing I could count on you to help when the prairies at Mill Creek, Blue Ridge and Rock Bridge Elementary are burned. There may be very little notice, depending on weather. If you do sign up for this fun activity, you would not be committing to come, but I hope you can help.

If you would be interested in volunteering during our workdays in one of Columbia's outdoor classrooms, I would be glad to put you on my email list. The work may or may not include working with students, but it generally involves native plants &/or habitats. Sometimes we work with students &/or families, and sometimes we spend time caring for an area of native plantings without students, so that it will be more useable by teachers (and sometimes more acceptable by the administration). You should be able to tell by my emails whether the activities include students or not, if that matters to you. If interested in one of these opportunities, contact me by email at langtrea@gmail.com or by phone 864-7647 .



Burn at Two Mile Prairie School

LL Photo



After fire at Two Mile Prairie School

LL photo

Students mulching native wildflowers at Russell Elementary *LL photo*



Sumac on the edge of prairie planting at Rock Bridge Elementary School.

LL photo

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.

___ 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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