



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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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.

### July

**July is the month to renew.  
Please send your checks to Paula  
so she can record your membership.**

**7 Saturday: Butterfly walk with Donna Brunett at PGT.** See details on the PGT website. To register for the walk email [henry@prairiegardentrust.org](mailto:henry@prairiegardentrust.org). No dogs.

**9 July Membership Meeting 7pm** Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Randall Clark will speak: Costa Rica, Land of Biodiversity.

**19 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts** 11:30 am RagTag, 10 Hitt St. Just south of Broadway.

**15 Saturday, Summer flowers with Wild Ones!** Lisa Beamer's house; call Laura Hillman at home 442-3703 for more information.

### August

**16 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts** 11:30 am RagTag, 10 Hitt St. Just south of Broadway.

### September

**10 Monday: Membership Meeting 7pm** Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd

**15 Saturday: Plant Sale, Bradford Farm**

**28-30 Fri-Sun State Meeting at Cuiver River State Park.** See 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.

**Late October: Wreath workshop**

**Late October Cookout: place and date will be determined.**

### **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 John White, John George, Vanessa Melton-Silvey, Nadia Navarrete-Tindall for their submissions to the newsletter this month.**



## News from Stateside

### Ha Ha Tonka State Park, June 1-3, 2012

*Submitted by John White, Chapter Representative*

The MONPS annual summer meetings and field trips were held at Lake of the Ozarks and Ha Ha Tonka State Parks. Several members stayed at the Econo Lodge in Osage Beach and a few camped out in the State Park. The meetings were held at the Camden County Library in Camdenton.

The Friday evening program was "The HaHa Tonka Oak Woodland Natural Area Expansion". Larry Webb presented a discussion on the continuing landscape restoration, maintenance, and monitoring work being done at HaHa Tonka. The park is 2995 acres, 2500a of those being woodlands. Prescribed fire management and cedar removal stimulates forb production and blooming cycles. No seeding is done in the areas. Burning has resulted in more species richness in birds.

### Saturday Board Meeting Highlights

- The meeting was called to order by President Paul McKenzie. A quorum was present and minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- The fiscal year ends July 1, at which time membership dues are due.
- Treasurer's report was approved. Total operating funds to date are \$17,242.28.
- It was again noted that there is a need for more active members in some of the Chapters, especially younger members able to replace future officer's positions. We should come up with some ways to recruit new members.
- There is a consensus that the Petal Pusher will eventually be sent by email to all members. Those members with no email address or do not want their email address known will still receive a hard copy, if we can find someone willing to keep the mailing and email addresses current. Another possibility is to put the Petal Pusher on the new MONPS Website when Brian Edmond is able to get it up and running and kept current.
- Concerning the Website, there has been no response from Dave Winn. Brian is willing to set up a new Domain and move on at this point. This will take more of Brian's time and will no doubt delay progress on the MONPS Statewide Locality Database.
- The Society has 329 members to date. 69 members are in the Hawthorn Chapter.
- John Richter is now the new Kansas City Chapter President and Chapter Representative.
- The fall meeting of MONPS will be held at Cuivre River State Park. Lodging is available in Troy, MO, as well as camping at the State Park. This area is just north of St. Louis. **All members and guests are always welcome at the State meetings. If you don't wish to attend the general meeting or board meeting the field trips are always well worth the trip, especially if you have never seen a particular area. Details will be in the July-August Petal Pusher.**

## Stanton Hudson Memorial Fund Student Research Award

Alice Tipton has been chosen out of 7 applicants to receive the Hudson Award. She is studying at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Her study is entitled "Restoration at the roots: *Rudbeckia missouriensis* and its effect on mycorrhizal interactions and dolomite glade restoration". Congratulations, Alice.

### Where are the Field Trip Reports?

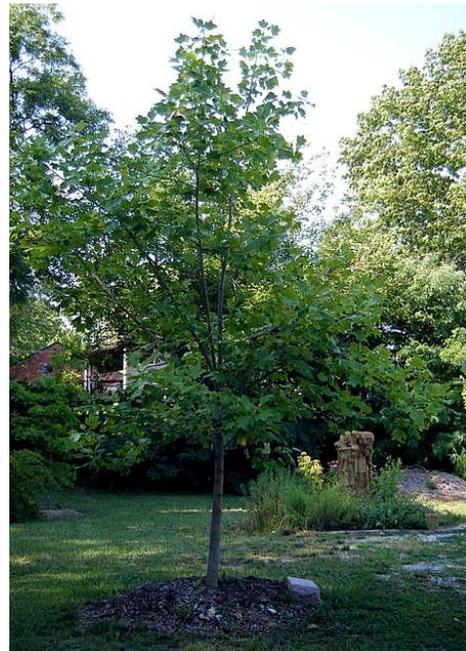
I apologize for not including the trail hikes in this issue. I went to the first field trip on Friday as this was the hike to the Oak Woodland Natural Area Expansion, which I had never seen. Just past the trail entrance was a rather steep, rocky slope with sparse grass, dirt, and loose rocks. Leaving out all the details, I proceeded to fall head first down the slope. I got up, thought I was OK. However, my knee was swollen and sore. I determined that I should not continue on this trail. Since I didn't want to hold everyone up on the hikes or risk falling again, I did not attend the remaining field trips. I will Endeavour to do better next time.

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## Memorial Tree Update

*Submitted by Vanessa Silvey*

I was thinking to myself the other day I hadn't seen the memorial tree in Rocheport for a while and I knew it was time to check up on it. For those of you who are new members the tree I am talking about is a tulip poplar planted in memory of a former long-time member, Marge McDermott who passed away a few years ago. It was planted on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, dedicated on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and taken care of by Jean Graebner for a year or two after it was planted in the trailside park. If you would like to see it in person it can be found on the south side of the park located on Central St. in Rocheport next to the MKT Trail.





**Cooperative Extension presents:  
Bringing Nature Home with Doug Tallamy  
at Lincoln University**

*Submitted by Nadia Navarrete-Tindall*

Celebrated author Doug Tallamy will speak at Lincoln University in Jefferson City on Thursday, August 30, 2012. Tallamy's lecture will be followed by a special Missouri Prairie Foundation/Grow Native! 'transplanting ceremony', book signing, native plant hors d'oeuvres and tours at the Native Plant Outdoor Laboratory at the Lincoln University campus. This event is sponsored and organized by Lincoln University Cooperative Extension's Native Plant Program in collaboration with the Missouri Prairie Foundation and Missouri Wildflowers Nursery.

Tallamy's presentation will be at 9:30 a.m. in Scruggs University Center, 819 Chestnut Street. Free parking will be at Dickinson Research Center, 1219 Chestnut Street, with shuttles to event from 8:15 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. Tickets: \$10 general public and \$5 for students with valid ID. Because seating will be limited; advanced registration is advised. Please send checks made out to Lincoln University to Ms. Shirley Downing, 900 Chestnut, Allen Hall Room 102, Jefferson City, MO 65101 regarding 'Bringing Nature Home' event. Check should be postmarked no later than August 15.

If you have any questions or would like to prepare a special dish with native plants please contact Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall at (573) 681-5392 or [navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu](mailto:navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu). Part of the money collected from registrations will be used to enhance a native plant garden by the Student Support Services facilities at the LU campus. Volunteers are welcome.

## **Instructions for planting perennials in hot, dry weather**

1. Soak the soil, slowly, where you will be planting.
2. Dig the hole about twice as wide and deep as the size of the container.
3. Amend the soil [clay] in the hole with some kind of decomposed biological stuff [= decomposed compost, manure, leaves] but nothing with a high nitrogen content. This necessitates breaking clay into small chunks and mixing with compost. DO NOT use a potting soil mix to amend the planting site.
4. Soak the potted plant before planting.
5. After removing the plastic pot, set plant in hole so crown is ABOVE ground level.
6. Press soil/compost around plant FIRMLY [not hard-packed]. Wild perennials' roots do NOT grow through air spaces.
7. Put a shallow layer of garden soil over the top of the mix the plant is in. If this step is missed, Sun/heat/wind will dry the block of medium the plant started in and it will die quickly.
8. Gently pour a bucket of water into/over the hole and new plant until it is 'full'.
9. Use your foot to press the undisturbed soil from outside > in, around the plant.
10. If your foot sinks into the mud, you need more dirt to fill the air pockets. Most upland native plants do not appreciate being below the natural soil level.
11. Add water and repeat until bubbles stop coming up.
12. Usually about 3-4 gallons of wood chips is enough to mulch each new plant. Cover the planting site with about 2-3 inches [= second knuckle to crotch of middle finger]. Pull mulch away from crown of new plant.
13. Before successive watering of your new plant, stick a finger through the mulch to test for dampness. If clay comes out on the tip of your finger, the plant probably is OK. Soak plant if finger comes out clean. Water thoroughly if plant is droopy.
14. After a hard freeze, mark the plant. Sometime during the winter add 1-2 inches of mulch. Native perennials will come up through loose mulch. Wood chips keep nitrogen and weed seeds busy so they germinate weakly and are easy to pull if they come up at all.
15. Depending on the natural needs of your new native perennial and rainfall, you might not need any more care of your plant. Usually after 2 years, if your plant is thriving, besides mulching once each winter, it will need no more care.
16. Contact the Hawthorn Chapter of Missouri Native Plant Society [www.columbianativeplants.org](http://www.columbianativeplants.org) for more information. You receive regular information if you join the group. See site for membership options.

**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.  
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**Send check and this form to:** Paula Peters, 2216 Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia, MO 65202 **RENEW IN JULY**

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**July 1 through June 30.**

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