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Future Activities

Watch email for email 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 Paula for more information.** Carpool meeting place, commuter parking lot at AC and US63.

We will no longer offer planned tours of local wild areas. Occasionally one will be posted on the calendar. Otherwise, only interested members will be contacted by email a few days in advance of a mosey activity. As stated above, let your ideas for a mosey location be noticed. We will let the rest of the local membership know about the visit to your favorite location.

DUES ARE DUE

Use the form on the last page of this document and send to Paula – address on form.

August

1 Thursday –Organic gardening workshop at Bradford Farm. We will set up booth for teaching and small plant sales. Ann and Becky will have a booth inside for information and plant display. There will be no plant sales. You are encouraged to either sign up for the OG workshop or come help with the booth. Becky will give a presentation on attracting native pollinators to crops with native flowers.

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

September

8 Monday Regular Membership Meeting, 7 PM Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd.

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September state fieldtrip/meeting

[NE] Kirksville, Morris Prairie and Union Ridge CA
See MONPS facebook page for details.

Winter - December 7, 2013 – Columbia, Dunn-Palmer Herbarium

Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the website up to date. We would like to get announcements, impressions, species accounts, poems, links to scientific articles or other creative nature writing from you, too.



Announcements:

Petal Pusher: Proposed Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Petal Pusher Editor

Please don't be annoyed that you will read a similar article in the upcoming Petal Pusher. I just want to make sure everyone understands: YOU need to tell us what you want. We need to know if you can do without the PP delivered in print on paper.

As Petal Pusher [PP] Editor, I have been sending PP to members of Hawthorn Chapter via email since I started with the January 2013 issue. You were able to get it with color photos and get it early enough to plan for state field trips.

If all of us with email accounts accept E-delivery, we could save the state over \$1500, possibly \$2000 per year in printing and postage costs. As we transition into E-delivery of PP, I must have your permission to stop receiving the printed, mailed, paper copy from St Louis. There will be another announcement in the September PP with directions on how to accomplish this transition. PLEASE respond to these directions not to this announcement.

I believe the BOD wants paper copies to continue to be mailed until they are satisfied the E-delivery is satisfactorily received by most of the membership. So you will get both for a while. Hopefully the transition will be complete by January 2014. Be patient; old wheels turn slowly.



**Most members have
paid next year's dues,
PLEASE RENEW**



Mosey at Tucker Prairie



BE photo

Nancy and her son David, Roy, Ray and Becky had a pleasant hour on the morning of Tuesday 2 July investigating Tucker Prairie located on the west edge of Kingdom City. They were greeted near the west entrance, by a meadow full of bunch flower [*Melantheum virginicum* photo]. Some of the highlights were finding coral bells, shooting star, Sullivan's milkweed, milk vetch, and cream indigo. They all wished they could have shared exploring with more people. Will you go with us next time?

July 18 Lunch at RagTag

Meet for lunch 11:30 at RagTag, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway]. Lunches have been well attended this winter and spring with lively discussions. Hope to see you there.



Our Network

Look for announcements by email of activities with Missouri Prairie Foundation [MPF], WildOnes [WO] Columbia Audubon Society [CAS] and training from Stream Team and MO Master Naturalists. Other pertinent information comes from Plant Conservation Alliance [PCA]. Direct membership in all of these is free or nominal and can bring you a wealth of information on natural environmental issues. You won't have this source forever.



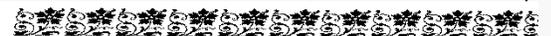
Don't forget to keep a

journal of first leaves, first flowers, first seed and report it to Bud Burst. Search the NRCS Plant Database on line for plant identification and habitat needs.



Project Table is still available ONLY \$100

Large sturdy plywood table with folding legs. So you can store it against a wall. Well made by a cabinet maker. 3' by 8' with 4" skirts for stability; all varnished. The pocket change requested [only \$100; really worth about \$400] goes back into the chapter educational grant fund. Call Becky 657-2314 for viewing and pickup.



***Exchange screen time
for green time!***



Nadia's Garden

Lots of insects are visiting these plants: skippers and yellow sulphur butterflies, bumble bees, sweat bees, honey bees, syrphid flies, wasps and more.

Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*),

Blazing star (*Liatris pycnostachya*),

partridge pea (*Chamaecrista fasciculata*).

Smooth sumac (*Rhus glabra*) and cup plant (*Silphium perfoliata*) in the background.



Becky's Garden

Wingstem sunflower [*Verbesina helianthoides*] has faded from its June bloom, but others have replaced its glory:

prairie blazing star/gayfeather [*Liatris pycnostachya*]

rattlesnake master [*Eryngium yuccafolium*],

grayhead [*Ratibida pinnata*]



Rosa setigera blooming in June

has given way to

Hibiscus militaris



Plan for the future, Time to think about collecting seed for fall planting. Connect with a knowledgeable member to learn how to identify and collect seed for a wildlife planting.

As soon as it starts raining again this fall, it will be good for planting potted perennials. Becky maintains a nursery for Hawthorn Chapter = about 30 species and some wetland plants. Buying from 'us' is really a donation to our educational grant fund. Call for an appointment, 657-2314.

Think ahead!

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)

Don't wait until your name is removed from the mailing list. Send your dues to Paula now.

*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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July 1 through June 30. Dues are Due NOW!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: Evening _____

Day or Cell _____

Email: _____

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