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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.

October

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

November

3 Sunday: Wreath workshop and potluck. 12 to 4-ish. See article inside for location and information

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

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December

7 Saturday, 2013, 10 am Winter State Meeting -- Columbia, Dunn-Palmer Herbarium
Everyone is welcome, especially guests.

Thanks to Ann Wakeman and Lea Langdon for their submissions. 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.

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.

News from Stateside

Submitted by Ann Wakeman, Chapter Representative

Missouri Native Plant Society fall board meeting in Fulton, Missouri. September 20-22. Friday evening program presented by George Yatskievych An Overview of the Flora of Missouri project. His just published third volume of the Flora of Missouri is a celebration of an enormous undertaking. First printed in 1963, the Flora of Missouri, by Julian Steyermark, was one of the first of its kind for state floras. Dr. Yatskievych has revised this tome covering more introduced plant species, wider distribution maps as botanists fill in gaps in areas not as thoroughly botanized in the previous work, as well as more up to date information. He brought copies of this volume for members to purchase and have signed.

Saturday morning field trip was to the Prairie Garden Trust. Lorna Domke greeted participants at the Center, provided an overview of the property with an enlarged map. Following the proposed route, we hiked along prairie plantings started by Dr. Herb and Joan Domke. We continued to recently opened savannas maintained now by periodic prescribed fire to an overlook onto the area long occupied heron rookery; crossed a glade containing a mixture of sandstone and limestone, giving an interesting mix of species. Further down the wooded hill, was Hiller's Creek with bluffs and a fossilized coral reef from the Devonian period. On returning to the center, participants enjoyed their lunches on the porch. Saturday afternoon was a field trip to Prairie Fork Conservation Area to see plantings done by Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Prairie Foundation as well as the facility to native seed processing for these plantings.

Saturday evening board meeting called to order by president Paul McKenzie about 7 pm.

- Treasurer report: MoNPS is in good standing financially.
- Petal Pusher: Further discussion regarding future of electronic versions of the Petal Pusher. Questions were raised about members who do not have access to email and Institutions receiving copies. Those will not change still receive paper copies. All members Must notify the Petal Pusher editor (Becky) of their preference of delivery.
- Another issue that was discussed is the introduction of cattle into Natural Area prairies according to the patch-burn grazing program set up to encourage prairie chickens. A committee headed up by John Oliver was appointed and John will send MDC our opinion as soon as a good letter is drafted.
- MoNPS Website: The current webmaster is unable to maintain this website, so Brian or John will attempt to contact him so another webmaster can take over.
- Missouriensis: George Y. states the next copy will be out the beginning of 2014.
- Membership: With 10 new members, 3 for the new St. Joseph chapter, current membership is now 340.
- Awards Committee: Volunteers were solicited for this committee and consists of Michele (chair), Rex and Casey.
- Discussion of a new award was tabled as Jack Harris was not in attendance to present it.
- Due to time constraints, chapter reports were not given, but need to be passed along to the secretary, Casey.

Meeting adjourned about 9 pm.



George signs Flora of MO 3 as members visit *BE photo*



George identifies a goldenrod at PGT *BE photo*



Petal Pusher: Proposed Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Petal Pusher Editor

I have responses from 12 of the 50-something chapter members receiving email delivery of news. **I must have one personal response from each member to make this work.** YOU need to tell us what you want. We need to know if you can do without the PP delivered in print on paper.

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 November PP. PLEASE respond as quickly as possible.

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.

Announcements



September, 2013 Meeting Presentation

Submitted by Lea Langdon, Secretary

Lea Langdon presented information about the Columbia Outdoor Classroom Monarch Project Grant that she worked with this past year. The grant provided two second grade teachers at Midway Heights with \$149 for milkweed and other native plants, butterfly nets, a pop-up butterfly “pavilion”, and butterfly and caterpillar field guides. The educational component was supplied by the Columbia Outdoor Classroom Project, which consists of three naturalists (Lea Langdon, Meredith Donaldson, and Lori McCurdy) who are dedicated to sharing nature with teachers and students, with the goal of increasing the use of outdoor classrooms for learning.

We got a late start, with the grant being approved in late fall. In early spring we modeled teaching about pollinators and monarchs with several activities. First we gave an interactive presentation about pollinators in general and monarchs in particular, in their amphitheater. Several weeks later our next activity was supposed to be planting of milkweeds in their butterfly garden. Surprisingly, when we arrived at school that day, the first thing we saw was bright orange fencing surrounding their prairie planting. Talking to the administration we discovered that over the summer there was to be a major construction project that would pave over their wildflower gardens, and there was no plan to rescue the many native plants that had been there for years. We changed our plan for that day and had the students play the “Monarch Migration Game”. The students became migrating monarchs and had to attempt to survive the many hardships that real monarchs face on their long journeys to and from their winter homes in Mexico.

After that, we helped the school come up with a plan to create a new wildflower garden out of harm’s way. We helped others from the school with a workday to rescue the plants and replant them safely. Then, right before the beginning of summer vacation, the second graders finally had a chance to plant milkweeds, and other native plants. The teachers and students had learned how important milkweeds are for monarch caterpillars, but also how it is important to have a variety of native nectar plants, for adult monarchs and for other pollinators. The teachers are excited about sharing what they learned with their next classes, and hope to see some monarchs this coming year. They plan to have the students use I-Pads to record their activities, and to use the Monarch Watch website.

Oct 17 Thurs Lunch at RagTag

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



November 3 Sunday Wreath Workshop and Potluck

at Nancy Breakage's house **Sun Nov 3, 12 to 4-ish.**
7852 S. Hill Creek Road.

Directions: from Columbia travel all the way south on Providence Road to Route K at Rockbridge Elementary School. Take Route K south (toward McBaine) 1.3 miles to left on Hill Creek Road, continue 1.3 miles on Hill Creek to 7852 on the left (look for a big mailbox).

Bring a wreath base (\$3-\$4 at craft stores) - or two, 24 to 26-gauge wire (\$2 at craft stores), plant clippers and some interesting dried plant parts from your garden or a wild area [shake the seeds out there]. Some cedar boughs with blue berries will be brought by Ann, but if you want to trim your female tree, bring those branches.

For pot luck bring your favorite protein for yourself and a side dish to share. A hot oven or microwave will be available to prepare your meat. Paper plates, plastic ware and drinks are provided, or bring your own. Plans are to eat 12 -1:00 p.m.

Plan to arrive 11:30-12:00 if you can only come for the meal. I hope you’ll come for both.



Students playing Monarch Migration Game.

LL photo



Midway butterfly garden after construction salvage.
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)

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.
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