



# Missouri Native Plant Society

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### Newsletter

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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 or Paula 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. **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.

### August

**21 Thursday Lunch** with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 at RagTag 10 Hitt Street = just south of Broadway. Good food; lively conversation regarding plant management, environment, etc.

### September

**6 Saturday Dining Wild at LU 3 to 9 PM. See article inside. Reservations due 23 Aug.**

**8 Monday 7 PM Membership Meeting** Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program TBA.

**MONPS Fall Meeting and Field Trips (September 12-14, 2014) – Cape Girardeau, MO.**

We may visit Trail of Tears State Park, Sand Prairie Conservation Area, Kelso Sanctuary. See details in next Petal Pusher. All are welcomed and you may invite friends and family.

**18 Thursday Lunch** with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 at RagTag 10 Hitt Street = just south of Broadway. Good food; lively conversation regarding plant management, environment, etc

### October

**16 Thursday Lunch** with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 at RagTag 10 Hitt Street = just south of Broadway. Good food; lively conversation regarding plant management, environment, etc

Look for a wreath workshop late in October. Collect dried native plant materials suitable for wreath-making.

### November

**10 Monday 7 PM Membership Meeting** Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program TBA.

Thanks to Boyd Terry and Nadia Navarrete-Tindall for their submissions Thanks to the few who spoke up about Jean Graebner. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the website up to date. Please send new photos to Doug.

We would like to get announcements, impressions, species accounts, photos, poems, links to scientific articles or other creative nature writing from you, too.

# Announcements

## Chapter Meeting Minutes July 14

*Submitted by Boyd Terry Secretary*

**The meeting** was called to order by President Denny Donnell and minutes reviewed of last meeting of May 12. as published in the newsletter. Fifteen members were present. Items of interest included an estimated \$280 in sales from the Bradford Farm Quail Day. Dues are in arrears as of July 1, 2014.

A moment of remembrance and tribute to Jean Graebner was celebrated.

**New Business:** A major participatory activity project over the next 3 years to reclaim open land into native prairie at the Columbia Audubon-Bonnyview property. The combined efforts of Columbia Parks and Recreation, Native Plant Society, Columbia Audubon, Master Naturalists are focused. We should begin to collect native plant seeds with proper labels which can be stored with Becky Erickson. Several dedicated naturalists serve on the committee to propel this project to its finish. Volunteers for seed collection will be needed for the next two years

**Activities:** No meeting for August and October. Next meeting September 8, the second Monday at the Universalist Church 7:00 pm. Each third Thursday informal Native Plant lunch is held at the Rag Tag. See the newsletter for other details.

**Program:** Becky Erickson provided the expertise for the very lively session of plant identification with a competitive quiz to identify 18 demo native plants. This was a competition among all present and Lea Langdon claimed first prize with 14 correct. Laura Hillman, Linda and Gary Shillito tied for second. They divided the demo plants equitably for their own gardens. For the second part of the activity, members brought unknown plants for identification which brought keen interest from the group. 29 plants were juried and confirmed by Becky Erickson with eager discussion and contemplation. Supplemental to this, Becky led a discussion about various sunflower species and also the importance of legumes for the native plant environment.



**Dues are Due  
Please  
Send to Paula**



### Lunch at RagTag Thurs 21 August

Meet for lunch 11:30 at RagTag, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway. Lunches have been well attended with lively discussions about plant and landscape management, alien control, and plans for the next activity. Hope to see you there.

**Turn screen time to green time;  
get outside!**



**UM Herbarium:** Paul McKenzie announced the likelihood of the Herbarium being closed. Seems botanical science and Herbaria aren't as important anymore. MoBOT only has limited storage without building another building and cannot absorb these specimen, some dating from the 1700's. This would be a loss for future research potential on past plant specimens.



*Wood lily MR photo*

## Outdoor Classroom Project

If you would like to get involved in this project, we are working a couple hours about every other week. This is a good opportunity to see a few Missouri native plants and take home some seedlings. On the other hand, an additional opportunity to learn how to suppress alien invasive species.

**If you have questions, please contact Lea at [langtrea@gmail.com](mailto:langtrea@gmail.com) or 854-7647.**



## Ideas for Meeting Presentations? Send them to Nadia

**Please send any ideas for future meeting presentations to Nadia at [navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu](mailto:navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu) .**

Suggestions for presentation subjects from the meeting included: insect pollinators, mushrooms, and more environmental connections. Please send in what YOU want to learn about. Some topics presented in the past were, controlled fires, how to install a perennial garden, propagating natives, bring in specimens for identification, photography, mosses, tree id, , , the choice is yours.



## Petal Pusher: Change in Delivery

*Submitted by Becky Erickson Petal Pusher Editor*

**I would still appreciate more responses for Petal Pusher delivery by email.** As we transition into E-delivery of PP, I must have your permission to stop receiving the printed, mailed, paper copy from St Louis. Send requests to: [beckyerick711@centurylink.net](mailto:beckyerick711@centurylink.net)

# Remembering Jean

*Compiled by Becky Erickson, Editor*

## From Edge Wade

This is Jean Graebner of Rocheport who served as ASM treasurer for many years. Born April 28, 1926, died June 30, 2014 after a three year battle with cancer. Jean was an active, determined redhead. Her lively approach to birding was an inspiration to many, and her spontaneous smile was a joy to birding companions. Jean was the proud owner of a copy of a dog-eared birding guide autographed by Roger Peterson. Many Columbians have shared birding experiences with Jean.

From the Columbia Tribune obituaries:

[http://www.columbiatribune.com/obituaries/jean-graebner/article\\_5a31825b-5bd1-5bcc-8632-a564c394be25.html](http://www.columbiatribune.com/obituaries/jean-graebner/article_5a31825b-5bd1-5bcc-8632-a564c394be25.html) Jean was active in many organizations, including the Prairie Foundation, the Conservation Federation of Missouri, the Sierra Club, the Nature Conservancy, the World Wildlife Federation, the Missouri State Park Association, the Friends of Rock Bridge, the Hawthorn Native Plant Society and the Columbia Audubon Society. Jean served as secretary for both the Native Plant Society and the Audubon Society. In 2009, Jean received the Blazing Star Award from the Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society and in 2010 received the John E. Wylie Service Award for 20 years of service in promoting and advocating the values of our natural heritage and the native flora of Missouri.

## From Nancy Brakhage

Our wonderful celebration of the nation's birthday has become a traditional gathering for my extraordinary but scattered family. Jean's passing was in a very busy time for me, but she would have understood that family was a special priority. Jean was dedicated to the Columbia Audubon Society and its mission, but also to native plants and was an effective and productive member of the local Hawthorn Chapter, Missouri Native Plant Society [MONPS]. We worked together to archive its history at the Missouri Historical Society, and to move the chapter into the digital age with its first web page. Jean was generous to share her property on Roby Farm Road for chapter activities and for all of us to view and appreciate a part of it that she had restored to prairie. With her good friend and neighbor, Marge McDermott, she fought for scenic road designation for Roby Farm Road. In 2010 she received the MONPS's John E. Wylie award for exceptional service to the Society and its mission. We shared a background (the Great Depression, WWII) and a devoted regard to the natural world. We have lost a good friend and an important advocate.

## *How Jean helped our Chapter and the Columbia community [part of the Wiley Service Award nomination by Nancy Brakhage]*

Jean served five terms as the hardworking and effective secretary of the Hawthorn Chapter! We all know the importance of keeping good records and the diligence it requires. She is a graduate of the University of Missouri. She worked as a journalist and later, after earning a master's degree, as a teacher for 26 years. Jean also served as Hawthorn Chapter representative to the state society and has held offices in the local Audubon Society and Friends of Rock Bridge. She served seven years on the committee that arranges programs for chapter meetings (sometimes she IS the committee). She contributes to the field trip committee.

Jean generously hosted workshops, meetings and field trips at her home (many allowed the chapter to gather to make Christmas wreaths to generate income). She has invited members and the public to view and learn about 3 acres she has restored to prairie.

Jean was always willing to participate in staffing booths set up at public events to educate about native plants and the Native Plant Society. She ably shared information and experience with visitors, and helped to sell plants and books. Not just once in a while but 4 to 6 times each year after year.

Jean was responsible for storing notes recording our history and most of the Hawthorn chapter newsletters in the archives at the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Her efforts expanded to Columbia Parks with influence of management as natural areas and the building of Kiosks at Grindstone Nature Area and MKT Nature Trail at Forum. She expended loving effort to install and maintain wildflower beds along public pathways in various parks.

## From Jean Everett

I do not have anything nearly as funny as the Eagle Bluff story - that brought tears of laughter, which is the way any of us should be remembered, don't you think? I don't have the depth of my Mom's [Nancy B.] memories. But I do have very fond memories of Jean (and Marge!). She was a remarkable woman, strong and true. I'll remember her with great affection.

From Jean Leonatti: A sweet lady with a great sense of humor, always in a positive mood.

## From Ann Wakeman:

One instance I shared with Jean – a number of years ago when Jean was serving one term of Chapter Rep and I was State bod secretary, we drove Mike's new Intrepid to Rock Port, MO. We had a good laugh as we looked over the car's dashboard and saw the 'message center'. What did that mean? Did Mike leave a message for us, so we started pushing buttons on the touch pad. Finally surmised it was where all the idiot lights were arranged. Jean was such a fun, supportive, independent and strong woman to be around. She will always have a warm spot in my heart.

## Dining Wild at LU

Submitted by Nadia Navarrete-Tindall,  
Lincoln University Native Plants Program

Lincoln University Cooperative Extension's (LUCE) Native Plants Program (NPP) in Jefferson City is having a **Dining Wild experience on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Scruggs University Center at Lincoln University 820 Chestnut St. Jefferson City, MO. Garden tours and mixer 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.**

**Dinner and presentations 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.**  
*A full course dinner prepared with native edible plants and locally grown meat and produce will be served. Menu includes appetizers, entrée, salad, side dishes, desserts and local wine samples.*

This dining experience will include optional native plant garden tours, educational exhibits, a social mixer, presentations and dinner.

Registration and exhibits start at 3 p.m. at Lincoln's Scruggs University Center lobby located at 820 Chestnut Street. Garden tours leave from Scruggs at 3:15 and 4:15 p.m., followed by a social mixer from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Scruggs lobby where wine samples and appetizers will be served. At the Scruggs Ballroom Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, LUCE State Extension Specialist will offer presentation Native Edibles of Missouri followed by dinner. Special guest Mr. Bill Rupert, horticulturist and native landscaper will present 'Landscaping with Native Plants' at 7:30 p.m.

Most of the meal, appetizers and beverages will include or be flavored with native edible plants such as dittany, stinging nettle, sumac and wild leeks. Locally grown produce and meats; such as buffalo meatloaf with wild leeks will be served.

The cost of the event is \$25. Check with name and contact information should be sent to Lincoln University Cooperative Extension (LUCE) c/o Shirley Downing, 900 Chestnut Street, Allen Hall Room 102, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by **August 23**.

Dr. Navarrete-Tindall says, "**The primary mission for LUCE's NPP is to increase awareness about native plant diversity and the importance for conservation and wildlife in urban and rural areas. An important goal of the NPP is to evaluate native plants with potential as specialty crops. During this event participants will have the opportunity to taste some of these edible native plants and learn to prepare them.**"

For more information, special accommodations or about having a booth please **contact Amy Hempen at [HempenA@LincolnU.edu](mailto:HempenA@LincolnU.edu) or call at (573) 819-3553.**



Jean received the John Wiley award for exceptional service to MONPS and a hug from Nancy Brakhage.



VM-S photo



Last fall Jean sent me a holiday card because I had visited her a couple of times and she knew I would be seeing her friends to deliver the message she sent:

Dear Native Plant Friends, This holiday season is a time when you look back and remember all your good friends and the good times shares. Merry Christmas and best wishes for a wonderful, fulfilling year; I will be thinking of you often.

Jean

We will be thinking of you often, too.

This page is empty because additional submissions from Hawthorn members are of substance and interest to be published in the next Petal Pusher.

Be sure to read the Petal Pusher when it comes out in mid-August by email or the end of August by USPS.

If you haven't signed up for email delivery you are missing out on more information, color photos and faster delivery.

Sign up by asking Becky [beckyerick711@centurylink.net](mailto:beckyerick711@centurylink.net)

Send submissions any time to the same address.

Renew by sending the last page [filled out] to Paula. If you find this is a hassle every year, maybe you would like to enroll as a life member – note there are two life memberships = one for state and one for chapter.

## 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.**

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

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