



Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter 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.** Occasionally a mosey will be posted on the calendar. 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 destination.

Dues are Due. Please Send to Paula before the Holidays.

18 December Thursday: Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. **11:30 am.** RagTag-10 Hitt St [just south of Broadway] **This is our only activity in December. Please join us as a break from shopping or as an uplifting chat among friends during the short days of winter.** Always a lively informal discussion regarding management of natives and eradication of aliens. All are invited.

12 January 6 pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program is planning for next year's activities. Please come to give us your ideas for your favorite wild area for a mosey to discover wild native plants. All new people and guests are welcome. In case of a blizzard, a reschedule date is Monday 19 January.

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Ideas for Meeting Programs? Send them to Nadia

Please send any ideas for future meeting presentations to Nadia at 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

Newsletters: Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Hawthorn and Petal Pusher Editor

MONPS is sending Petal Pusher to 160 by email delivery. I see from the membership roster that at least double that number has an email address but has not requested electronic delivery. **We would still appreciate responses for both chapter and Petal Pusher delivery by email from the folks getting only the paper copy.** As we transition into E-delivery of PP, **I must have your permission to stop receiving the printed, mailed, paper copy from us and from St Louis.** Send requests to: beckyerick711@centurylink.net

Thanks to Boyd Terry, Lea Langdon, and Paula Peters for their submissions. 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

Wreath Workshop Sunday, Nov. 16

We had a great day at Nancy's house. She had a cheery fire in the basement fireplace and several tables set up. We had plenty of room in a warm place to bring in many large sacks of plant materials to make some beautiful wreaths and not be worried about a mess on the floor. Ann Wakeman provided fresh cedar.

Lunch was totally satisfying. Several diverse dishes were offered: green salad, roast chicken, squash and apple casserole, fava beans, hummus and corn chips, lemon cake, pumpkin pie, apple pie, and cookies.

Lea, Paula, Vanessa, Nancy, Laura, Ann, and Becky benefitted from the activity and took home good memories and a festive holiday decoration for the door.



Outdoor Classroom Activities

Submitted by Lea Langdon

This fall the Rock Bridge Elementary Adventure Club students have enjoyed taking part in stewardship activities in their Outdoor Classroom. They spent one afternoon removing *Sericea lespedeza* from their prairie area, making a small dent in what has become a problem area. Volunteers have been out there three other times working on the *Sericea*, once with a 4th grade class. A couple students were having so much fun they asked if they could do this during lunch recess, but unfortunately their recess is so short it was not possible. There are still more very seedy plants and one of the new Mo Master Naturalist volunteers has plans to get out there again this fall to take them out. I hope there is energy earlier next year to take out plants by the roots, before they seed, &/or to hit them with some herbicide.

Adventure Club also has worked two afternoons on reclaiming their native butterfly garden. It had been taken over by grass, weeds and tree seedlings, and this fall they worked on seedling removal and putting down cardboard & mulch over the weeds & grasses. After working hard, they enjoyed eating the persimmons that were growing there. The difference looks amazing! Many thanks to the volunteers who worked with the students to make these stewardship activities possible.

Next spring we plan to get some students involved in planting more native pollinator plants to add to what has been rescued from the brush.

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 or 854-7647.

Nov. Chapter Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Boyd E. Terry, Sec'y

The meeting was convened November 10, 2014 at 6:00pm at the Unitarian Universalist church in Columbia with 12 present including two new attendees, Sandy Burd and Lauren Svoma.

The program was an exercise in plant identification led by Anne Wakeman, Lea Langdon and Becky Erickson with group participation. Grasses, *Asclepias*, *Silphium*, *Liatris*, *Lespedeza* were emphasized plus other "what is it?" from the group. Sharing of this information engaged everyone and contributed to understanding of undesirable species. Herbicide recommendations directed to autumn olive, bush honeysuckle and *Sericea* were to avoid Tordon [at all costs to the environment] and favor Pathway and Pasture Guard on dicots as safer and stronger than Roundup [generic glyphosate]. Use glyphosate during strong growing season to eliminate all vegetation for habitat reconstruction. [ask a posted member for specific dilution on specific types of vegetation].

BUSINESS: September minutes were reviewed.

Treasurer's report, debit of \$300 for meeting site expense paid to UU Church, Credit \$562 from membership dues and plant sales, with current account value \$11,163.

Bill Mees representing Columbia Audubon Society reviewed status of prairie restoration at Bonnyview property. Herbicide application twice completed and ongoing seed harvest continues anticipating planting one year from now. 120 hours at a grant credit of \$22.70 per hour [that is \$2724 credit toward the cost of spraying or seed.] Seeds are stored with Becky Erickson for the next year until planting date TBT. [Much more seed will be collected next year. We will need YOUR help.]

Becky Erickson noted challenges with email transmission of the newsletter and Petal Pusher and would appreciate comments from receivers.

Calendar items: Nov 16 Sunday 11:30 to 4:00 at Nancy Brakhage's home for holiday wreath workshop. Please bring side dish; entre' and dinnerware provided. Nov 20, Thursday lunch at Rag Tag. December 7, holiday party [**ed note: cancelled**]; look for email for details.

January 12 6:00 pm next Hawthorn meeting – we will be having officer elections and planning for 2015 activities. We want your ideas, so please attend.



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 18 Dec.

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.

Election at the January Meeting

The Chapter Bylaws have not been published for a few years, although they are posted on our web site. Since we have an election coming up at the January meeting, a couple of us thought it a good idea to post the bylaws so they would be available to follow.

We elected a President and Treasurer in Jan of 2013. Nadia volunteered to fill out the one year left for the VP. So we need to elect a VP, Secretary, and Chapter Rep. All of the people in these jobs are eligible for another term. They could all be re-elected, but since this is a democratic group meaning everyone participates, **we would greatly**

appreciate some new people to fill these posts. You might feel busy at the moment, but you will have time later to attend one of these positions. Contact an officer to volunteer.

Note in the bylaws you may participate in any meeting by proxy: send an email to an officer explaining your idea and voting preference, but we would appreciate your presence.

We are also very much in need of someone to keep books, t-shirts, and pamphlets for the booth; keep an inventory and re-stock them. This is a major piece of our purpose statement about public education. Paula has done it faithfully for years and wishes to pass the duties on.

Bylaws of the Hawthorn Chapter Missouri Native Plant Society (revised May 2008)

ARTICLE I. Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of the chapter shall be known as the Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society.

Section 2. **The purpose of the Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society is to promote the enjoyment, preservation, conservation, restoration, and study of flora native to Missouri, public education of the value of the native flora and its habitat, and publication of related information.**

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Membership in this Chapter shall be open to all persons interested in the purposes of the Chapter and the State Society upon application to the Chapter Treasurer or the State Treasurer, accompanied by remittance for dues as hereinafter provided. Membership classifications shall be set forth by the State Society with Chapter dues added to these levels.

Section 2. Each member shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

Section 3. A member who cannot attend a meeting may vote by an absentee ballot or by giving a proxy for the desired vote to one of the officers of the Chapter.

ARTICLE III. Meetings

An annual meeting of this Chapter shall be held at the date and place to be decided by the officers at the end of the Chapter's fiscal year. Regular meetings of the membership shall be as determined by the officers. All members shall be notified in writing of the meetings. Any motion or decision placed before the membership at duly held meetings shall be passed by a simple majority of the members present at the meeting **plus any absentee or proxy votes which had been submitted to the officers.**

ARTICLE IV. Dues

Dues shall be fixed and revised as needed by the Chapter Officers.

ARTICLE V. Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chapter Representative who shall be elected to two (2) year terms with the President and Secretary elected in odd numbered years and Vice-President, Treasurer and Chapter Representative elected in even numbered years. No individual shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Officers shall serve without compensation.

Section 2. The President shall preside at meetings of the membership and of the officers and shall perform the recognized functions of the office.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President, **shall be a member of at least one committee**, and shall perform the recognized functions of the office. He or she shall become President if the office of President becomes vacant before expiration of the President's term.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the officers and the membership.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain accurate accounts of the transactions of the Chapter, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, and disbursements. The Treasurer shall deposit all money in the name and to the credit of the Chapter with depositories as may be designated by the officers or the membership. He or she shall disburse the funds of the Chapter as may be ordered by the officers, shall render to the President or membership, whenever requested, an account of all transactions and of the financial condition of the Chapter, and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the membership or the Chapter bylaws. The Treasurer shall maintain a roster of all active members.

Section 6. The Chapter Representative represents the Chapter at board meetings of the State Society. The Chapter Representative reports activities of the Chapter to the board and is a voting member of the board. The Chapter Representative may be represented by an alternative at board meetings by presenting to the board a written statement from a Chapter Officer to that effect. Alternatives have all rights and privileges as the elected Chapter Representative at that board meeting.

Section 7. Each officer shall, upon the expiration of his or her term, or the termination of his or her duties for any other reason, deliver to his or her successor the records of that office.

Section 8. A vacancy, other than one caused by expiration of a term, in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chapter Representative may be filled by an election held for this purpose at a meeting of the membership. A new officer thus elected shall complete the term of office of the person he or she replaces.

Section 9. The President and Vice-President shall appoint three members, in odd-numbered years, to serve on the Speaker Committee to plan and arrange programs for regular meetings. Committee members shall serve at least two years, **and will among themselves elect a chair for this committee.**

Section 10. The President and Vice-President shall appoint three members, in odd-numbered years, to serve on the Field Trip Committee to plan and arrange field trips and workshops. Committee members shall serve at least two years, **and will among themselves elect a chair for this committee.**

ARTICLE VI. Elections

Section 1. Notice of the annual election shall be made in writing.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of a Chairperson and two other members. They shall report to the President the names of the nominees selected by the committee. The names of the Nominating Committee, a list of the offices to be filled, and the names of the nominees are to be printed in the Chapter's Newsletter or reported to the membership by mail.

Section 3. The terms of all newly elected officers shall begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall be the calendar year.

ARTICLE VIII. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote by a majority of the membership present and voting at any annual, regular, or special meeting. Proposed changes to the bylaws will be published in the newsletter prior to a vote by the membership.

ARTICLE IX. Publication

The Chapter shall publish and distribute a newsletter, The Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter, regularly.

ARTICLE X. Policies

The Chapter and its members while carrying out activities in support of State Society purposes shall be guided by these policies:

- 1) The Chapter will function as a not-for-profit, non-political, educational organization.
- 2) The Chapter will encourage activity by all botanists, professional and amateur.
- 3) The Chapter supports ethical practices recommended for native plants when collecting or transplanting.
- 4) Members are encouraged to develop information on native plants and publish or forward that information for publication.

Photos from wreath workshop



Paula chooses her materials And shows off her finished wreath!



Lea chooses materials



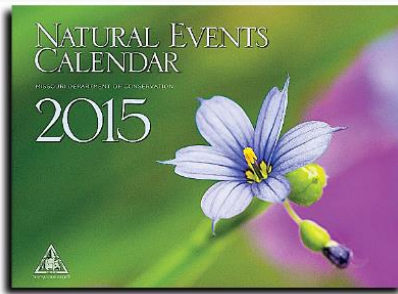
January 12 6:00 pm
- next Hawthorn meeting
- we will be planning for 2015 activities.
We want your ideas, so please attend.



Photos from Lea's Outdoor Classroom



2015 MDC Nature Calendars



Made possible by Paula Peters

I have ordered the calendars that were ordered from me. (pieridae1@gmail.com). The order was placed on Nov 14. **Calendars will be available at the Dec. lunch, the regular January meeting, or can**

be picked up at my home (2216 S. Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia) or a place in town of your choosing. The price for the calendars is \$6.00.



LINK UP!!

Excellent first stop for regional resources and links to other natural history blogs.

Nadia's Yard: a blog by Randy Tindall

<http://nadiasyard.com/>

Bush honeysuckle removal – contact Eric Bohle

ebohle4@gmail.com

Natural Events at Chert Hollow Farm: An archive of monthly natural events posts going back to 2011 is indexed here:

<http://chert hollow farm.com/landscape/>

Wren Song

<http://www.ecosystemgardening.com/wren-song/131-thanksgiving>

Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

Plant identification: USDA plant database <http://plants.usda.gov>

Grow Native resources: www.grownative.com



Kids learn about wooly worms and persimmons in the outdoor classrooms that Lea teaches.

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Students and volunteers remove many bags of sercica at Rock Bridge Elementary.



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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Hawthorn Chapter

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