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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.

February

6 Thursday 2-4 pm. Native Plant Forum at LU – Green Hall [Leslie and Chestnut in JC]

See announcement on Page 2.

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March

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April

5 Saturday, Brunch and possible mosey. Nadia and Randy's House, 2116 Grant, Columbia.

12 Saturday 10 – 2 Bradford Farm Plant Sale. Since it is our first sale, there will be much work to do to clean up and tag plants for about two weeks prior to the sale. Contact Becky.

27 Sunday 9 – 6 Earth Day Booth and plant sale in Columbia. We have the same space as last year. Contact Paula to learn about volunteering.

May

2-4 Friday thru Sunday State Fieldtrip to wild areas around Potosi. Look for details in Petal Pusher and on the MONPS Facebook page.

12 Monday 7 PM Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Program TBA. Bill Ambrose will talk about glade restoration.

Mosey and pot luck at Becky's; weather dependent. Spring things at Baskett Research Area.

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.

Thanks Paula Peters, Lea Langdon and Ann Wakeman 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.

January Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Lea Langdon Secretary
And Ann Wakeman Chapter Rep*

[Ed note: since both reports were Very similar, but different in a few details, I have combined them. Please retain this document for future reference. As we approach activity dates, reference more recent newsletter calendars and updated emails. **If you are not yet on the Hawthorn AND Petal Pusher email list**, PLEASE contact beckyerick711@centurylink.net to give permission for the transfer from snail mail. MONPS and chapters are trying to move up to more modern standards by using our available internet service for recent news and updates instead of using trees and gasoline to move old information. If you really don't want email service, you will continue to receive a paper copy.]

We applied most of our last meeting to come up with an activity calendar for the coming year. We decided that more social occasions, including food (and possibly brunches, wine & cheese) would be a way to connect more, and perhaps encourage more participation. All local activities are tentative at best due to unpredictable weather. It is a best plan to get on the email list so you can get timely updates.

Upcoming Activities to look forward to include: (with more details in future newsletters)

- 5 April Brunch at Nadia's house – possibly followed with a walk in a local woods to look for spring flora.
- 12 April, Bradford Farms Native Plant Sale.
- 27 April, Earth Day Booth and Plant Sale in Columbia
- 2-4 May State meeting and field trips from Potosi MO
- 10 May (or possibly another date, depending on the celandine poppy blooms) gathering at Becky's place and a walk into Basket Area.
- 13-15 June State Meeting and field trips from Bethany MO
- 15 June, gather at Terry Boyd's for persimmon treats & see their 40 acres and 6 miles of trails thru various native habitats.
- 12 July, gather Sat evening, around 4:30, for BBQ at Nancy Langworthy's place near Harrisburg.

Other possible outreach and fundraising-focused activities (**which will require volunteer help from you**) will include:
 19 June Quail Day at Bradford Farms
 6 Sept, Lincoln University Native Plant Fall Dinner, with "Wild Dining", tours and Bill Rupert, speaker.
 12-14 Sept State Meeting and field Trips around Cape Gerardeau.
 20 Sept, Lincoln U "In Touch with Nature Day".
 Possibly a plant sale at the Jefferson City farmer's market in the fall.

New Officers were elected:

- President = Denny Donnell
- Vice-Pres = Nadia Navarrete-Tindall
- Secretary = Terry Boyd
- Treasurer = John George
- Representative for State meetings = Ann Wakeman;

Other regular volunteers include (BIG Thank you!):

Internet = Doug Miller; Books, calendars, pamphlets, T-shirts, etc. = Paula Peters – she is still looking for a volunteer to take on this responsibility; Native plant nursery and newsletter = Becky Erickson; Recruiting Grant recipients = Glenn Pickett with Lea Langdon and Nancy Langworthy.

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.

Financial Report:

Grant checks written	\$400 to West Middle School
	\$600 to Rock Bridge High School
Money in: Books & Calendars --	\$434.65
	Seeds sold to MDC = \$385
	Display table sold = \$100
Balance as of	
3 Jan 14	\$8835.85



6 Feb Thurs 2-4 pm: Forum.

Suite B, Greene Hall, 900 Leslie Blvd (east corner of Leslie Blvd. and Chestnut Street in JC on the LU campus) Accomplishments of the Native Roots and Sprouts Program for the past year and an outline of the plans for 2014. We feel that our programming in 2013 was a success thanks to our participants, but we know that there is always room for improvement. So we would like to ask you to bring questions and suggestions to improve our program. Learn what is in store for the upcoming year.

20 Feb 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.

Update on Lea's Outdoor Classroom Project

Submitted by Lea Langdon, Project Coordinator

Seeding the Midway School Prairie

The Columbia Outdoor Classroom Project has been active in encouraging more diversity in the local school prairie plantings this winter. We helped kindergarteners and first graders at Midway Elementary make seedballs with some of Becky's abundance of prairie seeds, and then disbursed them into their planted prairie in January. They had a great time with the process: kneading clay and compost (in about a 5:3 ratio) then adding a mix of seeds and kneading again. They then rolled balls, and set them aside to dry for about a week. The next week we surrounded the prairie area and gently threw them into the prairie.

Later this week the plan is for fifth graders to add seeds to the Blue Ridge Elementary prairie (and possibly other school prairies), learning something about seed dispersal while they help improve their prairie planting. We are still looking forward to prairie burns at three of the elementary school prairies this winter (Mill Creek, Blue Ridge and Rock Bridge Elementary), with the help of MDC. Thanks to Becky for sharing her seeds with our students and our community.



Kids rolled up flower seed into dirt balls

Then pitched them into their native grass planting.



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New Orchid T-shirts now available

**The same gorgeous design on a beige t-shirt.
They will go fast at our April Booth sales.
Get your size while it is still available.
Contact Paula**

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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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