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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.**

January

13 Monday 6 PM Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Majority of discussion will be planning for 2014. We still need volunteers for officer positions. See page 2 for a message from Vanessa.

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Petal Pusher: Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Petal Pusher Editor

The MONPS BOD, and especially Bill Knight the Petal Pusher distributor, are very happy about 92 members stepping forward into the 21st Century to request PP and other announcements be sent electronically. There are still about 200 more who have been too busy with life to remember to get this little detail done. That's fine I will accept requests any time – the sooner the better. I realize there are a few members who cherish their paper copies. That is fine, we won't discontinue mail service.

If all of us with email accounts accept E-delivery, we could save MONPS over \$1500, possibly \$2000 per year in printing and postage costs. Also consider trees used for paper and gasoline used to go to printer and to Post Office = about 1000 miles per year.

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 .

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 March 2014. Be patient; old wheels turn slowly.

Thanks Lea Langdon and Vanessa Melton-Silvey 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.

Election Time Once Again

Submitted by Vanessa Melton-Silvey, President

It is that time of the year again...election time. We need to vote on officers in January as terms will be expiring at the end of this year. The offices which will be voted on are President and Secretary. The Vice President slot is still open if anyone would care to fill in this upcoming year as well.

I know I have not been active this year as President, but my official term will be up in December, and since I have served two terms it is time for someone else to step up to the plate. I want to thank everyone who helped out this year running meetings and making sure the key was brought to the church for meetings. Your help has been greatly appreciated.

Since I am getting around to announcing elections so late this year, we are going to do something a little different. Usually a nominating committee finds members to run for elections, but I didn't feel it was fair to keep asking the same people over and over to find officers for the upcoming year. So, this year I am pleading to all of our members not currently in office or already fulfilling a task for the chapter to think about running for President, Vice President, or Secretary. We need other members who have not recently served an office term, or who are already helping out the Chapter to step forth and provide assistance in Chapter leadership. If you have questions or are considering running for one of the open offices you can call me at 573-698-3337 or email me at vanndawn@gmail.com. Don't be afraid to step up or ask questions about an office and its duties; the 'jobs' are not difficult.

Also, Paula Peters has been faithfully organizing and toting the MDC books we sell at festival and event booths for several years now, and it is time someone else fills that role. She orders books from MDC when we run low as well as the MDC Natural Events calendars, brings books to booths for sale, and stores them at her house between events. If you would like to take over this role you can contact me at the number and email address above.

Thank you to everyone for your consideration.



Jan 16 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

In November we started exploring the prairie plantings with various classes. The most recent exploration was at Blue Ridge School with second graders. We walked into the prairie planting looking to see what we could see, and learning a little about the prairie and why we plan to get the prairie burned this winter. The students were excited because the teacher allowed them each to take one or two small things from the prairie back to the classroom (and home, I suppose). Mostly they took wild rye and tall goldenrod, and a little Indian grass. It is at least a beginning of connecting with their prairie.



Winter Solstice ice storm . . .



belies the transformation in six months.



Please make it a winter project to read
[Bringing Nature Home](#) by Doug Tallamy.
Please make an effort
to plant another native bed or acre on your property
to feed everything that is good
on our home planet, Earth.

Contact our own nursery with about 3000 units of about 35
species: Becky 657-2314 beckyerick711@centurylink.net

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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Day or Cell _____

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