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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.

March

8 Saturday 2pm Video Lecture: Tallamy, Make Room for Nature. Columbia main Library, Friends Room [see article inside] BRING FRIENDS! Hosted by Wild Ones.

10 Monday 6 PM Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Program given by Dr. Bob Kremer "Soil quality improvement under an ecologically based

farming system in northwest Missouri". About soil microorganisms in virgin soil and in well-stewarded soil. See more under Announcements.

20 Thursday Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 at RagTag 10 Hitt Street = just south of Broadway. Good food and lively conversation.

Becky needs help prepping plants for April Sales. Call to volunteer 15 March to 12 April 657-2314.

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.

10 May Saturday (or possibly another date, depending on the celandine poppy blooms) gathering at Becky's place and a walk into Baskett Area. Also buy plants you missed at the April sales

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

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

June

13-15 Friday thru Sunday: State Meeting and field trips from Bethany MO

15 Saturday: Gather at Terry Boyd's for persimmon treats & see their 40 acres and 6 miles of trails thru various native habitats.

Thanks Ann Wakeman for her submission. 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.

Dr. Bob Kremer Speaking at March Meeting

Bob Kremer has been doing research at Linda Hezel's Prairie Birthday Farm near Kearney MO. Linda farms vegetables, fruits, fruit trees, honey, and fresh wildflowers for local restaurants. She incorporates native wildflowers in marginal areas among the orchards and around the gardened patches. She is blessed to have a patch of native prairie among what she stewards.

Bob has been studying soil microorganisms on Linda's property. We will hear from him about the diversity of microorganisms in various areas of her farm.



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

8 March Saturday 2pm Video Lecture: Tallamy, Make Room for Nature. Columbia Main Library, Friends Room [see article page 3] BRING FRIENDS!

20 March 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.



Becky needs help preparing potted plants for sale in April. Weather is unpredictable so I can't state a date. But, as soon as it gets "warmer", I need help starting some time in the middle of March moving trays from dormant storage, grooming and tagging plants. Please call me to arrange a time to volunteer. 657-2314

Send Nadia Ideas for Meeting Presentations

Please send any ideas for future meeting presentations to Nadia at navarrete-tindall@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.

Video Lecture: Make Room for Nature Featuring Dr. Doug Tallamy

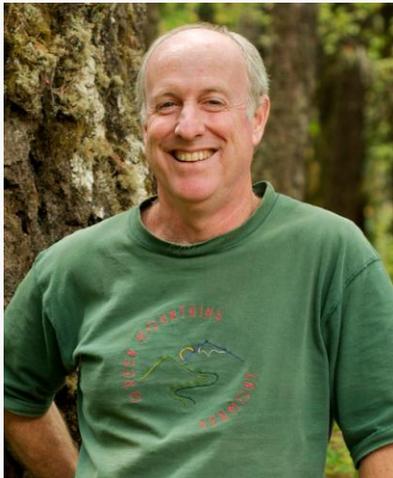
Daniel Boone Library, Columbia, MO

Friends Room,

Saturday March 8, 2014, 2 - 4pm

There will be time for discussion and simple refreshments and time after the video.

We must not continue to push aside our wild flowers and song birds. With asphalt, buildings, plowed and sod fields and yards, there is so little room left for them. Simple changes in the way we look at our yards can make a crucial difference. This is for you and our country's home land.



The Mid-Mo chapter of Wild Ones Natural Landscapers is showing a video of Dr. Tallamy presenting his concept of Ecosystem Services and the opportunity to protect biodiversity in your backyard.

If you have not had the opportunity to see this

compelling program or know of his easy-to-read book Bringing Nature Home, this will inspire you.

Everyone who owns a home with a yard be it acres or a postage stamp size lot, everyone who has ever put a spade in the ground needs to read this book. Then proceed to your garden and do something! You need not rip out your whole garden. You can start by removing any invasive plants. When non-natives die, replace them with natives.

"I'm not trying to recreate the ancient ecosystem," said Dr. Tallamy, chairman of the department of entomology and wildlife ecology at the University of Delaware. "That is gone. I'm trying to create biodiversity." Dr Doug Tallamy is a hands-on advocate for using native trees and plants for our home landscapes.

The song birds that brighten spring mornings have been in decline since the 1960s, there are 40% fewer of them. Grassland birds are in even more trouble. Each weekend this country mows an area 8 times the size of New Jersey to within an inch. Nearly all woodlots are second-growth forests thoroughly invaded by alien plants like multiflora rose, Asian honeysuckles, autumn olive.

Turn screen time to green time; get outside!

Parks are not enough. We humans have turned 54% of the lower 48 states into cities and suburbs, 41% more into various forms of agriculture. Since we have taken 95% from nature we can expect to lose 95% of the species that once lived here unless we learn how to share our living, working and agricultural spaces with biodiversity.

Chances are, you have never thought of your garden - indeed, of all of the space on your property - as a wildlife preserve that represents the last chance we have for sustaining plants and animals that were once common throughout the U.S. But that is exactly the role our suburban landscapes are now playing and will play even more in the near future.



Carol Arnold's garden in Columbia

Vanessa's garden in New Franklin > > >



Paula's garden in Columbia



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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