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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.

November

10 Monday 6 PM Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Lea, Ann, and Becky will explain how they identify plants in the field, even when they are dormant. Bring complete samples for identification.

16 Sunday, 11:30 to 4:00 Wreath Workshop and Potluck lunch. At Nancy Brakhage's home 7852 S Hill Creek Road. See article inside for specifics. Collect dried native plant materials suitable for wreath-making.



Photos from past years at Wreath Workshop.

20 November Thursday: Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 am. RagTag-10 Hitt St [just south of Broadway] Always a lively informal discussion regarding management of natives and eradication of aliens. All are invited.

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

Thanks to Ann Wakeman, Paula Peters, and Nancy Brakhage 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

Mark the date. Reminder posted in Nov newsletter.

Where: 7852 S Hill Creek Road. Nancy Brakhage.

When: November 16, 11:30 to 4:00.

What: Lunch and constructing wreaths afterward.

Phone 449-1316, e-mail nancy@brakhagefamily.com.

Letting me know you are coming is not necessary, but appreciated.

For lunch, bring your favorite side dish. Entrée (one meatless) will be provided as will drinks and tableware.

Want to make a wreath but don't know how? Not to worry. There will be someone experienced to get you started. Our tradition of making wreaths started in the 1990's as a money making project. While we have not marketed them for some time, the tradition remains as an enjoyable and productive afternoon with friends. YOUR friends are welcome to come, too.

To make a wreath - bring a wreath form (usually a straw ring available at craft departments), a roll or "paddle" of craft wire (26 gauge works well), a glue gun, a cutting tool (pliers, pruning shears, kitchen scissors, etc.), and, if you want, gloves. **Bring lots of dried plant material (native grasses and dried flower stems/pods are best) to share to make fall wreaths.** Red cedar will be available if you want to get an early start on Christmas.

To get to my home: go all the way south on Providence Road (towards McBaine), travel south of the last stop light at Rock Bridge School on **Route K 1.3 miles; turn left onto Hill Creek Road.** Cross the creek and turn to the **right up the long-steep hill.** I'm the eighth driveway on the **left:** brown mailbox 7852 among trees on the roadside, gravel drive, white two-story sits below the road. Please pull in the drive to park tightly as the road is narrow with no shoulders. See ya there!!



Too Many Bushes?

RIGHT NOW!!! is the best time to cut trees, bushes, woody vines and paint the stumps with 20% glyphosate.



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 or 854-7647.

Next Chapter Meeting Program

Lea, Ann, and Becky will explain how they recognize plants of 10 different genera. **10 Nov, Monday 6 PM**

Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia.



2015 MDC Nature Calendars



Made possible by Paula Peters

We will once again be ordering MDC Nature Calendars for the holidays. I will accept orders from now until Nov 13, by phone (573-881-4225), at the November meeting (see Becky) on the 10th, and by email (pieridael@gmail.com). The

order will be placed on November 14. Calendars will be available at the Holiday party, 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 will be \$6.00. These make great holiday gifts.



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 20 November

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.



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://cherthollowfarm.com/landscape/>

Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

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

Newsletters: Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Hawthorn and Petal Pusher Editor

Hawthorn Chapter is sending only 8 paper newsletters. **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

News from Stateside

Submitted by Ann Wakeman, Chapter Representative

Cape Girardeau was the center for the state fall board meeting, September 12-14, 2014. Friday evening we met for a program giving those present an overview of Southeast Missouri (SEMO). MDC Natural History Biologist for SEMO and covers 16 counties. Natural areas in SEMO include the St Francis Mountains, Cape Hills, Eastern Ozarks, Crowley's Ridge, Sand prairies and the Mississippi delta.

Field trips Saturday were to MDC sand prairie where there is a large stand of splitbeard bluestem about



ready to fluff. Also found prickly pear, American jointweed (*Polygonella americana*) some still flowering and snout bean (*Rhynchosia latifolia*). We also toured the Baptist Camp sand prairie which contains lanceleaf coreopsis (where it is native), fringed puccoon, clasping milkweed. Both prairie areas are home to Eastern spadefoot frogs and Fowler's toads.

Saturday afternoon we went to the rugged terrain of Trail of Tears State Park and were guided by several staff, where we went up into the forested back side of Mississippi River bluffs. We found several glade plant species on top of the bluffs and were treated to a great view of the Mississippi River into Illinois. In the forest, the trees were impressively tall and included tuliptree, sweetgum, sugar maple, American beech and sycamore with an understory of deciduous holly and spicebush with gorgeous red berries, and cane. Beechdrops (*Epifagus virginiana*) were newly emerged beneath the beech trees and we also saw Indian pipe.



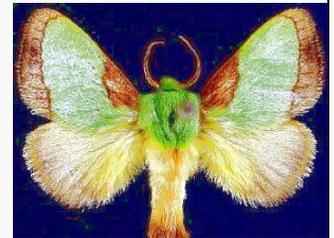
Sunday morning, we met Alan Brandt who led us along a road into Mingo National Wildlife Refuge. He regaled us with numerous details about this plant and that shrub

BoD meeting Saturday evening began with a tribute slide show of Bill Knight.

- Treasurer reported a significant increase in bank balance with renewal dues coming in.
- Brian Edmond reported an increase in Facebook friends, more than the paid membership.
- George Y reported the Missouriensis will be mailed out soon.
- A committee for the 2015 awards was appointed, with Rex as chair.
- After much discussion regarding a replacement for the Distribution Chair, Rex and George Y agreed to continue their efforts of printing copies of PP and mailing until further discussion at the December meeting.
- Rex updated the BoD on the printing of more orchid design t-shirts including a long sleeve version in blue.
- George Y and Nels Holmberg will have a class on Legumes or the Fabaceae family of plants at Meramac Community College.
- Bill Knight's lifetime membership was approved to be transferred to Diane.
- **Please bring ideas for 2015 board meeting field trips to the December BoD meeting in Columbia, Dec. 6.**



Stinging
rose
moth
larva
and
adult.



We saw spider lilies in fruit in the ditches along the road, a spectacular caterpillar on water tupelo, loads of red spotted purple butterflies. We continued on into a flatwoods section, walking on boggy ground dry enough not to sink, and debated identity of a clematis in fruit, either *C. crispa* or *C. viornia*. Several of us opted to see the boardwalk to put us into Mingo swamp. This was like entering another world. Trees and plants never seen before, what is it? looks like a locust, must be a water locust. What an interesting vine? (Climbing hempvine, *Polygonum scandens*) What are those big seeds from a tree so tall we can't see the leaves...water tupelo, *Nyssa aquatic* – and the rare caterpillar in the leaves. What's that vine, wait a minute, I remember something about ladies eardrops, *Brunnichia ovate* – and so it proved to be. And so on.

Really hope YOU will go with us next spring and summer to tour the wilds of Missouri.

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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Day or Cell _____

Email: _____

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