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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.

October

16 Thursday Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 at RagTag 10 Hitt Street = just south of Broadway. Good food; lively conversation regarding plant management, environment, etc

18 Saturday Lake of the Ozarks State Park, Rocky Top Trailhead Leader: Allison Vaughn allisonjv@yahoo.com Carpool from the AC Commuter Parking Lot at 7:30 a.m. The lot is on the southeast corner of the AC exit off Hwy 63 on Lenoir St. If you're not joining the carpool, meet at Rocky Top Trailhead at 9:00 a.m. After the trip we'll have lunch at Shawnee Bluff Winery. Rocky Top Trail is a wonderful example of just how important fire is to maintaining native glades and woodlands that once dominated the landscapes of this region. It consists of 2 loops, joining a half mile from the trailhead, totaling 2 miles of nature viewing. For a map of the trail please visit: <http://mostateparks.com/trails/lake-ozarks-state-park>

November

10 Monday 6 PM Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program TBA.

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.

Thanks to Boyd Terry, Ann Wakeman, 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.



Ideas for Meeting Programs?

Send them to Nadia

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.



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



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 16 Oct

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.



Hawthorn Plant Nursery

For those who are not aware – all the plants we sell at the booth are propagated by our own chapter. They don't just magically appear for sale days and then disappear after the sale is over. They are propagated and cared for every day of the year and are available for your purchase. Now that the weather is more temperate, it is good for planting. Contact Becky for directions and an appointment – see bottom of masthead.



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

Meeting Minutes, 8 Sept 14

Submitted by Boyd E. Terry, Secretary.

The meeting began with an informal ID session for unknown plants and then progressed at 7:10 to the Formal Program conducted by Lea Langdon and Glen Pickett—Review of Grants to Public Schools by NPS-Hawthorne Chapter.

Rock Bridge HS 2013-14 Grant with community skills garden in 15 x3 foot plantar boxes for vegetables, flowers and Native Plants.

West Middle School 2013-2014 Grant Native plants planted to restore area under weed mat and also two courtyard areas—large needs, lots of volunteer care.

Photo illustrations of the above projects in addition to photos of ongoing and potential gardens among some 15 of the more than 30 school sites were presented with ongoing discussion about Chapter involvement, educational value and supervision and continuity. Interface with school administration, grounds keepers, long term goals for a garden vs short term appearances were all discussed. Student involvement was beneficial as viewed by teachers and families.

Grant history was reviewed beginning 2009-10 through 2013-14 totaling \$2344 and recommendations by the committee were communicated. At this point the meeting transitioned to the business portion of our meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING:

1. It was recommended that the Grant be \$600 per grant, that applications be accepted at least three times year round. Efforts to reach all schools (30+) and inclusion in school newsletters with exposure in news media for completed projects. It was moved and seconded to proceed with the above recommendations and unanimously accepted. Fertile discussion about how to assist teachers in the grant or money award process and how to insert NPS assistance and advice revealed that we have much to learn and decide. President Donnell suggested: **1.CPS Science advisors, tour own and others projects; 2. Use the visuals presented for distribution to schools when discussions occur; 3. Articles and pictures for the local press; 4. Field trip to schools for NPS members.**

2. Minutes were summarized from previous meeting.

3. Treasurer's report shows \$11,600 on hand.

4. Report of the Bonny View prairie restoration project with Columbia Audubon Society reveals that a contractor will prepare the soil this winter and that seeds will be needed. Arrangements have been made to turn seeds to Becky Ericson for storage this winter. Give them to her as you have them either kept separate by species or mixed with a list of collection content.

5. Lea Langdon was recognized as a life member with the presentation of a lapel pin.

6. Activities calendar was full and is available through the web site.

Our next meeting is November 10, at 6:00pm UU Church.

Meeting was adjourned about 8:50

June 13 - 15, 2014 MoNPS Quarterly & Annual Board Meeting, Bethany, MO

Submitted by Ann Wakeman Chapter Representative

Friday evening overview by Steve Buback covered the prairies in northwest Missouri and Chloe-Lowry Marsh where the weekend field trips were planned. This region of Missouri had been glaciated and are much different having deep soils compared to the prairies in the SW part of Missouri.

Saturday morning the first field trip was Pawnee Prairie. This had been pastured in the past, and some still being patch-burn grazed. The more diverse section was on the east side, we saw thimble flower, pale purple coneflower, prairie phlox and white sage. Saturday afternoon was trip to Helton Prairie. This small but high quality prairie has western prairie fringed orchid, though none were spotted this trip.

Saturday evening meetings were the **annual meeting followed by the quarterly board meeting**. The annual meeting is a summarization of the past year's accomplishments by President Paul McKenzie, and reports from Treasurer and Membership chair.

Award winners for 2014 were presented by Michelle Bowe. They were:

Julian Steyermark Award for lifelong achievement given to Bruce Schutte

John Wylie Service Award for service to Missouri Native Plant Society was given to Ann Early and Bob Siemer for their long held positions in the Society. An additional John Wylie Service Award went to Emily Hoerner.

The newly established **Plant Conservation Award went to Don Kurz for his publications of field guides.**

The quarterly meeting treasurer's report showed sales from t-shirts was \$625 mostly from St. Louis chapter booth at Shaw Nature Reserve's native plant sale in May.

Brian reported there are 1330 members on Facebook from all parts of the State. Ann E. reported 9 new members since May.

Rex is looking into reprinting the orchid t-shirt, since there's limited inventory in all sizes. Also looking into long-sleeved t-shirts for the printing.

Paul will have a Carex ID workshop next spring. Becky will have a propagation workshop for the Kansas City chapter.

The wildflower poster should be printed and available by the September meeting.

Bill Knight has worked on Fund Raising for MoNPS through Smile Program at Amazon and through the Schnucks grocery stores.

Paul McKenzie announced the likelihood of the UM Herbarium being closed. Seems botanical science and Herbaria aren't as important anymore. MoBOT only has limited storage without building another building and cannot absorb these specimen, some dating from the 1700's. This would be a loss of future research potential on past specimen.

Sunday morning immediately following the rain, we headed off to Lowry Marsh. This rich gem of a freshwater marsh in Mercer County with 40 acres of marsh, 15 acres of wet-mesic prairie, as well as a swamp white oak woodland. It is one of the highest quality marshes in Missouri and home to 6 Missouri species of conservation concern. Just starting to flower was marsh skullcap and we saw probably the densest population of downy gentian, *Gentiana andrewsii*.

Then on to small cemetery SE of Princeton, Mo where Tom Nagal saw vestiges of prairie and requested unused part of the grounds be left unmown. In full bloom were several wood lilies and after searching, someone spotted an eastern prairie fringed orchid in bud. This little gem was well worth the side trip on our way home.

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

MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Hawthorn Chapter

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Day or Cell _____

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