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Future Activities

Aug 20th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at RagTag. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway.

September 14th, Monday at 7 pm: Members Meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program to be announced.

October 17th, Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm: Chestnut Festival is back! New Franklin. We have applied for a space and plan to set up our booth.



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 id, botanical art, native edibles, photography, mosses, tree id, the choice is yours.



Dues were due July 1st: This announcement will again be in the September PP. For those getting your Petal Pusher by US Mail, you will need to send an additional \$5 to cover the cost of printing and mailing. Your paper chapter newsletter will continue without additional cost to you, but we would appreciate your request for email delivery. Please send your dues to Paula Peters, 2216 Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia, MO 65202. A Membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

This is the 30th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the chapter website up to date. We would like to get announcements, impressions, species accounts, photos, poems, links to scientific articles, or other creative nature writing from you, too.

Announcements

New Communications Editor, Vanessa Melton

Becky Erickson has decided to retire as Communications Editor, after nine years faithfully serving the duties of that role. She has done an excellent job preparing and sending us the newsletter every month since then, as well as keeping us all informed of events and notifications via email. Thank you Becky for all you have done! She is not retiring completely and will still be keeping up the Chapter Nursery, so we will see her at future meetings and Chapter booths.

As her retirement begins I will be picking up the reins as Communications Editor, so be on the lookout for news and information from me via email. I also plan on keeping up the tradition of a monthly newsletter, but keep in mind that “meaty” newsletters come from you. Besides Chapter news there will be room for articles from members on Chapter activities, personal gardening experiences, wildflowers seen on vacations, and so forth. And don’t forget photos of wildflowers you see in your yard, garden, on vacation, or the ones you can’t identify. Don’t be shy when it comes to submitting articles...we are all friends and love reading news about each other and our experiences.

With that, I hope you enjoy this month’s newsletter, and despite the heat and humidity Summer is in full swing so get out and enjoy what blooming plants nature has to offer.

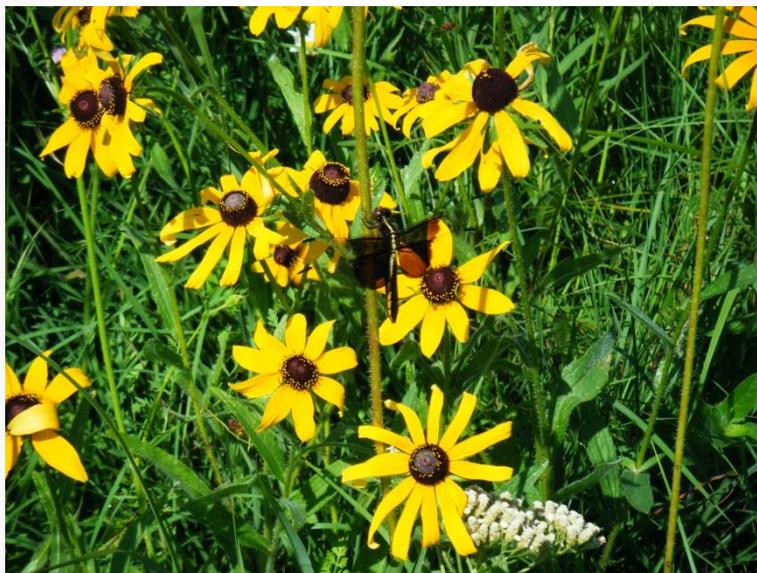


Photo by Vanessa Melton at Friendly Prairie (a Hawthorn Chapter Field Trip in June of 2010).

Lunch at RagTag Thursday, August 20th

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/>

MONPS website

www.monativeplantsociety.org

Link up with Jenks Farmer: <http://jenksfarmer.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://chert hollow farm.com/landscape/>

Wren Song

<http://www.ecosystemgardening.com/wren-song/>

Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

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

Grow Native resources: www.grownative.com



Stadium Site Update

By Nancy Langworthy, Glenn Pickett, Lea Langdon, and John George

Since the May meeting, several members have been working to refresh and clean-up our Stadium Blvd. site. The site looked pretty good when Glenn Pickett did the initial status survey. He found butterfly weed, monarda, compass plants, rattlesnake master, and assorted coneflowers, sunflowers, and goldenrod species, plus sensitive briar, trumpet creeper vine, Indian grass and daisy fleabane. Some of the nice saplings the chapter planted years ago near the back fence line are doing well.

However, it had been years since the membership had worked on it, and the lack of attention showed in big patches of tall white and yellow sweet clover, poison ivy, bush honeysuckle, Johnson grass, teasel, crown vetch, and mullein, as well as too much daisy fleabane and Indian grass. The saplings need to be released from the tangle of climbing vines and overhead limbs from nearby established trees. Glenn immediately began spraying and cutting seed heads; as of today, all but the Indian grass have been treated. Lea Langdon and Nancy Langworthy recently worked to pull or deadhead remaining undesirables which were going to seed, focusing on yellow clover, vetch, mullein, daisy fleabane. John George and his son Zack will cut and treat the bush honeysuckle and other invading vegetation before the end of August. More opportunities to help on this clean-up will exist from now into the Fall for anyone willing.



Photo by Nancy Langworthy of the Stadium Site



Photo by Paula Peters – Royal Catchfly in Her Garden, July 2015

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.

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