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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.

12 January 6 pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program is planning for next year's activities. Please come to give us your ideas for your favorite wild area for a mosey to discover wild native plants. All new people and guests are welcome. In case of a blizzard, a reschedule date is Monday 19 January.

15 January Thursday: Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. **11:30 am.** RagTag-10 Hitt St [just south of Broadway] **Please join us as a break from shopping or as an uplifting chat among friends during the short days of winter.** Always a lively informal discussion regarding management of natives and eradication of aliens. All are invited.

19 February Thursday: Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. **11:30 am.** RagTag.

9 March 6 pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. **Program tba.**

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

Newsletters: Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Hawthorn and Petal Pusher Editor

Starting next summer paper delivery of PP will come only with a \$5 surcharge. MONPS is sending Petal Pusher to 160 by email delivery. I see from the membership roster that at least double that number has an email address but has not requested electronic delivery. **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: beckverick711@centurylink.net

This is the first issue of the 30th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. Thanks to Ann Wakeman for her submissions. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the chapter 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

Election at the January Meeting

The Chapter Bylaws have not been published for a few years, although they are posted on our web site. Since we have an election coming up at the January meeting, a couple of us thought it a good idea to post the bylaws so they would be available to follow.

We elected a President and Treasurer in Jan of 2013. Nadia volunteered to fill out the one year left for the VP. So we need to elect a VP, Secretary, and Chapter Rep. All of the people in these jobs are eligible for another term. They could all be re-elected, but since this is a democratic group meaning everyone participates, **we would greatly appreciate some new people to fill these posts. You might feel busy at the moment, but you will have time later to attend one of these positions. Contact an officer to volunteer.**

Note in the bylaws you may participate in any meeting by proxy: send an email to an officer explaining your idea and voting preference, but we would appreciate your presence.

We are also very much in need of someone to keep books, t-shirts, and pamphlets for the booth; keep an inventory and re-stock them. This is a major piece of our purpose statement about public education. Paula has done it faithfully for years and wishes to pass the duties on.

Pertinent sections from the Hawthorn Bylaws

- Section 7. Each officer shall, upon the expiration of his or her term, or the termination of his or her duties for any other reason, deliver to his or her successor the records of that office.
- Section 8. A vacancy, other than one caused by expiration of a term, in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Chapter Representative may be filled by an election held for this purpose at a meeting of the membership. A new officer thus elected shall complete the term of office of the person he or she replaces.
- Section 9. The President and Vice-President shall appoint three members, in odd-numbered years, to serve on the Speaker Committee to plan and arrange programs for regular meetings. Committee members shall serve at least two years, **and will among themselves elect a chair for this committee.**
- Section 10. The President and Vice-President shall appoint three members, in odd-numbered years, to serve on the Field Trip Committee to plan and arrange field trips and workshops. Committee members shall serve at least two years, **and will among themselves elect a chair for this committee.**
 - ARTICLE VI. Elections
- Section 1. Notice of the annual election shall be made in writing.
- Section 2. The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to consist of a Chairperson and two other members. They shall report to the President the names of the nominees selected by the committee. The names of the Nominating Committee, a list of the offices to be filled, and the names of the nominees are to be printed in the Chapter's Newsletter or reported to the membership by mail.
- Section 3. The terms of all newly elected officers shall begin at the conclusion of the annual meeting.

April is our busiest month with two plant sales. We need to 'gear up' for these sales in March. PLEASE contact Becky – who keeps the chapter nursery to find out how you can help with plant sales.
beckyerick711@centurylink.net and 657-2314.



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/131-thanksgiving>

Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

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

Grow Native resources: www.grownative.com



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 15 Jan.

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.



Let your wild garden be wild for winter wildlife cover.

Little birds and mammals find cover and food under grass and shrubby tufts that are snow covered. Around 90% of the landscape is hard-scaped now [mowed fescue, asphalt, ag-fields]. Give the critters some refuge in your yard.



Propagation Workshops in Columbia thru Columbia Adult Career Center

Becky is giving two courses this spring

Propagating wildflowers 24 Jan:

<https://secure.careercenter.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=15WG315>

and **Choosing and Installing native plants 31 March:**

<https://secure.careercenter.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=15WG316>

News from Stateside

Submitted by Ann Wakeman, Hawthorn Chapter Representative

The winter meeting of the Missouri Native Plant Society met December 6, 2014 at the Dunn-Palmer Herbarium in Columbia, MO. Meeting was brought to order 10 am by Paul McKenzie, President. Treasurer reported a decrease in funds due to the large T-shirt order this fall, but overall the Society is in good fiscal shape. **He stated the Smile.Amazon.com program is working with 1/2 % of sales donated to the Society. Please convey this revenue stream to chapter members.**

MONPS web site is now functional. Members can renew and new members can use PayPal to pay dues online. There is a need for Social Media Coordinator to keep posting and events up to date on the Facebook pages as well as the Web site. This will be a new position on the BoD as well as coordinating positions in each chapter. Chapter pates can list favorite places for hiking as well as links to these places, and chapter news.

Petal Pusher editor reported having problems with emailing the PP. After discussing options, the BoD agreed to change **to posting the PP on web site and emailing a link to members.**

With changes of PP delivery (e-delivery or printed copy), the BoD decided to keep dues at same rate with surcharge for the printed copies for members who wish to continue receiving one by mail. At renewal time [June/July], printed/paper copies will require a surcharge of \$5.

The Society still is in need of Petal Pusher distribution manager. This volunteer opportunity needs to be filled. Contact either George Y. or Rex Hill for more information. See Petal Pusher masthead for contact information.

The Hudson Award committee is comprised of Steve Buback, Justin Thomas, and George Y. as chair. Deadline to apply for this grant is February 16.

Awards committee needs to be appointed, Paul will check with Malissa, Michelle, and Rex who served last year on serving this year's. See the MONPS website for award descriptions. You are free to lobby for anyone for any award you feel s/he is deserving.

Open officer and BoD positions for the coming year include President with Paul McKenzie's retirement, Vice-President since John Oliver has agreed to run for President. BoD positions: Steve Buback position expires next month and Malissa U. has agreed to serve as Secretary following Casey Burks resignation. Therefore we need YOU to step up for BOD positions.

In the event of more than one nominee per position, a ballot committee will be developed and a ballot sent to membership for voting. With BoD members serving on committees, the BoD needs to look into updating the by-laws whose positions are open. This will be on the agenda in coming meetings.

Becky E. and George Y. will check on prices of ball caps or other incentive items for printing with MoNPS logo.

Paul McK will be conducting a Carex workshop at the USFS office in Salem first week of June.

Future meeting dates and times for 2015 are:

Spring: April 10-12 in Osceola/Clinton area.

Summer: June 26-28 in Kirksville area.

Fall: September 18-20: Jefferson City area.

Winter: December 5: Columbia at D-P Herbarium.

Deep Rooted Wisdom

A book review submitted by Ann Wakeman

'Tis the season for catalogs. They started arriving before Thanksgiving with their glossy photos and promises. Yea, we can have as glorious a garden as we can only imagine this time of year with everything, except houseplants, sleeping during these cold and short daylight hours. Even book, seed and perennial companies now are in the enticing game with email offerings.

However, one crossed my inbox that caught my attention. **Deep Rooted Wisdom: Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners** written, rather, narrated by **Augustus Jenkins Farmer**. He answers to "Jenks". Critiqued as a 'treasure trove of homespun botanical advice will remind growers why they fell in love with gardening in the first place'. Liberally sprinkled with photos and side bars, this book is filled with folksy, down to earth advice and wry humor.

Do you remember starting to garden and really felt a budding kinship with the soil and plants you were tending? Nowadays, the gardening industry's steady stream of new products, new advertising, new rules creating unneeded complexities that intimidate future gardeners which can obscure the joy of gardening. Through stories of older gardeners as friends and mentors, Jenks shows us glimpses of his philosophy of gardening. Take the seemingly simple act of 'watering-in'. A phrase nearly every gardener knows and understands. Where did you first hear it? How did you come to understand the concept and what it meant?

This book is not a primer on gardening with native plants, Jenks lives and gardens in South Carolina's low country with many old homestead and pass-along plants. What we can take from his narrative is how to garden 'soul-fully'. He shares tips from saving heirloom seed to building structures from natural materials all the while weaving in stories with knowledge from his gardening mentors. Their little secrets, their unwritten, unstudied bits of wisdom are being lost as we urbanize and younger generations are not well connected to these people. All these ideas take me back to what I have been practicing, now with native plants as they are what belongs here along with a few non-native I have come to admire.

A sampler of chapter titles: Handmade Trellises & Structures; Watering by Hand; Finding the Spirit of a Place; Root Your Own Plants; Building Fertile Soil; Pest Philosophy.

I will relish this book these winter months with tea in hand and cat on my lap. Hope you can join me at the upcoming lecture in our area: [Deep Rooted & Crinum for Cold Climates](#) February 17, 2015, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm [Unnamed Venue](#), Saint Louis, MO [United States+ Google Map](#) Saint Louis Garden Club. **Mark this site to keep in touch with updates.**



January 12 6:00 pm next Hawthorn meeting – we will be having officer elections and planning for 2015 activities. We want your ideas, so please attend.

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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Missouri Native Plant Society- Hawthorn Chapter

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Address _____

Phone: Evening _____

Day or Cell _____

Email: _____

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