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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.

13 July Monday 7 pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. No program is planned.

16 July, Thursday: 11:30 Lunch at RagTag. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway.

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

14 September Monday 7 pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia.

17 October: Chestnut Festival is back! New Franklin, 10 – 4. 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 are due: 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. Do you want us to wait until you die to be relieved of printing, folding, stamping and mailing you a paper chapter 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

Adopted site on Stadium Blvd

We really need to clean up our adopted site on Stadium. If we don't, we need to have MODOT take the sign down. Glenn Pickett has most graciously volunteered to spray some invasive vegetation: the large patch of poison ivy, crown vetch and trumpet creeper, Johnson grass and Indian grass.

John George and his son Zach will be cutting and treating bush honeysuckle, then hauling it to the mulch site.

In August we will be renting a Billygoat or Gravelly brush hog to mow as much as we can; native vegetation reacts to a summer mow similarly as it does to a summer fire.

Since these three members will be working hard on this project, the rest of the able-bodied membership will be appreciated to donate some additional effort to pull weeds. With the regular rain, the soft ground makes this effort not too difficult. If you are in Columbia and can spare a half hour, sweet clover, teasel, and mullein can be pulled and left in the ditch.

Please talk among yourselves to decide on work times as soon as possible – before the spring rains dry up and it gets too hot to work. If this is not possible, come to the membership meeting Monday 13 July to discuss times and effort.

News from Stateside

Submitted by Ann Wakeman Chapter Representative

All photos by Michael Rues

Summer and annual meeting and field trips of the Missouri Native Plant Society were held in the Kirksville area June 26-28, 2015. The Friday afternoon field trip we visited (or revisited for some) was to Morris Prairie and Natural Area straddling Putnam and Sullivan county lines. We'd hoped to find the Wood Lily in flower, but the prairie shrubs were quite dominant and we were unable to locate any. Prairie shrubs were interesting in their own right, prairie willow (*Salix humilis*), dwarf chinkapin (*Quercus prinoides*), New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*), are waist to shoulder high shrubs particularly found in northern prairies and can dominate without diligent maintenance. Bunch flower (*Melanthium virginicum*) were in bloom and quite prominent.



Register Your Garden For Monarchs

Sign up your garden as a Monarch Waystation with Monarch Watch. Then Join WildOnes [native landscaping] and register your garden for a beautiful sign.

Lunch at RagTag Thurs 20 August

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

This is the last chapter newsletter I will do.

I started in 2006 and I see it is time for me to move on.

Photo: group is looking for rare ferns at bottom of Dark Hollow.



The program “Orientation and Intro to NE Missouri (plant) Communities” Friday evening by Krista Noel gave us an overview into the hidden treasures of this region. Krista is now the Natural History Biologist position that Greg Gremaud recently retired from. The Saturday field trips, we explored Dark Hollow Natural Area, a woodland ravine community lush with ferns and woodland plants in deep valleys and mature hickory, maples and oaks with savanna forbs on the ridges. Geologically, northern Missouri was glaciated and much of the deep soil was deposited as loess, hence the deeply dissected topography.



Saturday after we picnicked at Green City park, we explored a small remnant prairie at this park, a little gem. *[photo above]*

Then we went on to Union Ridge CA *[photo below]* for scenic views of open ridges that are being restored to prairie with lots of pale purple coneflower, lead plant, scurfy pea and a Hoary rock rose (*Helianthemum bicknellii*) with beautiful foliage.



Due to the death of Paul McKenzie’s brother, John Oliver conducted the annual meeting and summer board meeting. The annual meeting is a summarization of the previous year’s activities, an open meeting for the general public. The Society awarded one award this year. The Wiley Award was posthumously given to Bill Knight for his outstanding service to MoNPS.



[Photos: Lead plant above, and purple milkweed left, are just a couple of the plants we enjoyed viewing.]

Siemer, treasurer. Awards and Election committees are finished. George reported the Missouriensis will be mailed before our postal permit expires. Social media committee reported the presence of the Society on Facebook reaches a lot of people. Membership reported 28 new memberships since the April meeting. The Wildflowers of Missouri Roadside poster is at the printers. MoNPS brochures (1000) will be reprinted after chapter dues structure is known. There are still T-shirts in inventory. A committee formed to decide the next fund raising merchandise to develop, whether caps, T-shirts or perhaps something else.

Nels announced an asters workshop at Meramac Community College in September.

Meeting was adjourned.

Sunday morning field trip was on our way home, we briefly explored Rocky Hollow Natural Area in Monroe County, east of Moberly. Fascinating sandstone cleft in the otherwise flatness of former prairie, now farmlands. Sandstone bluffs line the streams, some with petroglyphs from previous cultures.



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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