



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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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.

**9 March Monday 6 pm Members Meeting** Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program: report from our grant recipients. Several other announcements. See article inside.  
**19 March Thursday: Lunch** with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 am. RagTag.

**26 March 5:30 pm, and all subsequent Thursdays** until mid-May Randall Clark Spring wildflower walks. Meet at Devil's Icebox Parking in RBSP on old 63 Hwy south of Columbia. Learn native identification and folklore.

**31 March Tuesday. 6- 9 pm Columbia Urban Ag** campus 1209 E Smith St [1 block south of Business Loop and College]. Becky will be teaching "Native Plants for Pollinators" Lists of best plants for all pollinators, plus garden installation. <https://secure.career-center.org/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=AGR&Title=Garden++Agriculture>

**4 April:** possible mosey to find serviceberry depending on weather.

**10 – 12 April. State Field trip to Osceola/Clinton.** West central MO prairies and glades in Spring = not to be missed!! Look for details in March Petal Pusher.

**11 April Sat, 10am – 2 pm. Native Plant Sale at Bradford Farm.** Our biggest sale of the year. PLEASE Contact Becky early March for opportunities to help with nursery in Mar & Apr.

**16 April Thursday: Lunch** with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 am. RagTag.

**19 April Sun, 10am – 6pm. Booth at Columbia's Earth Day Fair.** Sign up with Paula. See announcement inside.

**10 May;** Possible mosey to find orchids depending on weather.

**16 May Plant sale at Bass Pro,** Columbia [US 63 north, exit Vandiver] PLEASE call Becky to volunteer



## Ideas for Meeting Programs? Send them to Nadia

Please send any ideas for future meeting presentations to Nadia at [navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu](mailto: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.

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> 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

### March Meeting Program

*Submitted by Glenn Pickett, Grant Chairman*

Dr. Pam Close, Advanced Placement Biology teacher at Hickman High School will present a short program at March 9 Hawthorn meeting. Dr. Close applied for and received a Hawthorn Educational grant to provide transportation funding for her AP Biology students to visit the Baskett Research area east of Ashland. Her short presentation will describe her student's activities and what they learned about the native plant research that has been taking place at the area for quite some time. Dr. Steve Pallardy, Professor of Forestry at UMC, worked with the class, and may join Dr. Close for the presentation.



### Lunch at RagTag Thurs 19 March.

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.

The February Lunch attracted 8 Members. We all received announcements of new projects in the works which YOU could be part of. We need your good ideas and your assistance with all future projects and activities. Please attend the next Members Meeting 9 March and the next Lunch 19 March.



### Propagation Workshops in Columbia thru Columbia Adult Career Center

Becky has one more course this spring. Location is at the CC Urban Ag campus at 1205 Smith [College, one block south of Business Loop]. Native Plants for Pollinators Tuesday 31 March, 6 to 9 pm: covers Installing and Choosing native plants <https://secure.career-center.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=15WG316> Sign up at this web site

**Please sign up!**



### Be Prepared For Monarchs

Start thinking about where you can add nectar plants and caterpillar nursery plants for monarchs.

Every spot between other bushes and small perennials can be a space for another new native wildflower. If you are tired of mowing around the birdbath and the bench, why not tear un the sod and plant a few new wildflowers.

All of the great expanse of prairie that once fed Monarchs from central Canada to their winter hibernaculum in Mexico has been plowed up for wheat, corn, fescue pasture, and paved with asphalt. It is up to us who recognize this dilemma to fill the gap with waystations in our back yards.

If you don't know what to do, contact anyone in MONPS for assistance.



## SPRING PLANT SALES

April is our busiest month with THREE 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.

I will appreciate some volunteers stepping up in March to help me lift trays from dormant boxes and clean up plants for sale. Those who desire to help, but can't manage the drive to my house nor physical work, can write labels for plants. Label making will probably be the first week of April after I see what I have.

Flexibility is necessary because most of this must be scheduled around work needed, weather, and human schedules. Count on coming after 10 am or possibly noon because it will be too cold to do anything outside that early in the day. [beckyerick711@centurylink.net](mailto:beckyerick711@centurylink.net) and 657-2314.

### Bradford Plant Sale 11 April, 10 - 2

Tim Reinbott, Bradford Farm Manager, has graciously hosted all the local native plant vendors for the last several years. This sale has become a spring ritual for hundreds of regional residents. Besides preparation throughout March, we especially need a few hands at 9 am to help set up and man the booth that day.

Bradford Farm is the MU Ag Research farm here. It is about 5 miles from US 63 and Grindstone/AC hiway. There is a map at this website.

[http://calendar.missouri.edu/event/native\\_plant\\_and\\_education\\_day?utm\\_campaign=widge&utm\\_medium=widge&utm\\_source=University+of+Missouri#.VMaUyKOGew](http://calendar.missouri.edu/event/native_plant_and_education_day?utm_campaign=widge&utm_medium=widge&utm_source=University+of+Missouri#.VMaUyKOGew)

### Earth Day 19 April, 10 - 6

**We will be participating in Columbia's Earth Day Fair** Most of the day's efforts are answering people's questions about plants, pollinators, nature, and promoting our community work. The booth location is the same as it has been the last few years: next to the Peace Park gate, 8<sup>th</sup> and Elm. The whole booth must be unloaded by 10 am. The fair goes until 6pm. We cannot load up until then.

We need help all day. If you want to help but cannot stay all day, Paula can coordinate your shift. Once you have committed your intention to help, you will get email about where to park and what to do.

### Bass Pro 16 May 10 - 2

This is a new sale organized by Carol Davit [MPF and GN]. Because it looks like we will be slow to shake off the arctic chill, our Bradford sale will not have the quality of plants usually available. This new sale in May will afford us the luxury of having lush, healthy-looking plants for sale for our grant fund. I realize this will be the third effort this spring, but I imagine it will be our best opportunity. Will definitely need help with setting up at before 9 am and loading after 2 pm. Call Becky 657-2314.

## CAS Grant Funded for Bonnie View Park

Dear Partner Friends, [We are all partners in this effort.] Please find attached a letter from Gene Gardner on behalf of the MoBCI Steering Committee. It announces the committee's recommendation that we received the requested funds for the Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary-Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary Grassland Restoration Project. As indicated in the attached letter, the final decision will be made by the Missouri Department of Conservation, history would indicate their positive support will be forthcoming. Funds in the amount of \$11,300 should become available on July 1, 2015.

On behalf of Columbia Audubon Society, I want to thank all our partners for participating in this exciting project. Next winter will witness the spreading of seed from Missouri grasses and wildflowers resulting in the eventual restoration of a native habitat. If anyone has a question please let me know.  
Bill Mees, Columbia Audubon Society

**Volunteers will be needed for seed collection activities from mid-summer until crisp weather next fall. Seeding at Bonnie View will take place in mid-December.**



Be Prepared for Monarchs

Monarchs on *Solidago speciosa* and *Salvia azurea*

BE photos



## 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](http://www.monativeplantsociety.org)

Link up with Jenks Farmer: <http://jenksfarmer.com/>

Bush honeysuckle removal – contact Eric Bohle

[ebohle4@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.xerces.org)

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

Grow Native resources: [www.grownative.com](http://www.grownative.com)

## Reminders from the last State meeting report:

MONPS web site is now functional.

[www.monativeplantsociety.org](http://www.monativeplantsociety.org) 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 reps can list favorite places for hiking on the site as well as links to these places, and chapter news.

**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.**

**Smile.Amazon.com** program is working with 1/2 % of sales donated to the Society. Please convey this revenue stream to chapter members.

## 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 190 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 for electronic messages to: [beckyerick711@centurylink.net](mailto:beckyerick711@centurylink.net)

### **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**

#### **Missouri Native Plant Society- Hawthorn Chapter**

**July 1 through June 30. Dues are Due NOW!**

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