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Future Activities

November 9th, Monday at 6 pm: Members Meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., Columbia. Wedge Watkins with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will discuss native bees and monarchs.

November 15th, Sunday from 1-5 pm: Wreath-Making Workshop. This annual event will be held at Nancy Brakhage's house. Details about the day are below.

November 19th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

December 6th, Sunday at noon: Holiday Party. Paula Peters has offered to host the Holiday Party this year—details will follow in next month's newsletter.

December 17th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

Wreath-Making Workshop

You are invited to my house on Sunday, November 15, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. to make a harvest or holiday wreath. We will work in my basement. Bring a wreath form, paddle of craft wire (about 22 to 26 gauge), clippers to cut the plant material and any dried plants you have gathered. Fresh cedar will be provided. Usually there is enough dried material to share. If you've not made a wreath before, there

will be others who can help you get started. I'll have drinks (coffee or tea, lemonade, soda) and snacks. Feel free to bring your favorites to share.

To find my house travel to the south end of Providence Road where it becomes Route K at Rockbridge Elementary School.

Continue south on Route K for 1.3 miles. Turn left onto Hill Creek Road and go

another 1.3 miles. My house is on the left at 7852 Hill Creek. The drive is gravel and not obvious but I will hang my last year's Christmas wreath on the brown mail box to help. If you have questions, e-mail me at nancy@brakhagefamily.com, or if you get lost, call 449-1316.

Nancy Brakhage

Interesting, Not-So-Common Native



Devil's Walking Stick. Submitted by Nancy Langworthy

Nancy Langworthy had a very good idea of starting a column for the newsletter where members can highlight native plants, trees, or shrubs which they find interesting, or natives they grow which might not be so common. She is starting it off with the first submission below. I would like to make this a monthly column so please think about something you grow or have seen on a hike, trip, etc. which you would like to showcase. And it doesn't have to be native. I know we have questions about "weeds" growing in our yard or along roadsides. I'll admit it...I own a Field Guide to Weeds, so if something sparks your

attention send in a photo and it can be highlighted.

Arabis spinoza L. is the botanical name of this shrub/tree, but it's commonly known as a devil's walking stick or Hercules club, I'd guess because of the serious prickles on the bark. It is beautiful especially in mid-late summer for the sprays of flowers which attract great clouds of pollinators and the fall for the blue berries the birds relish. See photos of the transition from flower to berry. I purchased the shrub from Merv's (Missouri Wildflower Nursery). The prickles can be rubbed off when reasonably

young if you wear strong leather gloves; I haven't found them to be a problem. It spreads by rhizome (maybe also by those berries) and I'm hoping next year to try digging up enough root with a little one to get one someplace else, too. I should mention that those clouds of flowers (with insects) have a soft perfume, very pleasant, not like anything else to help me describe. Kurz says it's found in sandy and thin soil/rocky places; I have deep clay and it's doing fine.

Vanessa Melton and Nancy Langworthy

November Program—Native Bees

The November meeting program will be a discussion by Wedge Watkins from Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge on the monitoring work he has been doing on native bees in the Midwest. He will also be giving

highlights from the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign Conference in Washington DC which he attended in October. And time permitting he will also briefly discuss concerns for monarch butterflies.

Also, from Becky Erickson: "And if that isn't

enough to entice your attendance to the meeting, perhaps the surprise unveiling of . . . It wouldn't be a surprise if you were told. You'll just have to come and find out!! Those who know feel it was worth the four-year wait. When you see it you will want one of your own."



Monarch on Salvia courtesy of Becky Erickson.

Chestnut Roast Success



Chestnut Roast 2015
courtesy of Vanessa Melton.

This year's Chestnut Roast was a success for the University of Missouri and our Chapter. After a five year hiatus this popular event was back, and will hopefully be here to stay. I read over

1500 people attended the one day event, and our Chapter's booth made \$772. We had a wide variety of native plants for

sale, and also sold several MDC books and 2016 Natural Events Calendars. Thanks to everyone who came out to help with the booth!

This will be our last booth event until Spring and it was a great way to say goodbye for the year. Becky Erickson who maintains the Chapter's native plants we sell will need help putting the natives to bed for the Winter so please contact her if you are interested in helping with that project at 573-657-2314.

MDC Calendars for Sale— November 15th Deadline

The Hawthorn Chapter will once again be selling MDC Natural Events calendars for the upcoming year. These make great holiday gifts and will be available by Christmas, but you must place your order by November 15th. A sign up sheet will be available at the November Members Meeting, but if

you would like to pre-order you can email Vanessa Melton at vann-dawn@gmail.com or call at 573-864-3905. The Chapter will only be placing one calendar order with the Missouri Department of Conservation, so once the deadline arrives no more calendars will be ordered.



MDC Natural Events Calendar Cover. Provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Don't forget—Dues are due!! If you are unsure of your membership status please contact Paula Peters at 573-881-4225 or pieridae1@gmail.com.

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 the Spring Bradford Plant Sale. If you receive this by mail, please consider requesting email delivery.

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