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Future Activities

February 18th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

March 14th, Monday at 6 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church. “Wildflowers Around the World.” Randal Clark will give us a program featuring wildflowers seen on his travels.

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

March 24th through May 19th at 5:30 pm: Randal’s Wildflower Walks. Join Randal Clark as he leads Spring wildflower walks each Thursday evening in Rock Bridge State Park. Meet Randal at the Devil’s Ice Box Parking lot to begin each trip.

Informational Websites

<http://www.prairiebirthdayfarm.com/learning/resources.html>

<http://nadiasyard.com/>

<http://www.xerces.org/>

<https://millpondplants.wordpress.com/>

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/>

<http://monativeplants.org/>

<http://www.columbianativeplants.org/>

<http://missouriansformonarchs.blogspot.com/>

<http://allisonjvaughn.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.wildones.org/>

Submitted by Becky Erickson.

January 11th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM at the Universalist church with Pres. Denny Donnell Presiding. 18 attended.

Minutes published in the newsletter were approved and the treasurer's report presented and approved. The chapter is solvent.

The seed collection project teamed with Audubon Society was completed. 150 lbs of material was processed to yield 10 lbs of seed added to a large amount of seed purchased from a grant ready for planting when ground is ready. Several chapter members helped coordinated by Ann Wakeman.

Representation to attend quarterly

MONPS meetings resulted in dividing the task among four parties: April, Poplar Bluff Mingo-Boyd and Carolyn Terry; June, Janice Albert, Poplar Bluff Big Spring; September Ann Wakeman, Mound City; December, John George- Columbia.

Nominations for Vice President are open. Incomplete at this time. See the newsletter and recent e-mails for propagation and butterfly workshops of interest to members. Programs for May July, Sept and November are open except for March with Randal Clark final for that

time. Many suggestions were made including mosses and lichens, soil organisms, tree identification, acorns, galls, Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture, and many others. Ideas and plans for closure should come together in our next meeting.

Hikes and field trips received many suggestions and when a good idea and place occurs to members it should be communicated by email to Vanessa or Becky for wide distribution. Thursday lunch sessions at Rag Tag may be a venue for sharing.

Submitted by Boyd Terry

Maple Tapping Seminar

COLUMBIA, Mo. - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), in partnership with the Missouri Community Forestry Council (MCFC) and Columbia's Tree Task Force, will host an educational presentation on how to tap backyard maple trees for syrup.



Maple tapping courtesy of MDC.

"Missouri is a great place to tap sugar maples for maple syrup," said MDC Community Forester Ann Koenig, "and as temperatures freeze and thaw in late winter, this is the season to do it."

Koenig will kick off the session by helping par-

ticipants learn how to identify sugar maple trees. University of Missouri Professor Mike Stambaugh will then provide information on how to tap maple trees and make syrup.

The seminar will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Heidelberg banquet room, at 410 South 9th St. in Columbia. Participants are welcome to order food and drink at the Heidelberg during the event. Registration costs \$10 and space is limited to the first 30 people who register. All registration fees benefit the non-profit MCFC.

To register, go to midmotaproot.bpt.me

This seminar is the latest installment in the MidMo Taproot Series, in which subject-matter experts aim to educate the general public about a variety of tree-related topics. These sessions are a great way to meet local certified arborists who are passionate about helping people discover the many benefits of trees.

"Making maple syrup is easy, cheap, all-natural, and super tasty," said Koenig, "so come on out to The Heidelberg, order some food and drinks, and learn how to tap your trees."

Information is from MDC, submitted by Ann Wakeman.

Wreath for Wildlife



Louise's Wreath.
Submitted by Louise Flenner.

Louise Flenner had an excellent idea of hanging hers out in the open for wildlife to enjoy.

Vanessa Melton

"This is why I like to make a wreath at the wreath workshop every year. It helps feed the birds in the winter. This one has American Beauty Berries, Eastern red cedar berries and rose hips. Both cardinals and mockingbirds have feasted on it." Louise Flenner

Several Hawthorn Chapter members made wreaths last year at the Wreath-Making Workshop held at Nancy Brakhage's home in November. Besides the traditional hanging of the

wreath on our front door some of us chose to hang them elsewhere. One of mine ended up on a wooden fence gate, but

Local Workshops Still Available

Two workshops will again be available through Columbia Adult Career Center [CACC], 4203 S Providence, Columbia. Hopefully you will get a booklet of classes in the mail. If not, they can be found after January 1st at the website <http://career-center.org/adult/>. This takes you to the home page. Note a block on the right: 2016 Spring courses for adults. Click on the box "enroll now" to get the class lists – then on 'gardening/agriculture'. You must enroll as soon as you want to commit; there are no walk-ins.

Installing Native Gardens for Pollinators. Mon 4 April, 5 to 8 pm. Well – WE all know all native flowers are for all pollinators. Pollinator is such a buzz

-word this year, that word should attract some newbies for the class. You must enroll through CACC but the class is held at Columbia Center for Urban Ag [CCUA]: <http://w23.columbiaurbanag.org/columbiaurbanag/index.html>. The best location I can give right now is on Smith Street, south of Business Loop and west of College. Dress to get dirty. We will install a garden on the CCUA grounds, and you can take a plant home. Then we go in the office to look at gardens for inspiration and learn about appropriate plants for different sites and needs. If you sign up for the class and we discover the weather is out of hand that afternoon, you can

call me for an alternate date. 657-2314, and I am in the paper phone book, and on the Petal Pusher masthead.

Don't count on an answer from an email within minutes.

Don't forget the Butterfly workshop posted in the last Petal Pusher. And check on line www.monativeplants.org for updates on the grass, and weed workshops.

Submitted by Becky Erickson.



Garden Installation by Becky Erickson.
Submitted by Becky Erickson.

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.

- Regular (\$16.00)*
- Student (\$11.00)
- Contributing (\$26.00) Designate Chapter or State
- Paper Postal Service (\$5.00)
- State Lifetime (\$200.00)
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*Includes both Chapter (\$6) and State (\$10) dues.

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