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Future Activities

November 12th, Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm: Wreath-Making Workshop.

This year's workshop will be held at Nancy Langworthy's house.

November 14th, Monday at 6:00 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church.

Sue Bartelette will present a program on Native Landscaping. Please note the time change for this meeting.

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

December ?: Holiday Party. We are still looking for a host for this year's Holiday Party. If you would like to volunteer your house and time for this event please contact Vanessa at vanndawn@gmail.com or 573-864-3905.

December 15th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

Wreath-Making Workshop

This year's Wreath-Making Workshop will be held at Nancy Langworthy's house located at 7301 N. Boothe Lane, Rocheport (Boothe Lane can be accessed via Hwy. 40 north of Midway). The event will run from 11 am to 3 pm and Nancy has been kind enough to offer a sandwich lunch for those who attend, but please bring a dish to share with the group. For your wreath you will need a wreath base of your choice, craft wire (around 22 to 26

gauge), garden clippers and scissors, plus dried, gathered plant material. Nancy will provide the fresh cedar used for our wreaths. Paula Peters has a stockpile of material used in the past, and if you cannot come to the Workshop but would like to donate materials you can bring it by her house and she will take it off your hands. Contact her at pieridae1@gmail.com if you have items to donate. Paula sug-

gests the following as examples of wreath-making materials: Rose hips, Yucca pods, Hibiscus pods, Canadian Wild Rye, Rattlebox, Goldenrod with the seeds shaken out, Culver's Root, any of the Everlastings, Blackberry Iris pods, Elliott's Broomsedge, Gumweed, Vining Milkweed pods, etc...

You will also need a folding or camp chair as only a limited number of chairs will be available.

Vanessa Melton & Paula Peters

News from Stateside by Becky Erickson

First I need to say someone with the interest of MONPS at heart, and the innate curiosity of an explorer, needs to step up to volunteer to be our Chapter Rep for two years. Attend a minimum of 3 state meetings per year; you will know all four meeting dates just after the December meeting. If you attend that meeting, you can influence the dates for the next year. Write reports about those meetings to be published in the chapter newsletter, Vanessa Melton editor. And write 6 reports about Hawthorn activities to be published in the Petal Pusher.

Report from MONPS Board Meeting 24 Sept 2016 Mound City MO.

Missouriensis: On track to publish an issue by late this year. It will be electronic with color photos. Look for Flora of Howell Co by Bill Summers ["Orchids of MO"] and Abstracts

from Dana and Justin Thomas's Botanical Symposium on 4 Nov 16. [The opportunity to sign up to attend went out in late Sept and in last PP.]

Website: no one is focused on updates here. Need to work on that. John Oliver will accept anyone who can volunteer for this service.

Facebook: about 8000 traffic.

Membership: If a person signs up after 1 January, they are good until 1 June of the next year. Since June there were 20 new members. In Sept paid membership totals are 385 including 78 Life members.

Petal Pusher: We are sending only 91 hard copies of PP. Chapter reps can only get hard copies when they come to meetings.

MO PLANTS website: We need to be reminded that the founder, Dan Taglia, was killed by a car while bicy-

cling on a county road several years ago. We need a person with a similar dedication to help move this site forward. Even with moderate interest you can choose a new plant, take a similar series of photos thru the lifecycle, and write a similar life description.

New Board Member: Ron Colatskie, a DNR employee living near Festus.

Next MONPS Board Meeting will be in Columbia, 3 Dec starting at 10 am at Paul McKenzie's office at US FWS Office off West Broadway; see Petal Pusher for detailed directions. Everyone interested in MONPS policies and activities, especially field trip locations, are invited to participate. Last year we were done at 12:30. We usually get out between 1 and 2. If it lasts that long, we will order sandwiches from Jimmy John.

In the past other Chapter Reps have written good impressions of the field trips. Honestly, I think you will get a terrific synopsis if you read the last Petal Pusher complete with photos.

September 12th Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened at 6:00 pm at the Universalist Unitarian church, with Denny Donnell presiding and 21 attended including 5 visitors (Robert Bailey, Barbara Smith, Nicole Whitehill, Cindy Squire, and Carole Davit), who was presented the Plant Conservation Award from Missouri Native Plant Society. She is the editor of Prairie Journal and Executive Director of Missouri Prairie Foundation.

Vanessa Melton published the last minutes. Treasurer report showed \$15,094.36 balance and facility fee paid for the year. John George.

Program by Becky Erickson—Plant identification from examples brought by members and 19-plus potted plants from Becky's nursery. John George named 16 or the 19 and chose 2 favorites and gave the rest to those attending as his prize. Everyone profited and learned with thanks to Becky.

Take note of the NPS newsletter for calendar and in particular note listing of visit sites from Glenn Picket. A groundswell of desire for mosey participants from within our group, and with friends was expressed.

Next meeting November 14, 6:00 pm. Boyd Terry Sec'y.

Chestnut Roast Booth Update



Chestnut Roast 2016
courtesy of **Vanessa Melton.**

Despite what seemed like a slow day with low attendance, and our Chapter's booth made \$568. It was warmer than normal (thank goodness) and attendees trickled through our booth in a some-

what steady stream. We had a wide variety of native plants for sale, and also sold several MDC books with a few, new additional

books (Hiking Missouri and Midwest Foraging both of which are not MDC publications). Thanks to everyone who came out to help with the booth!

This was our last booth event until Spring, and 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.

Vanessa Melton

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 vannadawn@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 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.

- Regular (\$16.00)*
- Student (\$11.00)
- Contributing (\$26.00) Designate Chapter or State
- Paper Postal Service (\$5.00)
- State Lifetime (\$200.00)
- Chapter Lifetime (\$120.00—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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As of July 2015 printed paper Petal Pusher newsletters sent by post will cost an additional \$5.00 more than standard membership. Email delivery brings not only a color copy of the newsletter, but also updates and announcements between newsletters. The local Chapter newsletter will be sent by email.

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