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# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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## Future Activities

**March 23rd through May 18th 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.

**April 8th, Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm: Plant Sale at Bradford Research Farm.** We will once again be having a booth at the Bradford Farm Spring Plant Sale. If you would like to help at the booth please contact Paula Peters at pieridael@gmail.com. Set up will be at 9:00 am.

**April 20th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery.** 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

**April 23rd, Sunday at 9 am: Earth Day.** The event runs from 12-6:30 pm and set up for the Chapter booth has to be done by 11 am. Rain date is April 30th.

**April 29th, Saturday at 7:00 am: Prairie Garden Trust Birdwalk.** See Prairie Garden Trust's website for more details ([prairiegardentrust.org](http://prairiegardentrust.org)).

**May 6th, Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm: Missouri Prairie Foundation Plant Sale at Bass Pro.** More details will appear in a future newsletter, but our Chapter will have a booth at this sale.

**May 8th, Monday at 7 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church.** Topic TBA.

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

**May 27th, Saturday at 8:30 am: Prairie Garden Trust Wildflower Walk.** See Prairie Garden Trust's website for more details ([prairiegardentrust.org](http://prairiegardentrust.org)).

## Planting Opportunity with the UU Church

Mark your calendar to celebrate the beginning of spring with the Unitarian Universalist Ground's Team. We invite you and your group to help us beautify the grounds and make new friends! We plan on removing non-native plants from the NE bed in front of the church on Saturday, April 15 at 9 am. We will plant natives on Saturday May 6 at 9 am. Would you please share this information with the members of your group.

As you attend the Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society meetings at the UU Church on Shepard Blvd, you may have noticed the changes to plant beds. Over the course of time we have been converting our non-natives plant beds to natives.

I don't need to tell the Mo Native Plant Society, why we are planting natives, but I wanted you to know the information we were sending to other groups.

Native plant species have co-evolved with native insect species and provide important food resources for thousands of species of invertebrates that in turn provide food for native birds and other animals. A native plant garden or large planting with a diversity of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses provides food and shelter for insects, birds, amphibians, and mammals throughout the growing season. Leaving seed heads and plant structure throughout winter provides continuing food and shelter for many creatures and provides opportunities to observe nature up close. To underscore the importance of native plants to birds, virtually all terrestrial birds feed their young insects. Native plants provide food for insects, and insects provide food for birds. With no insects, we would have no birds.

We would love to have you join us for these events or to become stewards of the land with us. We typically post our events on the Columbia UU Facebook page, in our church's newsletter, the Searchlight, and on the church calendar. <https://uuchurch.net/calendar>. If you would like to be on the UU Grounds Team's event email list, please let us know. For more info contact: Patty Daus - [pdaus@mchsi.com](mailto:pdaus@mchsi.com) or Jeanne Murphy - [jmurphy1203@socket.net](mailto:jmurphy1203@socket.net).

Sincerely,

Patty Daus and Jeanne Murphy co-chairs, Unitarian Universalist Grounds Team



**Our Chapter Booth at the Bradford Farm Plant Sale from 2016.**  
Courtesy of Vanessa Melton.

## Hawthorn Chapter Booth at Bradford Plant Sale and Earth Day

Bradford Research Center will once again be hosting a native plant sale on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They will also have seminars occurring the same time as the plant sale, and here is infor-

mation from the Bradford Crew on those talks: "Gregory Ormsby Mori, with the MU Center for Agroforestry, will present on growing edible mushrooms at 10 a.m. Mori will focus on how individuals can grow

their own mushrooms in their yards or gardens. Following his presentation, Kelly Srigley-Werner, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will talk about pollinators, birds and bees, and their importance in the

## Hawthorn Chapter Booth at Bradford Plant Sale and Earth Day cont.



**Chapter Booth at Earth Day in 2016. Courtesy of Vanessa Melton.**

ecosystem. Srigley-Werner’s presentation will begin at 11 a.m. At noon, Terry Woods, MU field operations, will showcase soil organisms in different environments. His presentation will include hands-on demonstrations as well.”

Our Chapter will have a booth at the Sale and set up will begin at 9:00 am. Please plan to come and help with the booth especially for set up and take down which will occur around 2 pm when the plant sale ends.

Another opportunity for our Chapter to have a booth will also occur this month at annual Earth Day Celebration in Columbia.

The event will take place on April 23rd unless it is rained out, and in that case it will be rescheduled to April 30th. It will run from noon to 6:30

pm, but we must have the booth set up and have cars off the street by 11:00 am. Set up for the booth will occur at 9:00 am so that it can be completely set up and cars or trucks can be situated by 11:00 am. Since this event will run most of the day the more volunteers we have to help with the booth the better.

If you can help with either of these booths, even for just a few hours, please contact Paula Peters at pieri-dae1@gmail.com.

## Glenn Pickett Receives Blazing Star Award

At the March bimonthly Chapter meeting Glenn Pickett was awarded a Blazing Star Award for all his contributions to the Chapter. Here is an excerpt from his award: “for his persistent and attentive work with the children and teachers of the Columbia Public Schools as a mentor and motivator.

Glenn has been the keystone in development and promotion of the Hawthorn Grant Program. Glenn has also exercised long hours of personal effort and resources to maintain the adopted highway site on Stadium Boulevard.”

Congratulations Glenn!



**Glenn Pickett receives Blazing Star from Denny Donnell. Provided by Vanessa Melton.**

### 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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