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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.

**May 6th, Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm: Missouri Prairie Foundation Plant Sale at Bass Pro.** Our Chapter will have a booth at this sale. Set up is at 9:30 am.

**May 8th, Monday at 7 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church.** Henry and Lorna Domke will discuss upcoming projects at Prairie Garden Trust.

**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)).

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

**July 10th, Monday at 7 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church.** Topic TBA.

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

## Corrected Meeting Minutes from January 9th

Pres. Denny Donnell called the meeting to order with 12 present. Some announcements included discovery Garden Club winter Garden Forum Jan 29 at Columbia Public Library, 2 lectures. Minutes from the December meeting-supper were reviewed and we enjoyed eating and discussing native plants. 12 attended.

Treasurer's report by John George was favorable with a donation to GrowNative and purchase of Plant tags for our planting project. We receive a lower rate related to our participation.

Plant sales calendar was reviewed: 4/8, Bradford; 4/23 Earth Day; 4/6 Bass Pro-GrowNative; 10/? Chestnut Festival

Officer election left President, Secretary open, Vice Pres Gail Plemmons; Treasurer, Paula Peters; Chapter Rep, John George.

Programming was discussed for March, May, and November meetings with some ideas and partial commitments to be followed by Vice Pres.

Glen Picket Blazing Star Award will be presented at an appropriate time at one of his projects.

January 28, Saturday noon to 3:30 a propagation workshop at the Midway extension office by Becky Erickson.

The meeting was adjourned with hope for the future. Boyd E. Terry. Sec'y

Note: These are the corrected minutes. Glenn Pickett's name was left out when published in the February newsletter until his award could be given.

## Spring Plant Sales

April has been a busy month for our Chapter with booths at two Spring Plant Sales. The first one occurred at Bradford Farm on April 8th and the second was on the 23rd at the annual

Earth Day Celebration in downtown Columbia. The weather was gorgeous for the Bradford Sale netting us \$1889. The Earth Day Celebration fell a day after a rainy Saturday but still resulted in our booth raising \$963. These two totals beat last year's sales!

We will have another booth coming up on May 6th at Bass Pro with Missouri Prairie Foundation. The plant sale will start at 10 am and run to 2 pm. We will be setting up at 9:30 am, so please plan to help with the booth. Please contact Paula Peters at [peridael@gmail.com](mailto:peridael@gmail.com) if you can help.

Hawthorn  
Chapter  
Booth at  
Earth Day  
2016. Cour-  
tesy of  
Vanessa  
Melton.



# Another Fall Insect Story

Last September I took photos of a caterpillar munching on parsley I had in a pot right outside the front door and I have been meaning to share it with the Chapter, but waited until there was room in the newsletter for it. Butterflies are back already, so this is a perfect time to start thinking about what you can plant in your yard to attract insects.

I wasn't thinking about providing food for Black Swallowtail larvae when I planted parsley in a pot, in fact I was selfishly thinking about myself. Fresh herbs are wonderful additions to Spring and Summer dishes. However, when I noticed butterfly larvae feeding on the parsley last September I decided to let

them have it. I know parsley isn't native, but we all know the importance of pollinators, so a food source is a food source especially late in the growing season.

I first noticed them on September 16th and the last photo I have is from the 27th. Wow, did they grow fast! I didn't see them after that day and I wasn't sure if it was because they devoured all the parsley I had or if they moved on geographically and biologically to the next phase of their lifecycle. Paula Peters identified the larvae for me as Black Swallowtail.

Below is a photo series of the larval development while feeding on parsley.

To host a variety of native food sources offer Black-eyed Susan, the ever-popular Butterfly milkweed, Ironweed, Joe-Pye Weed, New England Aster, Purple Coneflower, and Blazing Star. Don't forget about native trees and shrubs—Black Cherry and Pawpaw are great pollinator food sources as well as Spicebush.

Submitted by Vanessa Melton.

**9-20-16.**  
Larvae growing with plenty of food.



**9-24-16.** Larvae much bigger and still plenty of parsley.

**9-25-16.**  
Larvae slightly larger and food disappearing.



**9-27-16.**  
Last day larvae were seen. Parsley only stems now.



### 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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