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Future Activities

September 11th, Monday at 7:00 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church. Plant ID workshop led by Becky Erickson. Bring unknowns for identification.

September 21st, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

October 7th, Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm: Chestnut Roast. We will once again have a booth at the Chestnut Roast at HARC in Franklin, MO.

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

November 13th, Monday at 6:00 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church. Our featured speaker is Danielle Fox, City Community Conservationist for Columbia. Please note the time change for this meeting.

November 16th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

Hawthorn Booth at Chestnut Roast

The University of Missouri will once again be hosting the Chestnut Roast at the Horticultural and Agroforestry Research Center in Franklin, MO. The event will be held on October 7th

from 10 am to 4 pm and we will be setting up the booth at 9 am staying until closing. This event is always a great time, but it is a long day so any help with the booth is greatly appreciated.

We will especially need help at set up and take down.

If you plan to help at any time during the day contact Nancy Langworthy by emailing her at langworthy@gmail.com.

Missouri Native Plant Society – Hawthorne Chapter: Parameters for Consideration with Financial Giving

Brian Page and John George put together some notes on thoughts -

What are the general categories most suited for giving:

- Education efforts regarding native plants and natural communities (including exotic species education) – teacher grants for projects, student transportation, etc.
- Plants – assist with plant purchase expense for worthy projects done by non-profit groups or other groups that want to showcase (and maintain) native vegetation
- Non-specific support to other groups (non-profit and others) that want to support native plants, natural communities, education efforts and/or an overall mission that is in line with the goals of good conservation efforts as agreed by a majority of the group.

Amounts: \$1000 per year limit per group, typical projects expected to be \$50-\$600.

Should we operate under the idea of a “prudent reserve” whereby we try to spend slightly less than we earn each year?

What sort of minimum should we strive to keep in the account balance (i.e. \$5000?)

Next meeting (September 11, 2017) – John Baker might be presenting to us about an opportunity to invest in interest bearing accounts? These might allow us to gain \$ for increased project support over time.

[Editor’s Note: John Baker is unavailable to talk with our Chapter at the September meeting.]

What will the front loading costs be and how long before we have recovered those costs based on average rate of return over the last few years?

Does the investment become the primary funding tool for the group?

**We will likely need to call a special meeting after the September date to have time to discuss the results of the investment presentation.

Treasurer’s Report Submitted by Paula Peters, Treasurer

Balance at the end of August was \$14,736.36.

In the last year we earned approximately \$3500 from plant sales, and took in \$366 in dues.

We spent approximately \$3450. Expenses included fees for booths, chapter rep travel, UU church donation, plant tags, brochures and newsletters, a new banner, speaker’s fee, Columbia Public Schools grant, and MPF donation.

What You Get if You Have Wafer Ash!

One of Missouri’s native trees, Wafer Ash (*Ptelea trifoliata*) or Hop Tree is a great food source for Tiger Swallowtail larvae. It grows best in partial or full shade but can tolerate full sun, likes medium to dry soil, and flowers in mid-Summer. Paula Peters collected Tiger Swallowtail eggs from her Wafer Ash and reared the larvae in her home. Here are a few photos from her experience this Summer ranging from eggs on the top left and continuing the lifecycle as you go clockwise. As she says the black



Tiger Swallowtail are always female, but the yellow version can be either male or female.

Written by Vanessa Melton with photos provided by Paula Peters.



September Meeting Topics—Plant Identification and Financial Discussion

The topic for this month’s meeting is native plant identification and will be led by Hawthorn member, Becky Erickson. Here is what she says about the meeting:

“Plant Identification: bring large sample [flower, leaf, stem in one piece] for identification. Becky will bring a tray of potted plants as a

quiz. Knowing some scientific names is helpful. Best knowledge wins the tray or first pick from it.”

As you can see from the article to the left there will also be a discussion concerning Chapter finances as some thoughts have been presented in past meetings. John

Baker with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri will not be at the September meeting to discuss an option of investing with the Foundation, but members are encouraged to attend this meeting to give your thoughts on spending Chapter funds.

Submitted by Becky Erickson and 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)
- Chapter Lifetime (\$120.00—you must also be a member of the state organization to utilize this option)
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