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We would like to read about announcements, impressions, species accounts, photos, poems, links to scientific articles or other creative nature writing **from you, too.**

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Future Activities Calendar

Dues are Due in June

For those who renew annually, it is time to send in your membership fee. **Print the last page of this newsletter and send to our treasurer, Paula.** If you are tired of renewing each year, consider becoming a life member. The State Board meeting in May discussed raising life membership in 2020.

8 July Mon, 6:30 UU Church Monday 6:30pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Program: Eathan Miller's presentation will focus on conservation practices available to landowners and soil health management systems and practices and what they accomplish for us. Some of these will be alternative (modern) production practices to replace traditional practices that cost us in terms of money and long term soil health. We will also have a discussion about an award for Gustin Golf Course for large areas of rough converted to natives.

18 July Thurs 11:30 to 1pm Lunch at RagTag/Uprise. Just south of Broadway at 10 Hitt Street.

15 Aug Thurs 11:30 to 1pm Lunch at RagTag/Uprise. Just south of Broadway at 10 Hitt Street.

9 Sept Mon, 6:30 UU Church Monday 6:30pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia

July is the Best Month to see Prairies in Bloom. There has been some interest in exploring 2-3 in Pettis County. Sometimes weather cools for a few days in mid-summer. When it does, expect an announcement regarding this activity. There is a very good Mexican restaurant in Sedalia for lunch.



Welcome to two new members Linda and Leah.
Hope you will join active members at some of our activities.



Tell Nadia About Speaker Opportunities Nadia Navarrete-Tindall is taking on the duties primarily of finding speakers for our meetings. If you talk to anyone who has an interesting expertise related to soils, wild plants, invasive species control, ecological restoration, , , oh goodness the list is too long – please get their contact info and let Nadia know so she can get them scheduled. We are especially interested in people who have done research. Contact Nadia here: nativeplantsandmore@gmail.com



The editor wants to thank, Karen for her submission this month. We all enjoy reading personal articles about your experiences and new knowledge about nature.

Your input is important to all of us.
Please submit during the second half of every month.

This is the 34rd year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the chapter website up to date.

Announcements

Lunch at RagTag Thurs 18 July

Meet our group for lunch 11:30 at RagTag/Uprise, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway]. Last lunch [20 June] was attended by twelve members with lively discussions about insects, birds, planting, weather challenges, and good ideas about future activities. Hope to see you there next time.

Our Adopted Garden

Cindy arranged with the City that Hawthorn adopt the garden next to the recycle lot at Providence and Nifong.

A great deal of thanks goes to the nine members who helped clean up and mulch the area over the last three months, and last October. When you stop there to drop off your recycle stuff, take a good look at the garden on the north side of the wall and under the sign in front.

Local volunteer opportunities with Lea.

Contact Lea to be added to her mail list.

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Missouri Master Naturalist

Columbia Outdoor Classroom Volunteer

LINK UP!!

Hot off the press! Jeff Cantrell [MDC] sent this link to me today: **Does education influence wildlife friendly landscaping preferences?**

Your reading abstract and discussion gives full picture [from abstract:] Our findings suggest that residential support for native plant landscaping is higher than is reflected by typical residential landscaping practices, and that dissemination of information regarding the benefits of native plant landscaping to birds could alter public preferences for native plant landscaping. [talk to your neighbors!]

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B9x5Ahn-zXr7SC1JeXkzUDctYzJ6SGdmUjhYbWluNUZUU29r/view?ts=5d11801d>

Refer to past editions of our newsletter for other important resource links.

Hawthorn website www.columbianativeplants.org

MONPS website www.monativeplantsociety.org

State Meeting Notes

Text and photos by Cindy

I would like to congratulate Dana Thomas. She is our new MONPS President!! She was formerly the vice-president and has agreed to lead us. Thank You Dana!! Dana was installed during the banquet along with the other new officers on Saturday night. The state Vice-president position is open. This position involves planning the field trips and a backup for the president. If you are good in arranging travel for larger groups, this is a way you can help!!

The 40th Anniversary Banquet was quite wonderful. There were awards presented (see Petal Pusher for details). The slide show was informative, funny and endearing. What a wonderful group of folks that have come together over the past 40 years promoting the enjoyment, preservation, conservation and study of native plants in Missouri!!!

I attended the Sunday MONPS field trips to the native plantings in Fulton and Prairie Garden Trust.

In downtown Fulton there is a spectacular roundabout. One of our longtime members Ann Wakeman [here in blue with Diane Neterer] designed and has helped with the installation and maintenance of this area along with the Fulton Garden Club. There are continuous flowers and butterflies seem to abound in this oasis.

From the roundabout, we



went to visit to Prairie Garden Trust. This was my first visit to Prairie Garden Trust, and I was impressed. This was a 500+ acre farm that has been converted into a native area. There are glades, prairies, savannas and water areas including streams and ponds. Domke's are merciless in fighting invasive plants and presenting natives in a park/preserve setting. They employ 2 full time native plant gardeners and it shows. The hardscape is impressive, a massive visitor center, paved trails, overlooks made of stainless steel, and viewing shelters are among its finest features. I encourage you to visit this native plant sanctuary in the middle of the Fulton area farming community. Visit their website at Prairiegardentrust.org.

State Field Trip Saturday 22 June

Submitted by Karen and Becky; Photos by Becky

Saturday morning we were supposed to meet at the end of Fish Hook Road at Danville CA to walk across the creek and up to the glades. This is an area Becky really wanted to see. That was cancelled due to hard, persistent downpours and flash flood warnings. At 11 we re-grouped at the pavilion at Graham Cave for lunch. After a social hour over shared cooler repast, we headed out for the first stop at the cave. Bruce Scheutte, who had worked at the park, gave us an excellent history of the cave, its formation, uses, and archeological studies.



The group took off down the trail; small streams and waterfalls were running full and fast due to the morning rain. A group of fit people bushwhacked up the hill to the glades above the cave where they saw sand glades with acid [low pH] soil that had pockets of basic [high pH] depositions from limestone/dolomite runoff from limestone glades uphill. So there was the unusual mix of plants preferring both acid and basic soils in one



area. And there happened to be a chuck-wills-widow's nest on the edge of the glade. The rest of us on a different trail quizzed each other on woodland plants and found a club moss on a cliff face.

[above].



There was time between the walk at Graham Cave and dinner in Fulton, so Becky and I returned to Danville CA.

Along Fish Hook Road we saw some plants new to me: milkweed vine [*Matelia*], scurfy pea [*Psoralia*], a robust colony of meadow rue [*Thalictrum*], and old favorites: alum root [*Heuchera*], prickly pear [*Opuntia*], colonies of bee balm [*Monarda*] were very busy feeding bees, and purple prairie clover [*Dalea*].



Matelia left. *Monarda* middle. *Dalea* right



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 Bradford Plant Sale. There are opportunities to volunteer caring for native gardens in public places. We don't deliver printed copies by mail unless you insist. Please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money for the Grant Program.

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