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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.**

March 2019

Future Activities Calendar

11 March Mon 6:30 pm. UU church Monday 6:30pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. Meetings are always the second Mon of odd-numbered months 6:30pm at UU Church. We must vote for a new meeting schedule – see attached minutes from last meeting. Part of the meeting will be planning logistics for plant sales in April and May; Program TBA.

16 March Sat 1 pm Moss Walk. Meet at 5203 S. Cowan Rd Columbia. Tour Louise's moss garden, then caravan to a near-by wild area. Louise has studied mosses for 3 years and sent rare specimens to MOBOT for id. lflenner@hotmail.com see article P3.

21 March Thur 11:30 Lunch at RagTag. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway.

13 April Sat Bradford Farm Plant Sale 10am – 2pm. This is our largest sale of the year. Come to activities in Feb and March to learn how you can help. We need many hands from 1 March thru mid-May. Contact Becky, Paula, or Louise with questions and offers to volunteer your help.

18 April Thur 11:30 Lunch at RagTag. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway

20 April Sat 1 pm: Mosey on Ridgetop Trail at Grindstone. Brian will lead. Meet at Grindstone Park parking lot on Old 63 south of Stadium [across from Moss-Waters City Park]

28 April Sun 10am - 6:30 pm; Earth Day Festival in downtown Columbia. Contact Paula, Louise, or Becky if you can volunteer that day.

11 May Sat Garden Festival 10 - 4 at Arrow Rock SP. We need a few who can identify spring flowers and are familiar with the use of Dennison to lead short walks. Connect with Becky or Louise as soon as you know you can volunteer for the day.

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18 May Sat Bass Pro 10 - 2 Columbia plant sale

19 May Sun, 1pm: Mosey to explore savanna at Big Sky near Wilton. John will lead.

21 May Thur 11:30 Lunch at RagTag. 10 Hitt St.

22 June Sat: State field trips all day just east of Fulton. Details later.



This is the 34th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the chapter website up to date. Thanks to Jeff, Lea and Louise, who sent information on time for this issue.



Announcements

At the last meeting, many issues were discussed, a few were decided, some were tabled. Read the other attached document, Feb Meeting Minutes. Attend the next meeting 11 March to help us make decisions that will favor you.



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 21 March

Meet our group for lunch 11:30 at RagTag, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway]. Last lunch [21 Feb] was attended by eight members with lively discussions about fungi, seeding, weather challenges and good ideas about future activities. Hope to see you there next time.



True Native Plants for Wildlife

It cannot be said more strongly from all evidence that our bird and insect numbers have declined by close to 50% because of declines in native plant numbers and diversity in the broad landscape. It is up to us to rehab more of our turf laws to a diverse mix of true native plants. Please corroborate with members of your chapter to ask about the correct sources of native plants. Please purchase true native plants from local native plant nurseries – not Nativars from the big box stores. Hawthorn chapter has a native nursery. Contact beckyerick711@centurylink.net for info.



Be a citizen scientist. Almost half of our scientific data from nature has come from people like you. Learn about collecting bird data [Cornell Lab of Ornithology], plant phenology data [project Bud Burst], bee data & butterfly data [Xerces Society].

Register Your Garden For Monarchs

Sign up your garden as a Monarch Waystation with Monarch Watch.

Your input is important to all of us.

The chapter members rely on each other to share a myriad of information: links to book reviews and scientific articles with cites, original and shared poems with cite, personal stories of experiences in nature, photos to illustrate any of these submissions. We are all educated people who can write a series of sentences to form a paragraph and then two paragraphs. If you enjoy reading the thoughts of others it is best to submit your own thoughts, ideas, opinions, artistic creations.



New Gardening Book in Production

Some Hawthorn members have committed to publishing a book to assist newbies about how and where to plant each species in a home garden. Before winter is over, text will be written for about 100 species. These pages will probably cover your favorites. To complete these pages, we will need a photo of spring/summer/fall: spring emerging sprout, a good shot of the leaves and bolt, a portrait of the flower including some leaves, a seed head portrait. These photos must be VERY in focus and the illustrated structure must be clearly visible. We can format and edit this next winter.

There is no way we can get 4-500 species published in one year to permanently bind. This book must be published in a loose-leaf format so new pages can be added.

Anyone with any knowledge in this line of publishing – PLEASE – come forward. Please send publishing ideas and perfect photos to beckyerick711@centurylink.net



LINK UP!!

I finally got onto the Biota of North America. The distribution maps are fascinating!

<http://www.bonap.org>

I realize I'm the last to discover a good thing, but I'll post this for all who are one step behind me. iNaturalist is a worldwide site used by 300G people who have made 10M observations.

Have a great time exploring!

<https://www.inaturalist.org/>

Nadia's Yard: a blog by Randy Tindall

<http://nadiasyard.com/>

MONPS website

www.monativeplantsociety.org

Bush honeysuckle removal – contact Eric Bohle
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Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

<https://xerces.org/bringbackthepollinators/>

<https://xerces.org/2018/04/19/tropical-milkweed-a-no-grow/>

<https://xerces.org/2018/04/04/rain-gardens-are-a-win-win/>

Plant identification: USDA plant database <http://plants.usda.gov>

Grow Native resources: www.grownative.com

“If you truly love Nature, you will find beauty everywhere.” Vincent Van Gogh



Moss Mosey Led by Louise

Saturday, March 16 at 1:00 p.m., our starting location is my house 5203 S. Cowan Rd. Columbia. I will lead a field trip into Gans Wild Area, a part of Rockbridge Memorial State Park. One of the focuses of the trip will be to appreciate the many varieties of moss that cover the ground, trees, rotting logs and rocks. Of course, we will also be looking at any early emerging woodland wildflowers.

The field trip will start at my house so we can take a look at the moss garden here, started in 2017. Moss gardens take about 5 years to really fill in, so don't expect a "showy" garden, but we can identify a number of different varieties and see which have done well and which not so good. My house is about 5 minutes from Gans Wild Area, so we will carpool and caravan from my house to the trailhead located at the end of Bearfield Road. Bring a magnifying loop or magnifying glass if you have one. Expect mud so wear footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather. The snows and rain this winter have already stimulated fantastic growth in the mosses that suffered so much during the summer drought.

If you need to reach me, email is lfenner@hotmail.com , phone is 573-268-7468.

NEW BOOK! By Don Kurz

Promotion by Jeff Cantrell

See attached book cover

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[Ed. note: Jeff works hard to promote prairies. He has a regular column in the MO Prairie Journal. Jeff is open to personal contacts about prairie ecosystems.]

"I have walked the prairies & glades w/ Jeff...sooooo brilliant he is...and what an Earth steward...."

LL [a StL Chapter member]

Just a note, this field guide will be coming out in time for early spring forbs. I have been looking forward to it for over a year now. Many of us know Don's photography well and we can count on easy to follow descriptions to accompany eye-catching photos. No doubt it will bring continued awareness and appreciation to our declining prairies. So many of us are dedicated to supporting our remaining natural areas, and native grasslands are the rarest. Please share this resource information with libraries, biology graduate students, educators, naturoscaping gardeners and budding naturalists. I believe it will be available on the shelf at bookstores 8th of March, and may be currently preordered from several sites. I say often - you just have to care about native plants, for it is 3rd grade science...**the plants are connected to everything.** Thank you and I look forward to crossing paths with you soon.
- Jeff

Join us to learn more about this tiny world underfoot. [BE photos]



New Weed Ordinance in Columbia

Starting two years ago Danielle Fox, the City Natural Resources Officer, came to talk to us about a proposed new weed ordinance in Columbia which would hopefully allow people to plant more native plants to help pollinators, birds and other critters. Several of us attended at least 3 public meetings to provide insight and make proposals for changes. The wheels of government turn slowly and there are many hotter fires to put out. On 4 February 2019, during a lull in crisis management, Columbia City Council took a vote and the new weed ordinance passed unanimously.

They call it Landscape Management https://library.municode.com/mo/columbia/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=939512 The document at this link shows the parts that were removed crossed out. It is a verbose document because it had to please citizens with many different objectives to property up-keep. A synopsis can read: you can plant and keep anything not on the 'noxious list' if you can identify it, and keep it from impeding foot and auto traffic or listing into the neighbor's yard.

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. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money.

___ Regular (\$16.00)*

___ Student (\$11.00)

___ Contributing (\$26.00)* designate chapter or state

___ Paper postal service (\$10)

___ State Lifetime (\$200)

___ Chapter Lifetime (\$120 – 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.

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