



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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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. Please submit during the second half of every month.

This is the 36th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members.

May 2021

## Future Activities Calendar

For the foreseeable future we will have presentations and occasional meetings offered by Zoom. Our traditional meeting time is second Mondays at 6:30. If you are sincerely interested in learning from our group, pay attention to updating emails. Schedules will change through the summer as health advisories change.

## Announcements

**There is no ZOOM Program scheduled for our MAY chapter meeting.**

We will offer a **Mother's Day Mosey to 100 Acre Woods** in north Boone Co one mile beyond Pinnacle Park. Bring the whole family to enjoy spring. Most of the areas have been burned so tick numbers are greatly reduced. Boots, long pants, and a sun hat are encouraged. Bring your own water and camera.

We will gather on Pinnacle Road at 2pm Sunday 9 May.

**And we strongly encourage attending this field trip to compare ecosystems in Schwartz Prairie and 25-Mile Prairie <https://moprairie.org/event/field-trip-vinegar-or-baking-soda-how-geology-influences-two-great-prairies/> . This is 29 May 10am to 2pm in north Polk Co just east of Humansville. You must make a reservation.**

## Additional activity in May

**We will be participating in the Bass Pro Plant Sale to benefit MPF/GN Sat 22 May 10am to 1 pm.**

Hawthorn members - We have waited over a year to talk to the public and find new homes for our beloved native plants. This is our first opportunity to revive this activity. The date - 22 May - has been on the calendar over 6 months and we now have approval from GN and BassPro to set up our booth in their parking lot - not under the front porch as in years past. Even if fully vaccinated, we will still wear masks and try to stay apart in respect for the safety of all in the community.

I have my time and energy full to bring plants to the sale. **We need a few hands to bring and set up the tent, tables, display banners, books and pamphlets.** Hopefully you will be willing to stay until the end to explain to newbies the available species and their favorite habitat so they can be successful in their new gardening adventure. Then help pack up to leave.

**Set up time starts at 9.** If you get there early, remember we are volunteers and arrive when life allows, so patience and teamwork is required. Plants should arrive about 9:30. They need to be sorted by habitat needs. Many flats can remain on the trailer.

**Please contact me [Becky] if you have a serious dedication to help - include your phone number;** I don't text. I need to know you intend to come so you can be contacted in case of any changes - like weather.

## Walk-Through Native Plant Sale at Columbia Bass Pro Shops Sportsman's Center® on May 22

*Enjoy shopping from five native plant and tree vendors from around Missouri.*

Columbia, MO (April 26, 2021)—On Saturday, May 22, a wide variety of native perennial wildflowers, grasses, sedges, vines, shrubs, and trees supplied by **five native plant vendors** will be available for sale in the north parking lot at Bass Pro Shops Sportsman's Center, 3101 Bass Pro Drive, Columbia, MO 65202 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Plants, trees, and shrubs for sun, shade, dry, and moist soils will be available from **Gaylena's Garden** of Barnett, **Sunrise Gardens** of Columbia, **Missouri Wildflower Nursery** of Brazito, the **Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society**, and **Prairie Hill**

## GOLD LINKS

All new MPF/GN events posted here:  
<https://grownative.org/events/>

## Sign up for MO Prairie Journal

<https://moprairie.org/mission/missouri-prairie-journal/>  
Find links to educational webinars every Wed afternoon on the MPF site.

## 2020 Missouri Natural Areas Newsletter

Enjoy your 2020 Missouri Natural Areas Newsletter! This edition features articles examining Missouri's tremendous native plant diversity and its ecology. Sit back and enjoy the read as we look forward to spring's earliest wildflowers.

<https://nature.mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/find-places-go-mo/natural-areas/natural-areas-newsletter>

Check out the **BudBurst** site and get ready to record spring sprouts, flowers and later, seeds

<https://budburst.org/>  
They need your data!!!

The Naturalist's Notebook used to record phenology is

available from [storey.com](http://storey.com) for \$19.95. Here is the link to the calendar you can print yourself:  
[https://www.storey.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Naturalists\\_Notebook\\_Calendar\\_01.pdf](https://www.storey.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Naturalists_Notebook_Calendar_01.pdf)

Farm of Auxvasse. Some vendors accept cash, check, or credit cards; some only cash or checks. All shoppers must follow local health guidelines.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity to purchase native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses to beautify your surroundings and support nature's web of life in your yard or on your property," said Carol Davit, MPF Executive Director.

Shoppers may also pre-order plants from the following vendors, if they wish, and have them ready for purchase at the sale:

Hopefully NPS members will partake in this opportunity and patronize our local vendors.

**Gaylena's Garden:** View the [plant list here](#) and email your order to [gaylenasgarden@gmail.com](mailto:gaylenasgarden@gmail.com) by Thursday, May 20. Current plant list is available on the [Gaylena's Garden Facebook page](#).

**Sunrise Gardens:** Order online here by Thursday, May 20: <https://sunrisegardens.net/>

**Missouri Wildflowers Nursery:** Order by calling 573-496-3492, by email at [mowldflrs@socket.net](mailto:mowldflrs@socket.net), or online [here](#) by Tuesday, May 18: <http://mowildflowers.net/>

*The Missouri Prairie Foundation is a 55-year-old conservation organization and nationally accredited land trust. Its mission is to protect and restore prairie and other native grasslands through acquisition, management, education, and research. The Missouri Prairie Foundation also runs the 21-year-old Grow Native! program ([www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org)) and administers the Missouri Invasive Plant Task Force ([www.moinvasives.org](http://www.moinvasives.org)).*

**Missouri Prairie Foundation:** [Web Site](#) [Facebook](#) • [Instagram](#) • [Twitter](#) • [YouTube](#)

**Missouri Prairie Foundation's Grow Native! Program:** [Web Site](#) • [Facebook](#) • [Instagram](#) • [Twitter](#)

**Missouri Prairie Foundation/Grow Native!'s:** [Missouri Invasive Plant Species Task Force \(MolP\)](#)



Thanks to Elena for her submission this month  
NOW is a very good time to pull bush honeysuckle seedlings.



## Missouri Native Plant Society Awards Nominations

**Due May 15. The MONPS Awards Committee seeks nominations of people who have supported the preservation of Missouri's flora and have helped MONPS beyond an average effort.**

MONPS offers six awards:

- 1) Erna Eisendrath Memorial Education Award, recognizing individuals who, through teaching, writing, or other activity have conveyed to others a significant appreciation and knowledge of Missouri's native flora.
- 2) Arthur Christ Research Award, recognizing an individual's significant contribution in furthering the knowledge of Missouri flora.
- 3) Plant Stewardship Award, recognizing an individual or organization for the preservation of important elements of Missouri's flora through purchase, registry, and/or management practice.
- 4) The John E. Wylie Award, recognizing individuals who have provided exceptional service to the Society.
- 5) Plant Conservation Award, recognizing an individual or organization for outstanding contributions to the conservation or preservation of native plants or plant communities in Missouri. This award differs from the Plant Stewardship Award in that it is not tied to direct acquisition or management of tracts of land, but instead may recognize various types of outstanding achievements or efforts, such as conservation planning, advocacy, or new ways of looking at old problems.
- 6) Julian A. Steyermark Award, the Society's highest award, given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to any and all aspects of Missouri botany. The deadline for nominations is May 15. Nominations should contain the full name of the nominee and the name of the person making the nomination, and they should set forth the contributions of the individual or organization that merits recognition. Award recipients need not be members of MONPS. Please submit nominations to Awards **Committee Chairwoman, Malissa Briggler:** [malissa.briggler@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:malissa.briggler@mdc.mo.gov)



## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Many of you have expressed interest in helping to manage the myriad of native plant gardens around town and at Columbia Public Schools as a reason to get outside and a process of education. Doing this community service is applicable to your MMN re-pay requirements. Even if you have not had MMN training, working in these gardens will help you learn how to recognize good native plants from undesirables. Lea is the leader for this volunteer group [named Volunteer of the Month by City of Columbia this summer].

Activities are announced weekly, so sign up now to know when and where to get started. Lea knows where all the gardens are and offers a schedule, received from her by email, when group weeding parties

## Missouriensis - On Line Now!

Sent from Dana our MONPS  
President.

Great news! Not only is 2020 almost behind us, but your newest issue of *Missouriensis*, the journal of the Missouri Native Plant Society, is now available! Volume 38 (2020) of *Missouriensis* can be accessed on our website at <https://monativeplants.org/publications/missouriensis/>.

This issue is packed with fascinating topics, including current research about a new (and colorful) lichen in Missouri, a new and potentially invasive *Viburnum*, new occurrences of two critically imperiled sedges, characters to help identify a confusing group of *Desmodium*, clarification of a moss nomenclatural issue, and more.



## Links to two of our Chapter Autumn Zoom Presentations

Lea's Outdoor Native Plant  
Classrooms [https://1drv.ms/p/s!  
!AjscdYpHSUkgccDCmcryKA  
df1sk?e=3YWx6d](https://1drv.ms/p/s!AjscdYpHSUkgccDCmcryKAdf1sk?e=3YWx6d)

Becky's Pollinator ID &  
Garden Plants:

[https://1drv.ms/p/s!  
AjscdYpH  
SUkgc3nMcng4S-  
pzkVU?e=qvUOJL](https://1drv.ms/p/s!AjscdYpHSUkgc3nMcng4S-pzkVU?e=qvUOJL)

(the NOTES show up in the bottom, but you might need to click "notes" at the bottom of the screen to see verbiage).

St Louis chapter presentations  
are posted on the state website



occur. If you have confidence in your knowledge of species recognition, don't be shy! – ask Lea for a garden and do what you can to remove 'bad plants' when you want to work. If you need assistance with id and technique, go with a group several times before you strike out on your own. [langtrea@gmail.com](mailto:langtrea@gmail.com) call or text 864-7647.



**Want to help pollinators?** In addition to supporting The Nature Conservancy's work protecting and restoring habitat, the best thing you can do is to make your home, school, workplace or neighborhood pollinator friendly. Whether you live in a city high-rise, a suburban cul-de-sac or on a farm, you can create an oasis of pollinator habitat. Put your DIY skills to use with one of these simple projects that will attract birds, bees and butterflies. Before you know it, the oasis you've created will be abuzz with pollinator activity.

Articles Planting for Pollinators

See many illustrations of Artist Lisel Jane Ashlock [in PP illustrations file]

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/magazine/magazine-articles/planting-for-pollinators/>

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/magazine/magazine-articles/pollinator-paradise/>

## Excellent info from GN . . .

- [Native Landscape Care Calendar](#) -- for professionals and homeowners. We also have a brief [one-page care overview](#) as well.
- And, just added to the GN website - extensive [Butterfly Host Plant list](#)

## NYT selection from *In the Garden* 28Apr2021

What to look for in [spring wildflower season](#). This article explains *elaosome*, *cleistogamous*, and how to move woodland plants with excellent photos.

## Rare Orchid Pollination Research

Retha Edens-Meier's paper on the pollination of the endangered orchid, *Cypripedium kentuckiense* [a yellow lady slipper], was published a few days ago and [a copy is available on request from Becky](#). This required fieldwork in one of the less accessible and comfortable sites over 3 years. Note that this may be the first study of a bee-pollinated *Cypripedium* species including male bees. A link is added here showing the behavior of the bee inside the labellum sac.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EI7zQKStuNQ>

And for a good laugh: If you look at the link below, Retha also had a neighbor who was a little too interested in her kitchen scraps. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THBIP-EPjS>

## TNNPS Offers Open Webinars

Why am I posting zooms offered by TNNPS? Because Many of the same habitats occur there as occur in MO. Although they are a long way east, they are on the same latitude. And Many similar species occur in both places. If you see the presenter focus on a plant you like, note the genus and look up the species of that genus that live in MO.

Webinar date/time: Every third Tuesday; 6:30-7:30pm **\*\*CT\*\***

No pre-registration required, no cost to attend.

More info and join link: <https://www.tnps.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2021Seminars.pdf>

Webinar presented by [Tennessee Native Plant Society](#)

Duration: 1 hour

What will you learn? Speakers are drawn from their most knowledgeable membership, from professionals across the state, and from the professors and students studying Tennessee native plants. A range of topics will be covered that may include plants that are currently blooming, native plants in your yards, current research on native plants, protections for native plants, and so much more.

To learn more about **Deep Roots KC** or to view previous educational webinars, visit <https://deeprootskc.org/>

## Insecticides Found in Milkweed Samples

*Synopsis from Xerces Society Wings 43:2, Fall 2020, P30.*

They collected and tested 225 samples of milkweed from California Central Valley [ag field edges, wild areas, plants from nurseries, suburbs] during June of 2019. Retail nurseries and ag field samples had more insecticides. They found 64 different chemicals. 32% of the samples contained levels of harmful insecticides known to harm butterflies. Five were contained in 80% of all samples. Two which were found in 90% of the 225 samples: chloranthraniliprole and methoxyfenozide.

[Ed. Note] PLEASE!!

**Take this data into consideration when purchasing plants. If you don't get them from a reputable native plant dealer – please consider propagating natives from local-sourced wild seed or *insitu* [seed in ground].**

Presenters:

May 18: Milo Pyne, Native Plants of the Cedar Glades  
June 15: Cooper Breeden, Tennessee Plant Conservation Alliance  
July 20: Meredith Clebsch, Native Plant Propagation  
August 17: Bart Jones, Pollination Strategies of Native Orchids  
September 21: Pandy Upchurch, Edible Natives  
October 19th: TBA  
November 16: Margie Hunter, Invasive Plants of Tennessee  
January 18: Dave Walters and Dr. Cindi Smith-Walters, Winter Plant Identification



## 30/30 PLAN

Released through MPF Newsletter 9 Feb 2021

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e46ffc2fdded45a6c5577ea/t/5f35766a7917ff479b62e26b/1597339249363/30x30Factsheet\\_Branded.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e46ffc2fdded45a6c5577ea/t/5f35766a7917ff479b62e26b/1597339249363/30x30Factsheet_Branded.pdf)

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** (Jan. 27, 2021) – The Land Trust Alliance, a national land conservation organization working to save the places people need and love by strengthening land conservation across America, today welcomed the United States president's executive order that commits to the goal of conserving at least 30 percent of our lands and oceans by 2030. The following statement can be attributed to Andrew Bowman, president & CEO of the Land Trust Alliance:

*President Biden's executive order calling for "conservation of at least 30 percent of the U.S. land base by 2030" and a "pause on entering into new oil and natural gas leases on public lands or offshore waters to the extent possible." These orders signal a welcome shift toward prioritizing environmental justice and tackling climate change with the full weight and all the tools of the federal government. This is an audacious and timely conservation challenge that requires the conservation of millions of acres of land in private ownership. The nation's land trusts are ready and willing to help private landowners conserve their lands at this ambitious scale."*

"With a new sense of urgency, the land trust community will do its part together with farmers, ranchers, foresters, fishermen, tribes, states and local officials across the country to help make the 30x30 goal a reality."



## Submissions for Next Petal Pusher

Submitted by Michelle Bowe, Petal Pusher Editor

[Ed. Note: when I was PP editor, I requested identical format. Very few followed. It takes hours of extra time to "fix" submissions that do not follow requested format. PLEASE LOOK at Michelle's requested format and do your best to follow it when sending your submissions. As a college professor, Michelle does not have the time and focus that I had.]

Please consider making a submission for a future Petal Pusher! Here is some information for submissions:

A. The theme for the next issue is "Potential Emerging Invaders." Other submissions are also welcome!!

B. Send ONE email saying "here is my contribution on \_\_\_\_\_," and **attach** (don't embed) the following:

1) an article in Word format with photo captions at the end (no photos imbedded in the Word document) and your name in the text.

2) 2 to 3 images, preferably in JPEG format

C. Use only one space between sentences

D. Even short notes with pictures would be great!

E. **Send to: [mbowe@missouristate.edu](mailto:mbowe@missouristate.edu)**



*"Talking to plants is one way of talking directly to the Great Spirit" Rosemary Gladstar*



## Essay by Margaret Renkl, NY Times, 26 February 2021

Link to full article:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/02/26/opinion/winter-gardening-wildlife.html>

Link to

## Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer. If you want to assist Robin's cause with a purchase of one or more of her books, please do. If you cannot afford this purchase at this time, this is a gift of a free download:

[https://pdfforall.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Braiding-Sweetgrass-PDFORALL.COM\\_.pdf](https://pdfforall.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Braiding-Sweetgrass-PDFORALL.COM_.pdf)

# HUMMERS

**Hummingbirds are here!** Be on the lookout for the early scouts and have a feeder ready. Boil 1 qt of cold water with 1 cup of white sugar [or 2 and 2]. Store extra sugar-water in liter water bottles on the counter. Do not hang feeders in the sun – it will spoil fast. Rinse all feeder parts at each filling. Songbird Station has water ant traps [\$6] to hang with your feeders. I smear Vaseline mixed with neem oil and cinnamon on the feeder top.



Trillium



Sanguinaria

BEphoto



Delphinium



Dodecatheon



Hypoxis



Claytonia virginica

BE photo

# Earth Day Celebration!

Text and photos submitted by Elena

After a year of meeting through Zoom, it was great to be able to get together in person to celebrate Earth Day 2021. On April 22, about a dozen Hawthorn chapter members met at the Grindstone Nature Area parking lot at 5:45 pm and hiked one of the dirt trails to see spring blooming wildflowers. According to the Columbia, Missouri Parks and Rec Guide Brochure, the Grindstone Nature Area has at least 5.2 miles of dirt trail featuring upland woods, prairie, and creeks. Along the trail, we passed an old mill and well location identified by a small laid rock foundation. We were greeted by wildflowers including sparkling blue clouds of Blue-eyed Mary (*Collinsia verna*), Sweet William (*Phlox divaricata*), and common blue violet (*Viola sororia*) dotted with yellow violet (*Viola pubescens*), False rue anemone (*Isopyrum biternatum*), and Trillium (*Trillium sessile*). Keep in mind lots of raspberry brambles (*Rubus* sp.) for berry collecting in late June.



Collinsia

We decided to return earlier in the day on Sunday, April 25, to get to the top of the ridge in hopes of finding even more wildflowers. A small group of us reconvened at 3:30; we again started uphill behind the shelter building and along the narrow creek trail. Once again, we admired colonies of the same species mentioned from the first day. This time we followed the red arrow directing us left - up to the ridge top. We passed a nice bunch of dogwoods blooming on the way up. On the ridge glade, carefully watching our exact foot-falls, we picked our way through amazing stands of numerous



Anemonella



Delphinium



Dodecatheon



Hypoxis



Podophyllum

species. In this newly visited area, we identified: May apples (*Podophyllum peltatum*), Yellow star grass (*Hypoxis hirsuta*) Dwarf larkspur (*Delphinium tricorne*), Shooting star (*Dodecatheon meadii*), Dutchman's breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*), Wild comfrey (*Cynoglossum virginianum*), Rue anemone (*Anemonella thalictroides*), Indian physic (*Gillenia stipulata*), and Pussetoes (*Antennaria parlinii*).

As we walked the trail, it was obvious the park staff has done a lot of work to remove invasive honeysuckle, **but there is still more work to do!** There were very few mature bush-honeysuckle on the ridge glade; we helped the issue by pulling at least 100 seedlings. If you visit there, please help by pulling seedlings. It will save our native heritage and many resources in the future.



Cornus florida

## Topics for This Years' Petal Pusher

the state MONPS newsletter

**You don't need to be an expert,** but if you have good repeatable experience as a naturalist on any of these subjects, you are welcome to offer your knowledge to the rest of us.

If we have members who are experts on any of these topics, Michelle Pruitt [on masthead] is willing to do an amateur proofread for you if that would be helpful.

**The submission deadline for the July/Aug issue is 20 June.**

**ALWAYS - 20<sup>th</sup> of even numbered months. If you don't understand subjects, parameters, or submission format, contact Michelle Bowe, PP editor**

[MBowe@MissouriState.edu](mailto:MBowe@MissouriState.edu) .

- Focus on a Plant Family could be used every year. Louise Flenner of Hawthorn chapter wrote a good article on this topic in 2019. Would be good to study that as a template.

- Potential Emerging Invaders. **Have you seen a new plant invader?** Someone from MoIP as contributor; Malissa Briggler volunteered. Any one of us could study invasive plants; MPF Journal featured invasives during 2020. Just search 'invasive plants' and pick one to report on.

- Favorite Natural Areas. Suggested to also have chapters solicit articles from their members. This means YOU can write about your favorite Natural Area

- **Historical Botanists.**

- Better Know a Genus. These are species accounts. You observe/research a species or genus and describe the whole life cycle including preferred habitat and vectors/predators.

Regular Recurring Columns:

**Conundrum Corner** Contributors needed!

**Invasive Tip of the Month** Tips to identify and eradicate invasives, with a different species in each issue. Contributors needed!

Other Recurring Columns: **Casey's Kitchen** Casey Burks

**Name Change of the Month** Justin Thomas. Other volunteers welcome.

**Poetry Corner or Quotation Corner** Send suggestions for poems or quotes for inclusion. Note that for poems, we must have permission from the publisher.

**Where are we going** Features we will see on the next field trip. Malissa Briggler?

**And here's where you can become newsletter famous by submitting your questions:** <https://monativeplants.org/ask-a-question>

**Ask a question** Questions from website, answered. Facilitated by Jerry Barnabee.

## Please Step Forward For Service Membership and Service

Please contact one of the officers 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, to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Bradford Plant Sale, and to care for native gardens in public places. We send communications and the newsletter by email.

State Membership Level (check all that you request):

\_\_\_\_ Student \$5  
\_\_\_\_ Goldenrod \$10  
\_\_\_\_ Sunflower \$25  
\_\_\_\_ Blue Bell \$50  
\_\_\_\_ Blazing Star \$100

State Life Membership: contact us via website [monativeplants.org], navigate to

"Ask a Question": Life Time Memberships)

\_\_\_\_ Surcharge for paper state Petal Pusher by mail \$10

Minimum required annual membership per household is \$10 for students or \$15 for non-students [state+chapter]

**Chapter membership:**

\_\_\_\_ Hawthorn Chapter \$5

Hawthorn requires chapter newsletters by email = no charge

\_\_\_\_ Hawthorn life membership \$120

Make check payable to: **Native Plant Society.**

**Send check and this form to:**

[Paula Peters, 2216 Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia, MO 65202](mailto:Paula.Peters@monativeplants.org)

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Missouri Native Plant Society-Hawthorn Chapter**

**Fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.**

How were you attracted to join MONPS?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Day or Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Required

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**As of July 2018, Petal Pusher printed on paper in grayscale, sent by post, will cost an additional \$10 more than standard membership. Email delivery brings you color photos, and instant delivery. It saves natural resources, pollution, and MONPS' and your money.**