



# Newsletter

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This is the 38th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members.

July 2023

## Future Activities Calendar

**Our traditional meeting time is second Mondays at 6:30.**

**And social lunches are third Thursdays 11:30.**

**10 July. Potluck Dinner – any time after 5. We will meet at the Stephen's Lake Happy Hollow shelter** [Enter the park from Broadway. Turn **Left** up the hill > pass the playground and parking lot > drive to the end of the road.] There are some standing grills so you can cook. Bring your own plate, fork, knife and cup. Bring a dish to share with a few with a serving spoon. About 6:30 we need to have some quick committee reports. When it cools a bit we can walk around Stephen's Lake to identify water plants. One of our founding members, Jim Whitley, collected and taught volunteers to install the original plants. **Plugs of *Asclepias incarnata* [look it up!] will be available for \$1 each.**

If the weather breaks, look for an email and make your time available for a prairie mosey. Summer flush 1 July-10 Aug is the best time to view prairie eye candy after the spring flush. Come to this meeting: Give us Your opinion on a location for this day trip.

### 20 July Thurs Lunch 11:30:

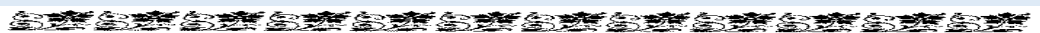
**In June, July and maybe August, we will be meeting at Uprise Bakery in front of RagTag at 10 Hitt Street.** This is an informal opportunity to get to know us, share nature stories, swap seeds, and bring pots back to Becky for the nursery.

### MPF/GN Webinars

Be sure to check on the MPF/GN site [under Activities](#) for webinars before **alternate Wednesday afternoons at 4pm.** Our chapter pays to be a member so these on-line activities are free to you as a member. However, if you feel they are giving you a good education, a donation is welcomed. [Next MPF/GN webinars 4pm The MPF/GN newsletter will remind you of these events: Sign Up!](#)

The next webinar **5 July 4pm** is very special: The Nature of Things: Botany, Ecology, and Medieval Art. Because of the display of treasured art work, this presentation will not be recorded and posted on Utube. Sign up as soon as possible and calendar that hour Wed afternoon.

--Adopt a [Regal Fritillary Butterfly](#) or a [Brown-Belted Bumble Bee](#) and help protect prairie.

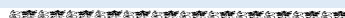


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Membership Renewals

The MONPS state webmaster, Jerry Barnabee, has built a system to remind you thru a personal email that the time has come to renew you membership dues. Please-Please pay attention to this notice which will come to you near the anniversary of the date you joined.

So if you joined as an example in October or May, that is the time you will get your reminder. Jerry provides a link to PayPal. I believe there is an option to pay for 1 to 5



## Personal Service from Xerces

I wanted to let you know about an exciting new benefit available to you, to say thank you for helping us protect invertebrates. As a Xerces donor, you can now [request a call](#) from a Xerces Ambassador. Ambassadors are expert volunteer conservationists who volunteer with Xerces to share their knowledge and support Xerces members.

Whether you want to talk about creating habitat in your yard, bumble bee ID, or brainstorming ways to engage your community further, requesting a call from a Xerces Ambassador is a complimentary service we hope you'll enjoy. Consider it your personal invertebrate hotline.

You can [request a call here](#) and an Ambassador will call you at a time that works for you.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,  
**Melissa**  
**Manuel**, Engagement  
Specialist 503-468-6602  
(she/hers)



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years and at whatever donation level you deem appropriate. In truth: we welcome your renewal any time you remember.

If there is anything different you want to participate in, please give us ideas for new activities.

**We are desperate to find a member willing to take one of these necessary responsibilities.**

**Opening for chapter Treasurer/Membership volunteer needed.** Candidate will be instated as soon as possible: The Treasurer takes care of the money and any memberships paid locally. The state maintains the official membership list and shares it with the treasurer. **Serious candidates are welcome to attend any activity or contact president Elena for details.**

**Opening for chapter Librarian.** Coordinates printed brochures and books for the booth. Must attend or find a substitute for each of our plant sales. Contact Louise for details. [louflen@gmail.com](mailto:louflen@gmail.com)

### Louise Wants to Offer You an Opportunity to Help Our Work

I want to let you know that it is time for me to pass on the task of keeping the books, handouts, brochures, etc. I would like the chapter to start looking for someone who is willing to take this over. I anticipate that I will be able to complete the Spring sales season, but would like to hand it over to someone as soon as possible.

**For the 12 years I have been doing this, I have met many wonderful people and learned a tremendous amount about native plants and the many other species that make up our regional ecosystem. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this effort to educate the public and to spread the word about native plants.**

Did you ever want to own a bookstore? This volunteer opportunity gives you the benefits of that without the financial risk. All the books are housed in your home and can be read by you. You have a strong voice in what books to buy. You decide on how to display the books for public sale at our plant sales. You engage with your customers on the benefits of native plants. You enjoy the benefits of working with the Hawthorn members who make the sales a success. I will be available to teach you how I have managed the "bookstore" and then you can bring your own creativity to the task.

Our spring booth activities are finished this year. Please contact Louise for details. [louflen@gmail.com](mailto:louflen@gmail.com)

## LEARNING AND SHARING THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Offered by Lea

Volunteering to help at one of the many native plantings around the Columbia area in parks, trails, and in local schoolyards can be a service to the community, but it can also be a great way to learn more about native plants, as well as about invasive species which are becoming a significant threat to our ecosystems. From pollinator gardens and rain gardens to prairie, woodland, and trail-side areas, there are many different types of local plantings, and they all require some maintenance in order to thrive and remain useful for wildlife and as places of learning.

Lea helps coordinate volunteer opportunities in these areas, by collecting and sending out a bi-weekly (or so) email listing of upcoming coordinated gardening efforts. Lea organizes many of them; some are posted by others. At schools, we sometimes work with students, doing "Service-Learning". Other times we work without students. We help maintain habitats and gardens so that students can come in to plant, or explore the wildlife that is there.

Many Native Plant Society members attend these work parties. By working alongside other native plant enthusiasts, you can learn by doing, and you can ask questions or share what you know with others. What's that plant? What conditions does it thrive in? When should it be planted? What's the problem with invasive species and what can we do about them? Etc.

If you have questions, or would like to join in these activities contact Lea to get on her email list.

[Leaslist@gmail.com](mailto:Leaslist@gmail.com) or text or call 573-864-7647.





Savanna behind Haslag house. One *Monarda* bush with a fritillary; below, a carpet of *Coreopsis* seed.



Sensitive briar



Immature bug on Yarrow beside path.

Becky got some Michigan lily material many years ago. 2018 a rabbit cut a blooming stem; so the space was fenced with chicken wire. Finally, this



year a bloom arrived for 4 days. In spite of protection, deer gnashed the bloom.

## Mosey at Jane Haslag's Reconstruction

near Taos was 10 June.

Reported by Becky

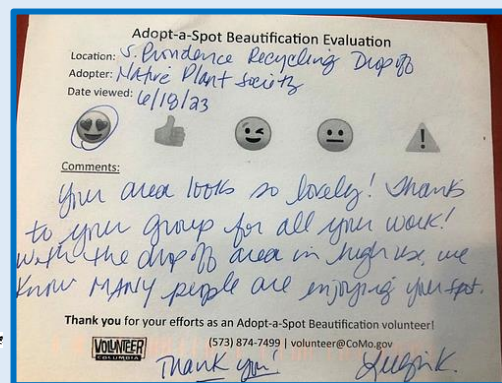
Lea, Cindy, and Becky arrived to find a well-kept small yard transitioning down the hill into savanna and open woodland. Jane explained that when they learned the horrible ecological ramifications of alien plants, they shifted into high gear. About 6 years ago they started bushwhacking mature stands of multiflora rose, bush honeysuckle and autumn olive from several acres of woodland. On our walk, we were hard-pressed to find even a few remaining seedlings. We saw *Monarda*, purple coneflowers, yarrow, sensitive briar, and purple milkweed in many places. We saw a plethora of butterflies & birds.

For the old pasture, she is lucky enough to have land that was never plowed or sprayed before it was overseeded with fescue – and that was only about 30 years ago. Two years ago they sprayed out most of the yard and seeded it again with native forbs. But, we all know the weather since then has not been conducive to assisting seedling growth. They wait, watch, maybe try again when there is more soil moisture.

Jane has offered us to try again to visit for a tour for more people. I believe, if you see this video, you will be excited to see the property. Honestly the video is more of an ecology lesson. [UTube recording of Jane Haslag restoration presentation](#) Tell us that you are interested to visit; we will set a date for another.

## Progress at our Adopted Garden

Cindy is the chair of this project. She wants to share this pat on the back:



They are suspended until weather cools. Look for email announcements.



[photos from Elena and Becky]



## Elena's Discovery in Germany

I joined my husband on a work trip to Germany and was surprised to find a prairie garden featured in the Herrenhausen Gardens. The Gardens include formal landscaping surrounding the former royal palace in Hannover but another section features different kinds of plants.



German garden of north american wild flowers.



This section includes a wide variety including beautiful irises, an orchid house, a greenhouse featuring various cacti and succulents, and a variety of European plants including pine trees from Germany. I was pleasantly surprised to find a garden displaying species found in North American prairie with *Rudbeckia missouriensis*,

*Oenothera macrocarpa* and other natives found in Missouri.

## Asclepias purpurea – oh My!

In spite of the lack of rain the last 3 months. *Asclepias purpurea* has been blooming on most fronts. Jane, Emily, and Becky have submitted photos. Several; other members have made and reported observations.



*Asclepias purpurea* at Haslag



Emily's portrait



Becky's garden mobbed by fritillaries.

## Our Grant Money at Work

Reported by Christi

Native plants and the Hawthorn Chapter will be getting good publicity at the library's activities Saturday 24 June at Heritage Days in Boonville. The chapter brochure "Central Missouri Native Host Plants for Butterflies" will be given out in connection with a children's activity about butterflies, pollination, native plants, and the native plant garden at the entrance to the library's new home-to-be on the Kemper Campus. The garden and related educational activities were supported by a \$600 Hawthorn Chapter grant. The library is part of the Boonslick Regional Library, headquartered in Sedalia, which, as I understand it, agreed to reprint the brochure in house.

Mary Pat Abele, a library trustee and chair of the building committee for the new library, mentions the grant and native plants frequently. It's in the attached press release about library activities at Heritage Days.

Saturday 24 June anytime between 12 and 5 would be a great opportunity to see the garden and the new library, a restored building on the former Kemper Military School campus. It's in the 700 block of Third Street, two blocks west of Main St., between Center and Vine.

# Topics for This Years' Petal Pusher

the state MONPS newsletter

## Petal Pusher Topics for 2023

Due date Pub Date Theme Contributors

Aug 20 Sept 1st Your Tax Dollars at Work on Invasive Plants  
Stephanie McLerran (MODOT), MoIP (Malissa), MDC, SRISP,  
EDDMapS?

Oct 20 Nov 1st Stan Hudson Research Grant Program Article  
about the person (friend or family member?); sample of research  
projects funded (could also be future recurring feature)

Dec 20 Jan 1st Winter Botany: Solicit articles from WGNSS  
members on winter plant ID. (buds, rosettes, etc.)

Send submissions attached in Word format.

Send photos attached separately in jpg format.

To: Pam Barnabee [pamela.barnabee@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.barnabee@gmail.com)

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 curious about any of these topics,  
Michelle Pruitt [[michelle.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.pruitt@gmail.com)] is willing to do an amateur  
proofread for you if that would be helpful. Send to her early!

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).

- 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**

- 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

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.

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Missouri Native Plant Society  
Hawthorn Chapter

How were you attracted to join MONPS?

Membership runs from July 1 through June. You must be a  
member of the State Missouri Native Plant Society  
(MONPS) in order to join a chapter. You may send state and  
chapter dues to our membership chair, Diane Privitt.

Please check membership category you desire:

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

\*These amounts include both state and chapter dues

\_\_\_\_ Student \$10.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Goldenrod \$15.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Sunflower \$30.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Blue Bell \$55.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Blazing Star \$105.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Surcharge for paper state Petal Pusher by mail (+\$10.00)

\_\_\_\_ Chapter only \$5.00 – this option is for members who  
already belong to State and another chapter

\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid

Make checks payable to:

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**Mail payment and this form to:**

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