

Newsletter

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The Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society Newsletter is published monthly.

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

May 2023

Future Activities Calendar

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

And social lunches are third Thursdays 11:30.

4-5 May Thursday and Friday: Ozark Chinquapin Foundation field trip. If you are interested in a carpool, you need to contact Cindy to coordinate. [Cindy Squire <cvsquire@me.com>](mailto:cvsquire@me.com) If you have questions that are not covered in the itinerary [P2-3], you may contact: John Oliver [<oliverjcomo@gmail.com>](mailto:oliverjcomo@gmail.com)

7 May Sat, 8am – Explore 100AW – CAS field trip which we are invited to join. Read about it on Page 3.

8 May. Because there are so many other activities now, we will not have a formal meeting during our regular scheduled time. Please contact an officer if you have any questions or concerns.

10 May Wed, 3-6pm Plant sale in the parking lot of Songbird Station 2010 Chapel Plaza Court Suite C, Columbia, MO. If you intend to help set up and work the booth, please arrive before 2:30.

18 May Thurs Lunch 11:30: [First Watch Restaurant](#) is at Stadium and Worley with plenty of free parking on the NW side of Columbia. We use a private room away from the main dining room. Click on that link to see the location on a map. This is an opportunity to get to know us, share nature stories, swap seeds, and bring pots back to Becky for the nursery.

Elena wants to let you know . . .

Hawthorn met for a very enjoyable lunch at First Watch at 421 N Stadium Blvd in Columbia. If you haven't made it to one of our lunches, please join us on a third Thursday at 11:30 at First Watch. **In June, July and August, we will be meeting at Uprise Bakery at 10 Hitt Street.**

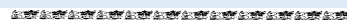
20 May Sat 10-1 Plant sale at Bass Pro. 3100 Vandiver Dr, Columbia, MO; between Furniture Row and Menards. If you intend to help set up and work the booth, please arrive before 9:30.

12 and 26 May Friday 1pm Our Hawthorn chapter **adopted garden** at the Recycle Lot just north of Nifong on the Providence frontage road needs to have weeds pulled, mulch, and windblown trash collected. We usually work about 2 hours. Contact Cindy.

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!](#)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome four new members this month:

Leanne Tippet Mosby of Hartsburg;

Jane Philips, Noah Glaser, and Gary Miller in the Columbia area.

We hope to make your acquaintance during our busy spring activity season.

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

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.

You are invited to work at one of our plant sales to discover the process. Our May sales at Songbird and BassPro are good opportunities to learn. We will be busy, but I'll be glad to talk to you.

The Ozark Chinquapin Foundation is offering a field trip 4-5 May

in addition to the three other MONPS weekend wanders offered this year. Cindy has mentioned an interest in going to this trip. If you are interested in a carpool, you need to contact Cindy to coordinate. [Cindy Squire <cysquire@me.com>](mailto:cysquire@me.com) If you are at all interested, it would be prudent to [print the attached itinerary \[Word document\] now](#). If you have questions that are not covered in the itinerary, you may contact: John Oliver [<oliverjcomo@gmail.com>](mailto:oliverjcomo@gmail.com)

VIEW OZARK CHINQUAPINS AND ASHE'S JUNIPERS around Cassville MO
MAY 4TH AND 5TH Th & F
FIELD TRIP ITINERARY

Objective: To see examples of Ozark Chinquapins and Ashe's junipers, two species that are uncommon in Missouri and found only in very southern Missouri. (And, of course, look for other native plants found in the SW Ozarks.)

Thursday, May 4th 2:00 pm: Meet at the McDonalds in Cassville (93 Main St, Cassville, MO 65625)

This should allow enough time for folks to travel from their various locations. **CONTACT: Don Meier, dhmmeier@gmail.com**

From there we will travel south on highway 112 to forest service road 2275 (this is a left-hand turn), then to forest service road 1045 (left turn). We will be pulling over off the side of FR1045. Both of those forest service roads are easily navigable by car and don't require an SUV.

This is about a 25 min drive from Cassville. Cell phone service may not be good so use GPS coordinates: **36°31'48.4"N, 93°49'23.8"W or 36.530102, -93.823264**

We will be meeting Leslie Bost Carter, **Dir. of Communications & Research** for the Ozark Chinquapin Foundation

Leslie's recommendations: Have folks print out the directions because cell service is sketchy. She estimates we will only need about an hour to see the chinquapins, but we can hike around looking at plants as long as we want. The group should wear long pants, and hiking shoes, and should pre-treat their clothing with permethrin.

Lodging is on your own. Leslie suggested staying in Cassville Thursday night, but Roaring River State Park is also nearby.

Friday, May 5th, 10:00 am: Ashe Juniper Natural Area (about 1 hour from Cassville).

GPS Coordinates: **36°35'26.6"N, 93°20'24.3"W or 36.590718, -93.340095**

This area is located along Hwy JJ on the south side of Table Rock Lake. Note: Parking is limited on California Lane. We can spend as much time there as folks wish.

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100AW Mosey Announcement

<https://www.columbia-audubon.org/hundred-acre-woods-2023/>

Submitted by Joanna Reuter

Join us for a Columbia Audubon Society field trip **at Hundred Acre Woods**, a property of the Greenbelt Land Trust. Hawthorn Chapter of the Native Plant Society is invited to join us.

100AW is a wonderful property with woodland and grassland habitats that feature high botanical biodiversity. As timing coincides with the season of peak songbird migration, this trip should be a delight to naturalists of all types. The land was owned and managed by the late Jim and Joanna Whitley, who donated the property with the intent that it be used for outdoor education. Active management at the property continues with prescribed burns, invasive control, and the seeding of native plants.

Meet at 8 a.m. Estimated duration: 3–4 hours. Estimated walking distance: 1–1.5 miles.

The property does not have formal trails, so please wear sturdy shoes. Tick abundance in Missouri tends to be on the upswing in early May, so please prepare accordingly. (Please apply insect repellent at home. If you apply bug spray at the site, please be considerate of others and do so downwind. Or consider protective clothing such as [Rynoskin](#) as an alternative to chemical control.) No modern bathroom facilities are available.

RSVP: Advance signup is not required, but we would appreciate having a loose sense of how many people (and vehicles) might be coming. Email trip leaders Eric & Joanna Reuter:

literatehobo@gmail.com

Directions to the site: **(Please note: This property is not open to the public without permission.)**

From US 63 N, turn east and then immediately south on Pinnacles Road. At the entrance to Pinnacles Youth Park, follow the road left across a bridge and continue another ~1.25 miles. Pass a Girl Scout camp; around a corner to the property. Parking will be along the gravel road; trip leaders will be on-site.

Rain date: Sunday May 13 at 8 a.m. [Please refer to the listing](#) on the Columbia Audubon Society website for official updates on trip status. (<https://www.columbia-audubon.org/hundred-acre-woods-2023/>).

We are presently scheduled to visit Jane Haslag's reconstruction near Taos on 10 June. I believe, if you see this video, you will be excited to see the property. Honestly the video is more of an ecology lesson. 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.

[UTube recording of Jane Haslag restoration presentation](#)



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 or text or call 573-864-7647.



2022 Missouri Natural Areas Newsletter is now available!

Written and edited by Mike Leahy, one of our members.

This edition of the newsletter focuses on Missouri's big rivers and their associated floodplain habitats. Learn about all sorts of facets of our big rivers and their floodplains.



Topics for This Year's Petal Pusher

the state MONPS newsletter

Petal Pusher Topics for 2023

Due date	Pub Date	Theme	Contributors
June 20	July 1st	Plant ID Resources; Dana to send a list; short reprise of missouriplants/FB article from Jan; iNaturalist - James Faupel	
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 WGNS 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

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] is willing to do an amateur proofread for you if that would be helpful. Send to her early!

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

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Chapter newsletters and messages will be sent by email