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Future Activities

February 13: Seed Propagation Workshop led by Ann Wakeman. 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd.

February 15: Joint meeting with Columbia Audubon, 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Presenter will be Paul Nelson, Ecology and Land Management Planner, Mark Twain National Forest. He will discuss his revised Terrestrial Natural Communities of Missouri, and will have books for sale and signing.

February 23: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway. All are invited.

February 24: Newsletter items are due

March 13: Regular meeting. 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd.

April 21-23: State Board Meeting – Roaring River State Park, Cassville, MO

April 23: Earth Day, Peace Park-Downtown Columbia, noon to 5 pm. Please plan to help with the booth.

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225

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Upcoming Election for Vice President on March 13

Our Vice President, Christine Angelo, has announced her desire to resign. According to our bylaws, this type of vacancy should be "filled by an election held for this purpose at a meeting of the membership" (Article V. Section 8). The new Vice President will complete the term of Chris Angelo. The nomination for Nadia Navarrete-Tindall has been forwarded. We will vote on this nomination and any other nominations that are submitted during our regular meeting on March 13.

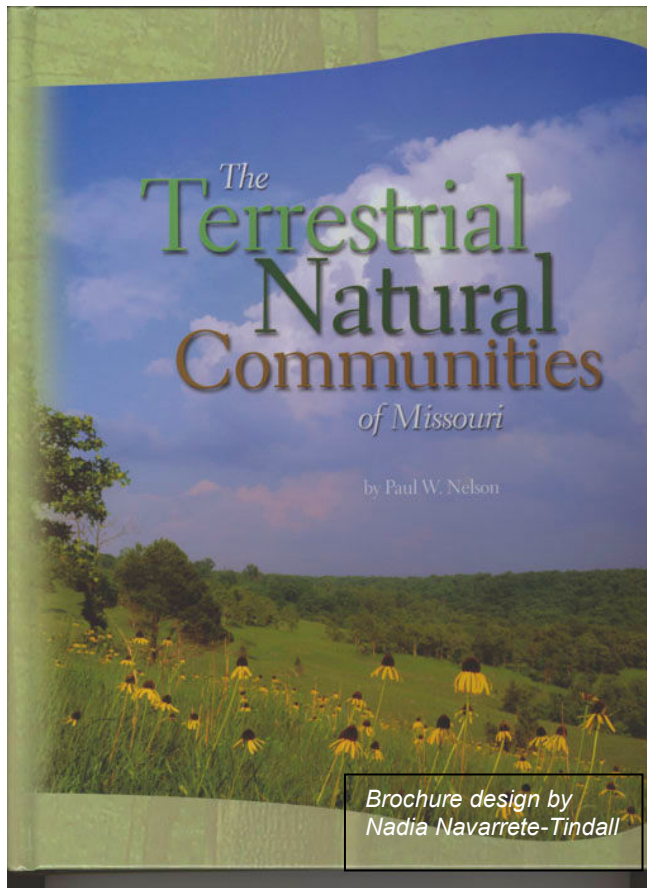
---Submitted by Judy Ward

Seed Propagation Workshop

In the dead of winter(?) it's time once again to think about sowing native seeds for summer's plants. For those new to growing your own wildflowers from seed, it may seem like an odd time to even consider sowing seeds, but native plant seeds have dormancy requirements that they need to be overcome before they can germinate. Come to the workshop February 13 and learn how many different strategies wild seeds use to avoid germinating at the wrong time when seedlings have little chance of surviving.

This workshop is becoming a tradition for members of the Hawthorn chapter, as well as, members of the Mid-Missouri chapter of Wild Ones! At the workshop, we all share a love of starting our own plants as well as saving money and providing plants for the chapter booth at local events. As always, members are invited to bring extra seeds to share. This year, we will have a more limited number of species to choose from to focus on growing plants for a proposed demonstration garden at Audubon Nature Center near the MKT trailhead and MLK memorial. Ann will be providing seed packets from Missouri Wildflowers Nursery, pots, potting soil, labels, information and tips on the process.

---Submitted by Ann Wakeman



Terrestrial Natural Communities of Missouri Presentation

Paul W. Nelson will have copies of his newly revised and enlarged version of the **Terrestrial Natural Communities of Missouri** classification book when he presents our program at the joint meeting with Columbia Audubon Wednesday, February 15. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the sanctuary of the Unitarian-Universalist church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. The author will sign books following the presentation.

According to a review by George Yatskievych in the MoNPS 's *Petal Pusher*, the new edition is about three times as thick as the old 1985 one and contains a fully revised classification system for Missouri's natural communities. It is illustrated with numerous maps and color photographs and provides much more detail on each community type.

The book features a lengthy set of introductory essays on pre-settlement communities in the State, the factors that influence their abundance and distribution, and the reasons why changes to these communities have accelerated over the past few hundred years. ---Submitted by Jean Graebner

*The Hawthorn Chapter of
Missouri Native Plant Society in
cooperation with Columbia Audubon
Is pleased to invite you to the presentation*

The Terrestrial Natural Communities of Missouri

*by Paul Nelson
Ecology and Land Mngt. Planner
Mark Twain National Forest*

*Paul will discuss his newly revised book and books
will be available for sale and signing by the author*

Date: *Wednesday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.*

Location: *Unitarian Church,
2615 Shepard Blvd.*

*Refreshments will be served after the presentation.
All our invited.*

*For additional information
contact Paula Peters at 573-474-4225*

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Hawthorn Chapter: January 9, 2006

President Nadia Navarrete opened the regular meeting Monday, January 9 at the Unitarian Church by introducing two new members. One said she had become aware of our chapter at our booth at the Heritage Festival which led to several members indicating what had alerted them to the existence of Hawthorn Chapter: our web site, hearing about us at a meeting of Columbia Audubon.

Election for President and Secretary

Nadia then announced the slate recommended by the nominating committee: Judy Ward, president and Jean Graebner, secretary. No other offices expired this year. Laura Ellifrit moved to accept the slate by acclamation; it was seconded and passed unanimously. In accepting the office, Judy pointed out that she is relatively new to this area having arrived from New Mexico here about seven months ago. Knowing about other state's Native Plant Society, she found our local chapter in a Google search. "I found this group to have members who are active and involved and I am happy to have the opportunity to be a part of it." Judy is also editor of our newsletter.

Discussion of our activities, participation, and visibility

Our new president then conducted a general discussion of our plans for the future and how best to utilize the membership energy. A committee to organize this information has been appointed: Paula Peters, Judy Turner and Laura Ellifrit. In general, this committee will evaluate our participation in various activities and make recommendations. Paula said that of course "a lot depends on how many people volunteer for a project." Volunteers to staff our booth at various venues do not seem to be a problem. However there was a discussion of the need to have a central location for storing the table, display boards, and canopy. Nadia said that the displays, canopy, and table will be stored at Bradford Farm and several members said that they have access to a truck to transport these bulky items.

In consideration of an on-going project, the Butterfly Garden near the Hickam Cabin at Rock Bridge State park, Chairman Nancy Brakhage pointed out that a group of volunteers has continued to be dedicated to maintenance of the garden and no problem had been encountered in maintaining their enthusiasm.

Denny Donnell, past president of Columbia Audubon Society, suggested that one way of achieving visibility is for members to participate in popular nature-oriented activities such as Randal Clark's yearly wildflower walks. He also mentioned the native plant display garden that has been proposed for the entrance to the Audubon Trailside Museum. Becky Erickson said that we "always have plants that are looking for a home." Nancy Brakhage said that she thought Sandra Kubal was planning to apply for an Adopt-a-Spot designation for this display garden at the Museum. Ann Wakeman said that if there is a specific plan for this garden it would be a good idea to know when she decides what seeds to bring to the Propagation Workshop on February 13. Members could then propagate plants specifically for the proposed garden.

Several announcements were made of future activities that might interest members including a brain-storming meeting to discuss a possible educational field day at the Forum Wetlands. This meeting will take place this coming Wednesday, January 18 at 1:30 pm organized by the Parks and Recreation of the City of Columbia and the University of Missouri. Those interested will meet in the parking lot at the Forum entrance to the MKT trail. Nadia has proposed to the city that more could be done to manage the wetland and members of all conservation oriented groups are welcome. Two or three members will be representing the Native Plant Society during this meeting. Another announcement was about bird surveys conducted by Columbia Audubon once a month at the Bradford Farms. Brad Jacobs usually leads the walks which are also an excellent opportunity to learn about natural communities being restored at the farm. Walks usually take place the third week of the month.

---Submitted by Jean Graebner

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Clarification of new committee's role

At our lunch meeting on January 26, 2006, we discussed the role of our new committee. Previously, referred to in many ways including the "Planning" or "Activities" committee, here I tentatively term it the "Events committee". This committee will organize our participation in festivals and events which require our booth. This may include applying for and selecting our booth site and making sure we have enough volunteers and that the booth and other items make it to the festivals. The Events committee will be a sister committee to the Field Trip and Speakers committee. Finally, they will lead the effort to evaluate our participation in festival events, either ongoing ones or new ones. —Judy Ward



Baptisia bracteata pod
—Becky Erickson

Seeking ideas for brochure and alternative lunch spot

Currently we have exposure to potential new members at our festival events where we pass on our newsletter or via our website or by referral from a friend. An additional method for potential new members to become aware of our group could be via a brochure. These could be located at places plant advocates frequent. I propose that our chapter create such a brochure describing our organization. So please forward your ideas on whether a brochure would be worthwhile and what form it might take or what elements it might include.

On a different note, our spot for our lunch meetings has gotten quite busy and noisy and there has been a proposal to identify an alternative spot that we might try out. The parameters should be that it is within walking distance from campus and parking is available.
--submitted by Judy Ward



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