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Future Activities

April 1: Field trip to the Baskett Area to see the Serviceberry in bloom and have lunch (so bring a lunch) on the creek bank. We will depart MDC on College at 10:30 or meet us at the Baskett area at 11:00. Directions to Baskett area inside on upper right of page 2.

April 15: Trip to Rudolf Bennett and Davisdale Conservation Areas. Depart MDC on College at 9:00 am.

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 (#A5 & A6).

April 24: Newsletter items are due.

April 27: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway. All are invited.

April 28-29: Spring BioBlitz in Columbia. See article in March newsletter for more details.

May 6 (tentatively): Trip to see the Shooting Stars and other spring flora in Three Creeks. Call Paula Peters 474-4225 or Jim Whitley 442-6929 if you are interested.

May 8: Regular meeting. 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Topic to be announced.

May 14: Hike at Paris Fork, in Callaway Co. led by Ann Wakeman. Depart from MDC on College Ave. at 1:00 pm. Please do not park in the Paris Fork Church parking lot as this is Sunday and Mother's Day.

June 3: Trail-side Expo at the Forum Nature Area 9:00 – 12:00

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225

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So What Happened at our March Meeting?

Program

Bob Clearwater, of Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, took us on a journey across the U.S. with native flower photographs from the desert southwest, the rocky mountains, the southeast, and the northeast. We saw many relatives of species that are familiar to us in Missouri, but we didn't see any Missouri or Arkansas plants. . . Bob wanted to share native plants from other parts of the U.S. His son, member Vance Clearwater, reports that he has been pursuing plants in bloom for over 40 years. Bob's description of his trips and photograph opportunities spanned the gamut from serendipitous, methodical, and spontaneous. He reported that it is a combination of being in the right place at the right time to catch these special plants flowering. After seeing his beautiful shots, I would add that he certainly has the right eye.

Business meeting

The Program was followed by a business meeting. We held an election for Vice President. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall was elected by acclamation. We thank Chris Angelo for the time that she has served as Vice President.

Becky Erickson brought a proposal to offer a student travel scholarship to attend the North American Prairie Conference in Kearney, Nebraska. The scholarship would be in the form of registration and room for 2 nights and would be valued at about \$200. Becky and Judy Ward passed around some announcements they had drafted for the scholarship. The item was brought to vote and passed in support of offering the scholarship. Jim Whitely, Judy Ward, and Becky Erickson will review the applications which include an essay. More about the conference can be found at: <http://www.napc2006.org/index.html>

A Trailside Expo at the Forum Nature Area is scheduled for June 3rd from 9AM – Noon. Nadia is working with the city to develop a restoration plan for the wetland area. This field day will be a public-awareness event about the restoration effort. The Events committee (Paula Peters, Judy Turner, Laura Ellifrit, and Nadia) will organize our participation in the event.

Sandra Kubal announced that she has submitted a proposal to the city for the Demonstration garden adjacent to the Audubon Trailside Nature Center. The proposal includes a plan drawn up by Ann Wakeman. See article this issue for more details.

Judy Ward announced that the Spring BioBlitz in Columbia will be on April 28-29. Last year just under 200 plants were encountered. Please consider helping with this event. Contact Nadia for more details or see the article in March's newsletter. --Submitted by Judy Ward

Directions to Baskett Area

If you are traveling on your own to the Baskett area to see the Serviceberry in bloom, follow these directions provided by Becky Erickson. Exit 63 at Ashland, go left on Y about 3 miles to the Baskett Area entrance (Shelton Rd) NOT Ashland Lake. 0.5 miles on Shelton there is a gate and mailboxes on right. Continue on, 4 boundary signs (200 feet). Park and walk straight downhill-north. Go on down to the stream, it is pretty there.

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Treasurer Report

January 1, 2006 balance	\$3857.41
Deposits	237.00
Expenses	197.79
February 1, 2006 balance	\$3896.62
Deposits	24.00
Balance	\$3920.62

--Submitted by Sandra Kubal

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Wildflower-Tree Walks with Columbia Audubon Society

April 9th - Wildflower/Tree Walk at Albert Area. This field trip is part of the nature inventory of the property and will focus on the wildflowers and trees at Albert Area instead of birds of the area. This will be at 9 am. Plan to meet at the back of the parking lot at Patricia's at 8 am.

April 16th - Wildflower/Tree Walk at Russell Property. This field trip will start at 9 am and will focus on the wildflowers and trees of Russell Property. It will be part of the nature inventory of the property. Meet at the gate to the property at the end of Cunningham at 9 am.

April 22nd - Wildflower/Tree Walk at Wild Haven. This field trip will follow the work day at Wild Haven and will focus on the wildflowers and trees of the area. It will be part of the nature inventory of the property. Meet at Patricia's at 2 pm.

Please call Vanessa at 573-864-3905 for further information or if you plan to attend.
--Submitted by Vanessa Melton

Audubon Trailside Nature Center Demonstration Garden *By Sandra Kubal*

In keeping with the focus of the Audubon Trailside Nature Center, I have proposed a demonstration garden composed of Missouri native plants for the front of the building. Ann Wakeman of Rockpost Wildflowers Nursery drew up the plan and listed all of the plants that would be needed for the garden. There are a total of 139 plants needed for this project. Since most gardens I have been involved in become friendship gardens, I am asking Hawthorn Chapter Missouri Native Plant Society members and Columbia Audubon members if they have plants that they could contribute to this project. Ann Wakeman is our first contributor with 21 purple coneflower and grey head coneflowers. The remaining plants will be purchased from Prairie Hill Farm Greenhouses and Missouri Wildflower Nursery.

I have applied for "Adopt a Spot" from the City of Columbia and they are looking favorably on the application. Lee Nuttger, Office of Volunteer Services, remarked that it was a "win/win" project, especially since the only to cost the city would be a truckload of mulch.

The proposed planting date is May ??

Please email, phone, or write me a postcard with the name and number of native plants you would like to donate to the project. It will indeed be a "friendship garden."

Shrub list

- 1 Shrubby St John'swort
- 1 Wild Hydrangea
- 1 Clove Current

Grass List

- 5 Prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*)

Herbaceous Plant List

- 12 Purple daisy (*Aster patens*)
- 10 Cliff Goldenrod (*Solidago drummondii*)
- 20 Crested Iris (*Iris cristata*)
- 6 Sand phlox (*Phlox bifida*)
- 7 Wild Petunia (*Ruellia humilis*)
- 5 Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)
- 8 Breakgrain (*Diahhrena Americana*)
- 7 Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*)
- 5 Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
- 7 Beebalm (*Monarda bradburniana*)
- 9 Barren Strawberry (*Waldenstoinia*)
- 9 Fall Glade Onion (*Allium stellatum*)
- 5 Purple poppy mallow (*Callirhoe prvolucrata*)
- 14 Purple coneflower (*Echinacae purpurea*) Ann Wakeman
- 7 Greyhead coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*) Ann Wakeman

139 plants total

Idea Hopper

Although our calendar is full, our newsletter submissions were sparser this month. So I thought I would take the opportunity to provide a round up of ideas that I have heard in hopes of getting feedback about them. I apologize for the ideas that I am missing. Send me your ideas for next time to be sure that they are included

Lunch meeting

We have had two ideas raised about our lunch meeting. The first deals with setting. Our current location is Uprise Bakery on Broadway. Uprise is sometimes crowded and the background noise makes it hard to hear. The Daniel Boone Regional library has been proposed as one possible alternative location. A meeting room in the library can be reserved up to two months in advance. We would have to bring our own lunch. Some regular attendees of the lunch meeting work on and walk from campus. The library may be a bit far to travel in a short lunch hour. Many other lunch establishments occur downtown. How they compare to Uprise Bakery in terms of menu, crowdedness, and noise level is not clear.

Because we only have regular meetings, every two months, lunch meetings provide an important forum to exchange and discuss ideas on a more regular basis. However, there is some concern that often times these ideas are decided on during the lunch meeting. It is not clear whether this is valid given that there aren't any formal minutes kept of the meeting. We could either "formalize the meeting" and keep minutes or just discuss ideas but make sure to bring them to the regular meeting to be voted on for the final decision.

Outreach and educational efforts

Currently most of our outreach occurs at festivals, field days, and related events. I am interested in complimenting these efforts with a brochure about our chapter to have available at our booths, as well as, native plant nurseries. This brochure could compliment the Native Plant fact and resources sheets developed by Pam Haverland several years ago.

Many people aren't familiar with the threat posed by invasive exotic plants. Providing educational information about this important topic may be something we want to consider doing. Ideas have included another brochure and/or a sign in a public area. Did I hear that we had one may years ago near Forum Trailhead to the MKT trail? --Judy Ward



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Serviceberry in bloom!

If you receive this newsletter by April 1st, morning. It may not be too late to join us on a trip to the Baskett Area to see the Serviceberry in bloom! See calendar page 1 for details.

If not, look forward to our other field trips, which include a May 6th (tentative) trip to see the Shooting Stars.



Photo by Becky Erickson

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