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Future Activities

June 3: Trail-side Expo at the Forum Nature Area, adjacent to the Forum Trailhead parking area of the MKT trail. 9 AM to Noon. Please plan to help with our booth.

June 11: Field trip to Marshall Diggs Conservation Area at Wellsville, MO. Depart MDC on College Avenue at 9:00 am. Bring a sack lunch.

June 16-18: State Board Meeting – Peck Ranch, Mountain View, MO.

June 18: Trip to see a Warren Taylor's glade (Private land) in Callaway County. Depart from Missouri Department of Conservation at 1110 S. College Avenue at 8:00 AM. Bring a sack lunch.

June 23: Native Plant Field Day. University of Missouri, Bradford Research and Extension Center. 9:00-12:00 Please plan to help with our booth

June 29: Newsletter items are due

June 29: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway. All are invited.

July 10: Regular meeting. 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Speaker to be announced.

July 16: Trip to Prairie Garden Trust in Callaway Co to see the prairie and wetland restoration. Depart from MDC on College Ave. at 8:00 am. Bring a sack lunch. A map is available.

July 23, 24, 25: North American Prairie Conference – Kearney, Neb.

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225

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Time to renew your membership! which runs from July 1 through June 30. If your mailing label says 06/06 please renew your membership by sending a check for \$16 (includes state and local chapter dues) to Sandra Kubal. See form on the back of this newsletter.

Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2006

-- Jean Graebner

Vice-President Nadia Navarrete-Tindall watched proudly as eight members of her family introduced themselves at our regular meeting Monday, May 8, at the Unitarian Church. They were visiting from El Salvador to see Nadia's nephew receive his business degree from Columbia College.

Nadia presented a slide program showing how she has used a variety of wildflowers in her yard to achieve different effects ranging from formal to more natural looking. The regular order of meeting was changed so that after the program we were treated to refreshments which Nadia and her family provided that were typical of their cuisine.

President Judy Ward then opened the business session with some announcements: We had a very successful sale of plants and books at Earth Day; the Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation has rejected our request for an Adopt-a-Spot at the Audubon Society's Trailside Nature Center; we may expect to hear the results of our nomination of Randal Clark for the MONPS Education Award in mid-June.

A number of issues were brought up during the business session. A long discussion concerned what role we should play at the Heritage Festival in Nifong Park in September. The main question was whether we should locate in the "not-for-profit area" where sales are not allowed, or in the area with vendors, where we could sell plants and books. No decision was reached and the matter was assigned to the Events Committee.

The Chestnut Roast activity in October in New Franklin also came up for discussion: whether we should try to give a wreath-making workshop or just sell the makings for a wreath. No consensus was reached. Also discussed was an invitation to have a booth at the Columbia Farmers' Market one Saturday morning. Judy was going to find out more about the offer and what we could include in a booth, if we could sell plants, etc. Judy Turner, chapter representative, reported briefly on the meeting at Cassville, MO, in April. (See her complete report on the state board quarterly meeting and the field trips in the Cassville area in the May newsletter.)

The meeting was adjourned.



Nancy preparing marker for plant identification along the MKT trail.

Photo by Jean Graebner

Members bring botanical knowledge to MKT trail users

-- Jean Graebner

Nancy Brakhage and Jean Graebner began an identification program this Spring along the MKT Trail to aid walkers/bikers in recognizing "bad" plants as well as "good" plants. The plan was to start at the Audubon Trailside Nature Center and label Spring ephemerals with a common name and the scientific name. Also plants were ID'd as Missouri Native (MONP) or as invasive exotic.

We labeled on May 10 and May 17 and covered from the MLK entrance to the bridge going east and to the second bridge going west. See list of those plants labeled in this issue. Denny Donnell, Audubon member in charge of the Center, agreed to let us display a notice about the ID markers along with Hawthorn Chapter brochures in the museum.

We learned some things that will improve our effort next year. We need to start earlier so that markers are in place during most of the blooming period. We noticed that our markers are much more attention-getting if they are clustered. So if we are lucky enough to find three, four or more natives in one place it makes a really attractive display. For example, this year we found a very nice spot that had Solomon's Seal and False Solomon's Seal very close together. We decided that it was very important to clearly label Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) and other undesirables as invasive in hopes that it will deter gardeners from choosing these for their yards. We plan to do the project again next Spring.

American Farmland Trust Workshop: Preserving Farmland for Food and Fuel A Boone County Roadmap

A two-part workshop designed to address current land-use issues in Boone County and ways to preserve farmland for the needs of the future is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 at 6 pm at the County Commission Chambers, Courthouse Square in Columbia.

Presenter: Robert Wagner, Managing Director-Programs, American Farmland Trust.

Boone County Government Center, June 20, 2006
Session 1 (6-7 pm) Overview: tools and techniques.
Session 2 (7:30 to 9pm) Boone County focus.

Light refreshment provided. For more info, please call Tom Vernon 573.442.7476 or Dan Kuebler 573. 657.1125

Sponsored by the Boone County Smart Growth Coalition with the assistance of Sustainable Farms and Communities and the Greenbelt Land Trust of mid-Missouri.

Nomination Letter for Randal Clark

Judy Turner, Jean Graebner, Nancy Brakhage, and Judy Ward joined efforts to gather and synthesize information about the service and education to the community that Randal Clark has provided over the past two decades. This information was compiled by Judy Turner in a nomination letter for the Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education award offered by the state. A copy of the letter is reprinted below.

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HAWTHORN CHAPTER
Missouri Native Plant Society
Columbia, Missouri

April 28, 2006

Jack Harris, Chairperson
Awards Committee
Missouri Native Plant Society

Dear Jack,

The Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society is proud to nominate Randal Clark of Columbia for the Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education award. Randal has exemplified the concept of this award for many years by his passion to share his love of native plants with others.

For the past 23 years Randal has been leading wildflower walks for the general public across Missouri and, in particular, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park and Columbia. Each of these walks is an excursion thru botany and history as he tells a story of the native flora and of the place you are hiking through. In addition to his wildflower walks, Randal has led day trips, canoe trips, and overnight backpack trips all over Missouri, telling stories of the nature at each place as he goes. His favorite areas to lead hikes to are Taum Sauk, Current River, Eleven Point, and the Buffalo River (Arkansas) areas.

Randal grew up in Iberia, Missouri. His grandmother, who was a midwife and an herbalist, introduced him to native plants as a child. She taught him the plants and their herbal uses. At college in Springfield, Mo, he received a double major in chemistry and biology. After college he found work in the chemistry field, but continued his passion for biology and natural history. Randal has been a long time member of our chapter and has been an officer.

Over the years Randal has given a variety of presentations to our local chapter and other organizations. A few of his topics include the wildflowers of Missouri and "Landscapes through time" in which he traces the biological diversity of Missouri for the last three billion years.

Within the Columbia community Randal has acted on his concern for the environment and illustrated his knowledge of Missouri flora by his involvement with the Bonne Femme Watershed Committee, as our chapter representative to the Smart Growth Coalition, and as a water quality monitor for outlying new residential developments. The Sierra Club and others have honored him for his contributions.

In this brief summary of Randal's contributions to preserve and enjoy native plants, we feel it conveys his significant appreciation and knowledge of the native flora of Missouri and his willingness to share it with others.

Sincerely,

Judy Turner for the Hawthorn Chapter



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Plants labeled on MKT Trail

--Jean Graebner and Nancy Brakhage

May 10 and May 17, 2006

Covers from the MLK entrance to the bridge going east and to the second bridge going west. Missouri natives unless noted otherwise* as invasive exotic (IE).

TREES (Young or seedling) & SHRUBS

Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)
Ohio buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*)
Paw paw (*Asimina triloba*)

*Bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*)—IE
Wild gooseberry (*Ribes missouriense*)

VINES

*Wintercreeper (*Euonymus fortunei*)—IE
Moonseed (*Menispermum candense*)
Catbrier or Greenbrier (*Smilax* spp.)
Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*)
*Round-leaved bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*)—IE
Trumpet creeper (*Campsis radicans*)
Poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)

GRASSES & SEDGES

Common sedge (*Carex* spp.)
Canada wild rye (*Elymus canadensis*)

WILDFLOWERS (FORBS)

Blue-eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium campestre*)
Wild sweet William (*Phlox divaricata*)
Wild ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
Wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
May apple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
Violet (*Viola* spp.)
Virginia waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*)
Jewelweed (*Impatiens capensis*)
Trillium (Wake robin) (*Trillium sessile*)
Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)
False Solomon's seal (*Maianthemum racemosum*)
Pokeweed (*Phytolacea Americana*)
White snakeroot (*Eupatorium rugosum*)
Yellow avens (*Geum alleppietum*)
Ohio horsemint (*Blephilia ciliata*)
Yellow giant hyssop (*Agastache nepetoides*)
Violet wood sorrel (*Oxalis violacea*)

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