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## **Future Activities**

**December 1:** State Board Meeting. Dunn-Palmer Herbarium, Columbia, MO. ALL are welcome to attend.

**December 8: Special membership meeting to discuss nominees for President and Vice President and other pertinent issues. 5 pm at Nadia's house before the NPS Holiday Party.**

**December 8:** Holiday party at Nadia and Randy's, 6:00 pm. Please bring a nutritious appetizer or desert and a favorite drink to share. Directions inside.

**December 16:** Brunch of something decadently yummy (please bring some fruit or juice to share) at Nadia and Randy's house 10:30 am followed by planting seed at Stadium Site. To make reservations for Brunch, please contact Becky 657-2314 or Nadia 234-2088 or 289-2018. Or either of us by email.

**December 20:** Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Felini's, 700 E. Broadway. All are invited; please join us.

**January 14:** Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Dennis Stegall, camera manager at Columbia Photo, will present a program giving tips on photographing plants and flowers. Election of President and Vice President will follow the presentation. Please plan to attend.

**January 17:** Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Felini's, 700 E. Broadway. All are invited; please join us.

**January 21:** Seed exchange and propagation workshop (see bottom of page 3) Snow date Jan 28.

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225

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## And Most Recent Stadium Update. . .

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Good news!! Jean Graebner, Paula Peters, Wanda Parscal, Jim Whitley, Judy Turner, Ann Wakeman, Vance Clearwater, Nancy Brackhage, Nancy Langworthy, Kathleen Anderson have each spent some time picking on their own or with me in some wild areas helping to harvest a good amount of seed for the area we have adopted on Stadium Boulevard. Thanks to each one for the day they volunteered to help at Three Creeks, Bennitt, Whetstone, Ann's, The Hole and harvesting at their own meadows.

Because of these efforts, we have about enough volume and diversity of the seed we need to revitalize the area.

**Ann, Judy, Jim, and I beat up and sifted the larger unwieldy plant material on 28 Nov. So now it is more easily broadcast by hand when we meet on Sunday 16 December.**

Jean Graebner has worked to entice several local media to cover this activity so an enthusiastic turnout is encouraged.

### December 20:

Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!

11:30 am at Felini's,  
700 E. Broadway.

We now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** of the month.

All are invited;  
please join us

## Invitation to 2007 Holiday Party

Native Plant Society members, family and friends: The holiday season is here again! It has been a very eventful year and we have to celebrate! Come for supper and bring your favorite appetizer or desert and favorite beverage. As is the tradition, Randy will prepare a soup or two to go with the appetizers and to keep you warm. If it is chilly, we plan to have an enclosed bonfire on the patio. We hope to see you there!

**When:** December 8 starting at 6 pm to whenever you want to leave.

**Where:** 2116 Grant Lane, Columbia at Randy and Nadia's.

**Directions From Stadium,** go south on Forum to Chapel Hill Road. Turn right (west) on Chapel Hill and keep going past two stop signs. After the 2nd stop sign at the top of a hill, pass a fire station and a church on your left. After the church, take the 3<sup>rd</sup> left onto Grant Lane (Grant is Cunningham Road on the north side of Chapel Hill, so be careful to look at the street sign on the south side). Nadia's house is on the left side of the street. Look for a white mailbox and yard covered with native plants.

**From the South,** both Nifong and Green Meadows intersect Forum Blvd. Turn north on Forum and go to the first stoplight. Turn left on Chapel Hill and see directions above.

**For more information call Nadia or Randy at 234-2088 or 289-2018**

### Photos from Hike to Spring Creek Gap



**Spring Creek Gap Vista**

*All photos by Jim Whitley*



**Eastern comma butterfly and Salt&pepper skipper**

## Consider Books Available from Your Hawthorn Chapter for Holiday Gifts

*Submitted by Paula Peters*

Calendars and books will be available at the Holiday party at Nadia's Dec 8, State Board meeting, regular January meeting, or can be picked up at my home (2216 S Grace Ellen Dr. Columbia). The price for the calendars will be \$4.00. You may also order books. The price list for the books that we have available is listed below. These make great holiday gifts. Call Paula for availability 474-4225.

## 2008 Nature Calendar and Books Missouri Department of Conservation Publications

Price	Title
\$7	Water Plants for Missouri Ponds
\$14	Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People
\$23	Terrestrial Communities of MO - Paul Nelson
\$3	Key to Missouri Trees in Winter
\$6	Field Guide to Trees of MO
\$5	Missouri Orchids
\$10	Missouri Wildflowers
\$13	Missouri Conservation Dept Atlas (one available)
\$17	Missouri Atlas and Gazeteer (one available)
\$9	Wild Edibles of Missouri
\$13	Shrubs and Woody Vines of Missouri
\$4	Conservation Trails
\$14	Butterflies and Moths of Missouri
\$30	Flora of Missouri Vol 1
\$32	Flora of Missouri Vol 2
\$14	Amphibians and Reptiles of Missouri
\$5	A Paddler's Guide to Missouri
\$18	Trees of Missouri – Hardbound (one available)
\$13	Trees of Missouri – Softcover
\$5	Seedling ID Booklet MDC and NRCS
\$15	In Focus – Jim Rathert
\$6	Show-Me Bugs
\$5	Tried and True Native Plants for your Yard
\$4	<b>MDC Calendars</b>

### Books from other sources

- \$27 Propagating Wildflowers – William Cullina (one available)
- \$15 Growing and Propagating Wildflowers - Phillips
- \$16 Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers-Falcon Publishing
- \$ 14 Ozark Wildflowers-Falcon Publishing
- \$16 Edible Wild Plants of the Prairie (one available)

### Seed Exchange and Propagation Workshop Information. *Becky Erickson*

Collect seed now for the seed exchange. Keep the material in a paper bag away from mice in the coolest place in your house. If you have no place around 60 degrees, then put in refrigerator. Bring several species = some to share. Organize all of you left over pots. You do not have to sterilize them. We especially need

## NPS members help with the Columbia Natural Resources Inventory

*Submitted by Judy Turner*

The City of Columbia has begun the first step in documenting the natural resources of our community. The City has requested woodland and vegetative surveys to be conducted by members of the City's Tree Keeper program and other volunteers, including members of the Native Plant Society. The field surveys will be used to enhance and more accurately identify the types of trees and other vegetation shown in previously taken high-resolution color aerial photos.

Hawthorn Chapter members, Judy, Jim, Paula, and Becky participated in a field survey of a portion of the woodlands buffering Bear Creek and the Bear Creek Trail off of Blue Ridge Rd. Our group identified this area as about 2 acres of deciduous bottomland mixed hardwood forest with a tree canopy of 95%. We found at least 30 species of trees. The most prevalent of the larger trees were cottonwoods, green ash, shingle oak, wild cherry, and honey locust. Other large trees were sycamores, cedar, walnut, hackberry, American elm, various red oak species, and Osage orange. The largest trees ranged from a pin oak of 76" in circumference to a black walnut of 67" around. When divided by Pi, the diameters range from 24 to 21 inches. Not bad for 25-35 years old trees! Of the smaller understory trees we found large groves of rough leafed dogwoods and American plums with a few scattered wafer ash and hop hornbeam.

We also identified about 30 species of native vines, shrubs, grasses, and forbs. The following occurred in great quantities: coralberry, beak grass, blackberry, tall goldenrod, river oats, and Virginia rye. We were thrilled to find a native rose, a bittersweet vine, ginger, germander, yellow ironweed, purple ironweed, and various sedges. We definitely felt that many more natives would be found if a re-survey was conducted during the spring and summer.

Unfortunately, along with the great diversity of native trees and vegetation, there were the usual exotics and invasives. You know the offenders - bush honeysuckle, Japanese honeysuckle, privet, autumn olives, multi-flora roses, blue grass, and creeping Charlie and a Bradford pear.

All in all, this site was a wonderful area to explore. We hope that the survey can be used by the city to better maintain the diversity and integrity of this natural resource.

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4" pots for the propagation exercise. Hopefully everyone will bring pots of different sizes to exchange. If you have a partial bag of course peat potting soil to share, that would be helpful. We will meet at the Unitarian Church on 21 January at 7 pm unless it is snowing. I will send an email if that date is cancelled; then the meeting will be on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Call me or email me for more info.

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**Please Step Forward For Service**

There is a need for a few inactive members to step forward to fill spaces temporarily filled by a few hard working folks who cover several duties each. We are in need of a president, a newsletter editor, and a person who knows how to manipulate a web site. Please contact one of the officers ready to volunteer a little time to a very good environmental and educational service.

Student (\$11.00)

Regular (\$16.00)

Contributing (\$26.00)

Life (\$200.00)

Includes both Chapter and State dues.

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