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Future Activities

June 1: Visit to Audubon's Wild Haven. Habitats include a glade, pond, open woodland, Hinkson Creek, and butterfly garden. Depart MDC Research Center (College and Stadium) at 9 am. We will carpool on the 20 minute trip and have lunch at a mutually chosen cafe after the hike. Bring your id books and a pad of paper and pencil.

June 7: Trail Side Nature Expo. 9 -12 At the Forum Nature Area. (Near the MKT parking lot). Please plan to help with our booth.

June 8: 9 am Workday at Stadium site. Pull or chemically treat bush honeysuckle.

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June 19: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Felini's, 700 E. Broadway. All are invited.

June 20 – 22: State Board Meeting. Squaw Creek NWR and other sites, lodging in Mound City, MO. Consult PetalPusher for details.

June 26: Quail and Native Plant Field Day – Bradford Farm, 4:00 to 8:00 pm Please plan to help with our booth.

June 29: Schwartz Prairie, St Clair Co. 175a prairie with 237 species including Geocarpon minimum. Depart MDC Research Center (College and Stadium) at 8 am. This is an all-day trip so bring all of your creature comforts including plenty of water and snacks. We will stop at a restaurant for a mid-day meal (possibly at Collins) on the way home. You must call Paula 474-4225 or Becky 657-2314 to assure that we will wait for you for the carpool.

July 14: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Hwei-Ying Johnson, a professor from Lincoln University, will give a presentation on her fingerprinting (DNA) research with native plants.

July 19: Hawthorn Chapter Picnic at Wildhaven at 12 noon. Bring a dish to share. Bring friends and family. See article inside.

September 12 – 14: State Board Meeting. South St. Louis Area – La Barque Watershed and other sites.

October 18: Chestnut Festival at the University of MO Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center, New Franklin, MO. 10 am to 4 pm. Please plan to help with our booth.

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225

From now on: you must call or email your intentions (reservations) to attend field trips to Paula or Becky (contact info on first page header).

News from Stateside

Submitted by Judy Turner, Chapter Representative

I will be leaving our neighborhood to move to Texas about 1 July. I regret the need to leave because I very much enjoy attending state meetings all over Missouri and into IL, AR, KS, IA, NB. This position will be open after the state meeting in June. The position offers attendance at all field trips, paid gasoline, motel and food receipts in return for good representation at the state meeting, and a written report to Hawthorn Chapter newsletter. Position is for two years; applications accepted immediately until 20 August.

Trees at Stadium Site

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I am very happy to report that the spring rains have nurtured the stick trees we planted at the Stadium site. During a visit to the site 23 May I found only one bush actually showing no leaves. Only two cages had been mangled by passing deer. At the time of this report, our efforts have been rewarded with living native bushes!

If several of us attend the site while the ground is wet we could pull up most of the bush honeysuckle seedlings along the forest edge before they become strongly established. Work day dates are 8 and 14 June about 9 am. Bring clippers, gloves, water and other personal comforts. We could have lunch together after working.

Blazing Star Awards

Submitted by Vanessa Melton and Nancy Langworthy

We have decided to give out Blazing Star service awards to some of our outstanding members this year. You know who works to keeps the wheels turning for every function. We have several members who continually give more than their fair share of volunteer time, and we would like to recognize those individuals. No more than three awards will be given out per year, and the awards will be presented to the recipients at the 19 July Picnic. **Send Vanessa your nominations by June 15th** through email at vanndawn@gmail.com or by phone at 573-698-3337. Thanks for your input!

Webmaster Creates Wonderful Site

Submitted by Paula Peters

Judy Ward may be living in (sunny, dry) CA but she has definitely captured the essence and filled a big need for Hawthorn Chapter. The website has the newsletters archived and is full of fabulous photos from our field trips. Encourage your friends to visit the site to see what you are seeing on our outings; they might want to come along! **Thank You Judy!!**

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away ...

What's This Plant?

The May flower was correctly identified by Judy Turner, Nancy Langworthy, Jean Graebner, and Vanessa Melton:

Bird's Foot Violet (*Viola pedata*) usually prefers rocky, well-drained, usually acid soils in open woods, glades, bluffs, ridges statewide. Blooms April through June.



JUNE FLOWER



Send the Common name, Scientific name, habitat and bloom time to Becky.

Everyone who answers it correctly will be listed in the July Issue with a new photo of a plant.

Hawthorn Chapter Summer Picnic

Submitted by Vanessa Melton

Hawthorn Chapter will be having a picnic this year on July 19th at noon at the beautiful and well managed private park - Wild Haven, a Columbia Audubon property located just north of Columbia. Here are directions taken from the Columbia Audubon website – <http://columbia-audubon.missouri.org/>.

To get to Wild Haven, take Route B north of US 63. After crossing RR tracks (about 1 mile), turn right on Brown Station Road. Stay on this road through stop sign, then take first right turn onto O'Rear Road. Follow O'Rear until it turns to gravel, then look for the Wild Haven sign and gate on the right (about a mile from Brown Station).

The Pavilion at Wild Haven is comfortably situated a short distance from the road under large shade trees. If it has not rained for a week, there will be ample off-road parking.

Please bring a dish to share along with a plate, utensils, and a drink for yourself. Keep in mind that there is no barbeque grill there, but you may bring a portable grill and fuel if you wish to cook meat. So dishes to share can include protein dish, salad, vegetable, fruit or dessert. Beer and wine and of course soda and water are all acceptable beverages. A bag of ice is always welcome. There is no water tap at the shelter so bring a jug for wash water. There is a primitive restroom facility if needed (out-house or bushes).

If you want to hike the 1/3 mile to Hinkson Creek you may wade and play in the creek. There is a two-mile trail (with a short cut) around all of the habitats. Children and parents and friends are welcome, but please leave your pets at home because Wild Haven is a wildlife sanctuary. Don't forget your chair, sun hat and insect repellent.

See you there!

"Go my Sons, burn your books. Buy yourself stout shoes. Get away to the mountains, the valleys, the shores of the seas, the deserts, and the deepest recesses of the Earth. In this way and no other will you find true knowledge of things and their properties." **Peter Severinus, 16th. century Danish educator**

Be sure to check your email for calendar updates or call Paula 474-4225 for activity updates.

Marge McDermott's Memorial Tree

Submitted by Jean Graebner and Judy Turner

Marge was a long-time member of Hawthorn Chapter and universally known among our membership as "our favorite hostess," having entertained us on many occasions at her home overlooking the Missouri River. She died May 13, 2007 and Hawthorn Chapter has been in process with City of Rocheport to dedicate a tree – a tulip poplar (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) sometime this fall.

A general discussion by the membership at the May, 2007, meeting concluded that the memorial should be a tree planted somewhere in Marge's beloved Rocheport and that the memorial information should be engraved on a stone rather than a plaque. Jean Graebner, Judy Turner, Paula Peters, Vanessa Melton and Nadia Navarrete compose a volunteer committee to research possible locations and meet with Rocheport leaders. Since contributions to her memorial fund now total \$735, they are also discussing enhancement possibilities such as native plantings around the tree and a bench.

Committee members attended a Rocheport City Council meeting on May 5 and learned that the town is currently planning a new "pocket park" on a lot adjoining the Katy Trail. The town has signed an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to create the park on DNR property. The lot at the junction of Central and First Streets has a few trees on its perimeter, walnut and black locust, but the entire center is chat-sand covered, a relic of the "Great Missouri River Flood of '93" when the location was used by volunteers to fill sandbags.

Mayor Brett Dufur and the council were enthusiastic about our plan for the tree and memorial stone. They envision the park as a resting place for bikers and hikers on the Trail and also as a reminder of Rocheport's history, especially its connection to the river. For example, a historic flood marker is being planned for the site and the DNR is planning to erect some interpretive signs. Mayor Dufur said that he would like to see native plants and flowers used to enhance the area and he would appreciate any suggestions for garden design and plant species from native plant enthusiasts.

After Jean and Judy met with Mayor Dufur at the proposed park lot, a very prominent site for the tree was agreed on. Because the town of Rocheport will be doing removal of sand and chat and also grading the area this summer, it was decided to wait until Fall to plant the tree.

The committee has purchased the tree for \$270 from Total Environments with the understanding that they will care for the tree which is about 17 years old and 12-15 feet tall in its current location until we are ready to plant it. We have signed a contract for the planting.

Currently the committee is working on ideas for the memorial stone and a dedication ceremony later this Fall. Suggestions for the wording of the inscription to members of the committee are encouraged.

**June 19:
Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts!
11:30 am at Felini's,
700 E. Broadway.
We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month.
All are invited; please join us.**

Please Step Forward For Service

We need a person to print and mail the newsletters.

We need a new Chapter Representative.

We need help with the booth when we attend fairs and field days.

We need assistance with several workdays at the Stadium 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)

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Make check payable to: **Missouri Native Plant Society.**

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