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## Future Activities

**July 14: Regular Meeting** at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Hwei-Yiing Johnson, a professor from Lincoln University, will give a presentation on her fingerprinting (DNA) research with native plants. There will also be a vote on new BYLAWS and some activities. Please attend.

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

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

**July-August: Field trips as weather allows.** Please check email updated for field trip announcements. **Please send ideas for hike locations this fall to Paula or Becky.**

**September 8: Regular Meeting** at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall will give a presentation about a privately owned Conservation Area in El Salvador, where the owners offer ecotours.

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

**October 18: Chestnut Festival** at HARC (the University of MO Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center), New Franklin, MO. 10 am to 4 pm. Please plan to help with our booth. Usually many hundreds attend from state-wide.

**December 6: State Board Meeting** in Columbia. All are welcome to attend.

**December : Winter Party**

**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). Be sure to check your email for calendar updates or call Paula for activity updates.**

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## Stadium Site Update

Becky Erickson 657-2314 [beckyerick@socket.net](mailto:beckyerick@socket.net)

Paula, Jim, Nancy Brakhage, Nancy Langworthy and Becky found pulling baby bush honeysuckle quite easy. They cleaned bushes from 2/3 of the east end and pulled sweet clover for the third time. The far east end of the site is infested with poison ivy. The remainder of the Johnson grass will be treated in July.



Please take a good look at our adopted spot along Stadium across from MLK Park and tell your friends and co-workers about our beautification work there.

### EcoArtFest at Cooper's Landing Sept 6-7, 2-10 pm

This date was not put on the calendar because we want to get a count of all who are interested in manning the booth for a few of those hours. Everyone who went last year had a restful afternoon overlooking the Missouri River. There was a good turnout of public and we contacted many people. Mike Cooper bought many of our plants to beautify his entrance. Please come to the July Meeting or call Paula with a positive response so we can reserve a booth space

**DUES ARE DUE: Mail to Paula.**

## What's This Plant?

### JUNE FLOWER

Was correctly identified by **Paula Peters**: *Ruellia humilis*, hairy petunia: dry open rocky glades, prairies, roadsides; state-wide and very common, blooming May-Oct. Note the narrow sessile leaves on compact stems and the rocks on the ground; flowers are firmly upright. All are first field id points; nothing hidden.



### JULY 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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!

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"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**

## Woods Prairie

*Submitted by Vanessa Melton*

I went to the Master Naturalist State Conference down in Springfield, MO on May 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, and one of my sessions that weekend was on prairies. We went to two prairies – Mt Vernon Prairie (MDC Conservation Area) and Woods Prairie, owned by the Ozark Regional Land Trust (ORLT) and open to the public. Woods Prairie was my favorite because of the diversity of wildflowers, and who can resist seeing Indian paintbrush as far as the eye can see? Besides Indian paintbrush I saw birds foot violet, lousewort, orange puccoon, Ozark spiderwort, wild phlox, shooting star, yellow star grass, cream wild indigo, and others I am probably forgetting. The weather was beautiful and so was the scenery. If you are down around the Springfield area, add Woods Prairie to your list of places to go.

Additional information provided by Andy Thomas of ORLT: Woods Prairie is beautiful and the restoration area on the north side is also doing very well. Andy and other members of Ozark Regional Land Trust will be collecting seeds this summer to raise money to pay our bills for purchasing the prairie. Andy would like help in collection seed for the restoration project and for their fundraising. He will take inquiries about seed collection dates and prairie visits at: [ThomasAL@missouri.edu](mailto:ThomasAL@missouri.edu) .

Directions to Woods Prairie, near Mt. Vernon, Missouri: From east or west: On Interstate Highway 44, take the Chesapeake exit (# 49) and go east (which may seem south) toward Chesapeake on Highway 174. At about 3 miles, turn south (right) onto Highway K. Proceed 1.5 miles and turn right onto Farm Road 2125. The prairie is 3/4 mile down this road on the left. You will see the restoration area (6.5 acres) along the road with the green prairie just beyond and up the hill.



Woods Prairie paint brush and golden alexander. V. Melton

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We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the  
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All are invited; please join us.**



Rare white Virginia spiderwort  
*Tradescantia virginiana*  
at Aux Vasse Glade



Scorpion and Narrow-mouth toads  
all by Michael Rues



## Auxvasse Glade Field Trip

*Submitted by Ann Wakeman*

Hidden amid a canopy of cedars, chinkapin and post oaks, and other hardwoods, a treasure trove of glade denizens waited for their day in the sun, including an Ozark endemic, the yellow coneflower, *Echinacea paradoxa*. The slender ribbon of openings in the Ozark border forest snakes around on south facing slopes. Aerial photos show these openings as a continual line in the 1940's, but are currently small isolated openings. Since their purchase 4 years ago, management is thinning encroaching trees with help from a closeby neighbor and prescribed fires.

John George, MDC Naturalist, gave us one of his Saturdays to show us the results of this management. What we saw was a glimpse into what parts of our state must of looked like when Lewis & Clark came through Missouri. We added less than a handful of new species to the already impressive list of 287 species, many in flower, some ready to flower. Thanks to naturalist John who spent time turning over rocks, we also were treated to seeing a Missouri tarantula, a stripped scorpion, and narrow-mouth toads.

Plants blooming were hoary puccoon, virginia spiderwort, rue anemone, yellow pimpernel, Bradburn's beebalm, small-flowered bittercress, woodland phlox, spider milkweed, Robin's plantain, bastard toadflax, Indian paintbrush, dwarf larkspur, golden Alexander, pale beardtongue, prairie phlox, one-flowered cancer root (a tiny orchid) and violet wood sorrel. Other notable species include adder's tongue fern, Fimbristylis, fire-pruned cedars of unknown age, and frequent stands of prairie dock.



**Don't step on anything green!**

B. Erickson

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Judy on a hike at  
Spring Creek Gap

B. Erickson

Ann with her State Education Award



M. Rues

## Farewell to a Friend

Submitted by Jean Graebner

Judy Turner is moving back to Texas where her roots are, so 23 chapter members gathered for a farewell party on Wednesday evening, June 25. Becky Erickson hosted the party at her home East of Ashland. A buffet of brisket, several salads and deserts, drink and conversation around tables on the deck and in the dining room were enjoyed by all that evening, but it also included a couple of surprise presentations.

President Nancy Langworthy presented Judy with a Blazing Star plaque from our chapter commemorating her six years as our chapter representative to the State Board MONPS. Its design included a picture of Judy at a plant sale, our chapter logo and a picture of a Blazing Star taken by Becky. The Award, which is sanctioned by the state, is given by local chapters in grateful thanks for enthusiasm and tireless effort in the promotion of native plants. This was the first such award given by our chapter.

In accepting her award, Judy said that she had thoroughly enjoyed the state meetings in a variety of beautiful locations in Missouri and beyond. In her good-by article in the June newsletter she wrote, "I very much enjoy attending meetings all over Missouri and into IL, AR, KS, IA, NB."

Then Judy changed positions and became the presenter to hand Ann Wakeman the Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award. The plaque, awarded by MONPS, reads: *presented to Ann Wakeman for her life long commitment in sharing her knowledge of native plant propagation and prairie restoration throughout Missouri.*

The evening of fellowship and recognition concluded with musical selections by guitarist Don Mayse, friend and neighbor of Becky's.

(Ed. note: In 2006, Hawthorn Chapter was also honored when a member, Randal Clark, received the Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award.)

## Officer Needed for Rep Position

Because of Judy's moving away, Hawthorn Chapter needs a person who will serve as Chapter Representative at four state meeting per year. They are held in all of the most interesting and beautiful places in MO as well as joint meetings with NPS of all of the contiguous states! The representative gives a report to the state meeting about what we are doing in Columbia and writes a report about State activities for our newsletter. The chapter will pay for gasoline, room, and meal receipts turned in after the meeting. Please contact one of the officers as soon as possible if you would like to fill this position.

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**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)

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