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Future Activities

September 6 – 7: EcoArtFest at Cooper’s Landing: 2:00 to 8:00. Set up is at 12:30. Please plan to help with our booth. Relaxing afternoon of good music and fun on the Missouri River. Food available at Cooper’s

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. If you want to carpool, call Becky 657-2314 immediately.

September 18: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Felini’s, 700 E. Broadway. All are invited.

September 25: Native Plant and Conservation Field Day at Busby Farm in Jefferson City. You are encouraged to attend; we will not have a booth there this year. See article inside. A reminder will be sent later this month.

September 27: Marshall-Diggs CA (Audrain CO) Depart MDC Research Center at 10 am. Easy walk through high quality prairie patches. Chance for plant id and personal seed collection. Bring an orange cap or vest. Lunch in Fulton on the way home. You must call Paula 474-4225 or Becky 657-2314 if you intend to go.

Oct 12: Schwartz Prairie in St. Clair Co. – rescheduled Depart MDC Research Center at 8 am. We will stop for lunch on the way home. You must call Paula or Beck, if you intend to go.

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.

October 25: Fall Foliage Hike – Three Creeks. Meet at the MDC parking lot on College Ave. at 10:00 am to carpool. We will go to the Winery in Holt’s Summit afterwards. You must call Paula or Becky if you intend to go.

November 10: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Our speaker will be Chris Starbuck. He will discuss his research growing bare root plants in gravel. He finds them easily transplantable with a high rate of survival.

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225.

Trip to Schwartz Prairie Rescheduled

The field trip committee thought you might have been afraid of the possibility of rain the day we had scheduled the trip in June so the committee has rescheduled your opportunity to see Schwartz Prairie this fall. So many people go great distances to see fall tree foliage when they have never gone around the corner to see the native grasslands dressed up in the kaleidoscope of autumn colors. It can be breathtaking! Schwartz is known for its high diversity of species. Please make reservations for the carpool and join us for a memorable day trip on 12 October.

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

At the July meeting, several members indicated an interest in manning the booth for a few of those hours at the EcoArt Fest. We will decide Saturday if we want to open the booth again on Sunday. Everyone who went last year had a restful afternoon overlooking the Missouri River. The festival offers a chance to learn more about the Missouri River and to hear traditional music. There was a good turnout of public and we contacted many people.

We have an unusually good number of potted plants available: Carolina rose, Purple milkweed, golden Alexander, sweet Susan, Virginia spiderwort and a few others. Come to buy our plants for this unusually perfect fall gardening period.

There is always room for more members to join us at the booth on Sat the 6th for a congenial visit and dinner by the River.

**September 18:
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.

What's This Plant?

AUGUST FLOWER was correctly identified by Jim Whitley, Paula Peters and Vanessa Melton.

Liatris pycnostachya **prairie blazing star**, prefers moist to mesic prairies in full sun. Blooms late June to early August.



SEPTEMBER FLOWER



Send the Common name, Scientific name, habitat and bloom time to Becky. Everyone who answers it correctly will be listed in the October Issue with a new photo of a plant. [HINT: this plant was featured in the October issue last year. It is easy to recognize by its compact stature.]

In Touch with Nature at Lincoln University's Busby Farm.

August 25, 2008 Contact: Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, 573-681-5392

In the mood for some nature? How about a good, old-fashioned wagon ride?

If so, plan an outing to Lincoln University Busby Farm, just 5 minutes from Jefferson City, and learn about conservation practices using native plants, enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, and see a pasture being transformed into a prairie. On Thursday, September 25, Lincoln University Cooperative Extension invites you to attend a field day at the farm from 4-8 p.m.

As some of you know I moved from the University of Missouri to Lincoln University since April. One of my jobs is to organize events related to conservation; this field day is the first of its kind at this farm. This is a very nice piece of land located next to the Moreau River with some savanna remnants that are waiting to be restored, at least is what I hope to do along with some new colleagues. I continue collaborating with Bradford Farm and those of you who have participated on their field days will recognize their wagons!

Wagons will leave from the parking area to the prairie, where you will hear about prairie plants, insects, birds, and other wildlife, and discuss prairie plants as potential sources for biofuel. A second wagon will take participants to the compost facility and native plant gardens. Displays with information about fall planting, native plants and pollinators, composting, and other conservation issues will be available in this area. Extension Specialists and Researchers from Lincoln University and agencies including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, University of Missouri Extension, Farm Service Agency, and Missouri Department of Conservation will be available to answer your questions.

Two indoor presentations will be offered about conservation practices including native plants. Free refreshments, snacks, rides and native plants will be available during the event. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about bringing nature to your own backyard by visiting with experts and other native plant enthusiasts and improve your native plants identification and gardening skills. This event is free for everyone. Shuttles will run from Lincoln University campus to Busby Farm. Please call to reserve your seat by September 23rd

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This event is open for adults and children accompanied by adults.

Busby Farm is located 5 miles south of Jefferson City off of US54 on 5124 Goller Rd. US-54 W for 5.2 mi and turn left at Goller Rd. Look for signs. Better directions will be published in a flyer coming at mid-month.

Field trip to Marshall-Diggs (Audrain Co) 27 September is planned as an easy walk around regularly burned prairie remnants. This is a great opportunity to identify autumn-blooming flowers and to collect some seed of earlier bloomers for your own gardens. This is an area in transition; you can see the effects of woodlands that have been opened and the prairie species that bloom in the clearings.

Chestnut Festival

You are cordially invited to attend this event that will introduce the public to Missouri-grown chestnuts, pecans and black walnuts; Missouri wineries; Missouri value-added product producers; and will showcase the beauty of the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center and the Missouri River Hills.

The day's activities will center around the farm's Thomas Hickman House. The house, built in 1819, is one of Missouri's oldest standing brick homes and was recently nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Hickman House and grounds are under restoration to reflect the era in which it was built. **All activities will take place under tents for comfort rain or shine!**

Among the attractions available at the festival: Missouri chestnut, pecan and black walnut producer booths with free tasting samples, educational presentations and exhibits, musical entertainment by the Ironweed Bluegrass Band, children's activities, guided bus and walking tours of the chestnut orchards and agroforestry research areas at the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center, a chestnut roasting booth with free samples of fresh roasted chestnuts, value-added food producers will provide free tasting samples and products for sale, including Missouri wines, meats and nuts. Food concession stand will feature Missouri-produced grilled elk, buffalo, pork and beef products for sale.

6th Annual Missouri Chestnut Roast

Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center
New Franklin, Missouri October 18, 2008 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Free Admission and Open to the Public Please visit www.centerforagroforestry.org for a list of all of the participating producers and exhibitors and driving directions. Assistance Dogs Allowed - No Pets For more information: contact Julie Rhoads at 573-882-3234 or email rhoadsj@missouri.edu

Hawthorn Chapter will have a booth at Chestnut Festival. This is an event that is very much fun. We connect with many people who have come from long distances so we would appreciate your assistance at the booth. Set up time on the HARC grounds in New Franklin is 9 am and we will break the booth down at 4.



**NPS booth at Chestnut Festival
(center) Roasted Chestnuts
(bottom) Cooking with Nuts**



Where Prairie Meets the River Winona, MN

Submitted by Nadia Navarrete-Tindall

The 21th North American Prairie Conference was in Winona, Minnesota this past August 4-8. I went with Hwei-Yiing Johnson, one of my colleagues from Lincoln University, to present research results about poverty grass. The conference started on Monday night but we arrived on Tuesday evening due to other commitments.

To go to Winona from Missouri, we took I-70 and then I-35 (long route I know) to go across Iowa, while we were discussing that 'maybe' we made a kind of large loop, we soon decided that it was all worth it!. After seeing some of the native plantings or natural remnants along some roads in Missouri, many were really nice; we started seeing the native plantings along I-35 right after we crossed the Missouri-Iowa border. As many may know, the Prairie Passage is a multistate effort between Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota to establish wildflowers on roadsides. In some areas, conservationists continue working together with the Department of Transportation; however, in some areas budget cuts have stopped management of existing restored areas. Because Iowa has state money for roadside enhancement, it seems to continue working more on this effort than other states. After leaving I-35 we turned into highway I-90 where native plantings are no longer part of the scene and we could see the big difference, no more wildflowers, just manicured grass monocultures.

Winona is a beautiful town with about 30,000 residents and located in a valley surrounded by bluffs that look more like mountains with beautiful blue-green vegetation. The city borders northeast with the Mississippi river and has its own lake, of course, we were in Minnesota. The State of the 10,000 lakes! The conference was held at Winona State University (WSU) with its pedestrian friendly atmosphere surrounded by nice gardens with native and non-native plants and sculptures with wildlife in mind, especially migratory and resident birds that inhabit the Mississippi river corridor.

During our first day of the conference we visited a reconstructed prairie as part of a cost-share program of one of the Technical Colleges in town, and then we went to visit Garvin Heights City Park, a natural area own by the city that is under restoration since the 1970's. Here you can see where the bluffs have some savanna like communities (Photo 1) and xeric or goat prairies similar to what we know as glades in Missouri. The University has been restoring some of these prairies and some are quite diverse. Their major challenge is to get rid of buckthorn which is as daunting experience as getting rid of bush honeysuckle in our area, as we were told by our guides.

We ended our tour by visiting Prairie Moon Nursery where we saw storage rooms with their well organized shelves and seed cleaning area. We went to their

seed collection sites and the beds where seedlings are produced to be sold as bare root including dozens of forbs and shrubs. It was really amazing site! (Photo 2). The weather was perfect and we ended our day with a nice barbeque by Lake Winona.

During the next two days we attended seminars and the conference concluded on Friday after having Wes Jackson, co-founder of the Land Institute giving the keynote speech. The Land Institute is trying to develop perennial crops that include native prairie plants such as Illinois bundle flower, eastern gamma grass, and others. Bruno Borsari, chair of the conference made the close remarks and announced that the 2010 NACP will be in northern Iowa. Also, there were thoughts about having the following conference in 2012 again in Missouri, possibly in the Joplin area. We'll see.



Minnesota savanna

by Nadia



Prairie Moon Nursery production beds

by Nadia

Please Step Forward For Service

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