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Future Activities

Watch email for notices of impromptu hikes. **Please offer suggestions of your favorite walking destinations** to Paula or Becky; we will get them posted as soon as weather permits. **PLEASE call or email Becky 657-2314 or Paula 474-4225 as soon as you know you will attend an activity.** We don't want to leave anyone behind if weather or plans change. Leave your name and PHONE # if you leave a message. If you do not communicate by email and have a suggested destination or want notice of a walk, call Paula 474-4225 to get on the phone list **Call Vanessa or Paula for more information.** Carpool meeting place, commuter parking lot at AC and US63.

May

2 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark. 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP. No dogs.

4-6 Camping weekend at Hawn SP: Friday evening thru Sunday noon. Room for one more tent with up to four people. Call Paula immediately 573-474-4225

9 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark. 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP. No dogs.

12 Wildflower walk at PGT. Kay and George Yatskievych 9 am. To register email henry@prairiegardentrust.org. No dogs. [Earthquake Hollow mosey is cancelled for this date and you are strongly encouraged to attend the Yatskievych walk at PGT. G.Y. is the editor of the most recent edition of Steyermark's *Flora of MO.*]

14 Membership Meeting 7pm Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Program will be given by David S. Kubiak, [BSNursing, MHA with an earlier background in Biology and Ecology] who is an avid Orchid fancier and grower. He will speak to us about native orchids.

16 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark. 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP. No dogs.

17 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts 11:30 am RagTag, 10 Hitt St. Just south of Broadway.

19 Saturday Clifty Creek NA [Maries Co]: A little off the beaten path, beautiful woods and streams. Easy walk on established trails, but a little long. All-day outing; bring sun hat, bug spray, water, snacks. We will possibly eat at Native Stone Winery on the way home. Depart from commuter lot at AC & US63 at 8:30 am. Socialized dogs welcome.

23 Wednesday: Wildflower walk with Randal Clark. 5:30 Devil's Icebox parking off Old63 in Rockbridge SP. No dogs.

June

2 Saturday: Fern Walk at PGT. Led by Dennis Figg [MDC biologist] 9 am. To register email henry@prairiegardentrust.org. No dogs.

1-3 Fri –Sun: State Camdenton area/Ozark Caverns/Rocky Top Glade, etc. See Petal Pusher for details on moseys and motels. No dogs.

9 Saturday Warren Taylor: Private property in Callaway County putty root orchid, goldenseal, glade plants, and others. All-day outing; bring sun hat, bug spray, water, snacks, wear rubber boots if wet. Moderate. We will eat late at Beck's in Fulton. Depart from commuter lot at AC & US63 9 am. Directions will be in June newsletter. Socialized dogs welcome.

14 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts 11:30 am RagTag, 10 Hitt St. Just south of Broadway.

21 Thursday Quail Day Workshop at Bradford Farm. Our booth will be set up from 3 to 7pm. Please volunteer for the plant sale; call Paula. Hamburgers are available for dinner.

30 Saturday: Tucker Prairie mosey. Most of it was burned this winter so blooming plants and [flat/easy] walking should be good. Depart from commuter lot at AC & US63 at 8:30 am.

Announcements:

Still room for one more tent for the camping weekend at Hawn. Call Paula.

Carpool meeting place for moseys is changed to the commuter parking lot at AC and US63. All Columbia MDC offices have moved to Discovery Park so the Research building at Stadium & College is closed.

Earthquake Hollow mosey is cancelled

for 12 May. You are strongly encouraged to attend the George Yatskievych walk at PGT. G. Y. is the editor of the most recent edition of Steyermark's Flora of MO.

Program for the 14 May meeting will be given by David S. Kubiak, BSNursing, MHA with an earlier background in Biology and Ecology is an avid Orchid fancier and grower. He will speak to us at the Unitarian Church about native orchids. Because of longer daylight hours, the May meeting starts at 7 pm.

June Lunch at RagTag has been changed to 15 June because Quail Day, Bradford Farm, plant sale is 21 June = the usual day we have lunch. Sign up to help with the Quail Day plant sale; call Paula.

Program for July Membership Meeting

Randal Clark will present Costa Rica: Land of Biodiversity. Randal is known for his spring wildflower walks at RBSP. UU Church **Monday 9 July, 7pm**.

Summer Calendar Cont. . . .

July

7 Saturday: Butterfly walk with Donna Brunett at PGT. See details on the PGT website. To register for the walk email henry@prairiegardentrust.org. No dogs.

9 July Membership Meeting 7pm Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Randall Clark will speak: Costa Rica, Land of Biodiversity.

19 Thursday: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts 11:30 am RagTag, 10 Hitt St. Just south of Broadway.

August

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September

10 Monday: Membership Meeting 7pm Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd

15 Saturday: Plant Sale, Bradford Farm

28-30 Fri-Sun State Meeting at Cuiver River State Park. See Petal Pusher for details. No dogs.

October

6 Saturday: Spring Creek Gap mosey asters goldenrods fall colors. Easy. Depart from commuter lot at AC & US63 9 am. Socialized dogs welcome.

Late October: Wreath workshop

Late October Cookout: place and date will be determined.

MONPS Board Meeting Schedule for 2012

See Petal Pusher for details on programs, moseys and motels. All are welcomed to see the wild places of MO with people who know plants, ecology and history.

Summer – June 1-3, 2012 – Camdenton area/Ozark Caverns/Rocky Top Glade/Coakley Hollow, and other places.

Fall – Sep. 28-30, 2012 – Cuivre River State Park and vicinity.

Winter – Sat. Dec. 1, 2012 – UMO Herbarium, Columbia, MO. Business and planning.

Paula has several of our beautiful new orchid design T-shirts available. 474-4225

Earth Day and Bradford Farm Plant Sales

Submitted by Paula Peters, Booth chair

We are off to a great start with our first two booth events of the year! The Bradford Farm Native Plant Sale, 14 April, started off with stormy weather. We stood in the rain and wondered if the day would get better with sales or not. Surprisingly cars rolled in, many people who appreciate native plants in the garden came, braved the weather and bought many plants. At the end of the sale, we tallied the day's take on the hood of a truck and counted \$1166. What a surprise!

Earth Day started much the same: windy and chilly with threats of rain, but by the end of the day, weather broke at times and we were surprised we made \$526. (minus a \$40 booth fee). We had a good time visiting all the Earth Day booths and displays and visiting with a good turnout of volunteers.

Our next Native Plant Sale will again be at Bradford on Thursday June 21, 3 to 8 pm. We hope you will come to help other volunteers educate booth visitors in the reasons and joys of native plant gardening and pollinators. Remember the profit from sale of plants and books goes to our grant fund for public school teachers to have resources to teach a natural science section.

News from Stateside . . . Branson April 13 – 15, 2012

Submitted by John White, Chapter Representative

The Spring Board Meeting was held at the Bull Shoals Field Station of Missouri State University, located in the Drury-Mincy Conservation Area near Branson, MO. This area is five miles east of Branson, then six miles south on Route J, and borders Bull Shoals Reservoir. It is in Taney County, has 3,400 acres of forest and comprises 5,599 acres. Located in the heart of the White River glade region, it was the Conservation Department's first deer refuge. The rolling hills in this area provide bluestem glades and post oak savannas, with the Mincy, Fox, and Bee Creeks meandering through stands of wild cane on their way to Bull Shoals Lake. Unusual plants such as Purple beardtongue, fringetree, and Ashe juniper can be found in the area.

Friday Evening Program

On Friday evening we received an enjoyable presentation from Larry Wegmann and Laszlo Kovacs, a biology professor at Missouri State University, on Native Grapevines of Missouri and the use of native MO grapes for the wine industry.

The North American Continent is the origin of grapevines and is the center of the *Vitis* genus. They grow naturally only in the northern hemisphere. Seven species grow naturally in Missouri. European grapes are all cultivated from American grapes. There was a time when disease nearly wiped out the European species of grapes. Since pests and pathogens also evolved in America, the co-evolution of plant and pathogen made them resistant to pests. The rootstock from our grapes were grafted to European stock and saved the European grape industry. We have grape varieties, such as the Norton grape, that are resistant to everything.

Field Trips: Bear Cave Trail

This trail leads from J highway through the forest to a large glade on the next ridge. Some of the plants seen along the trail and glade include White Climbing Milkweed (*Matelea baldwyniana*), Whorled Milkweed (*Asclepias quadrifolia*), Spider Milkweed (*Asclepias viridis*), Western False Gromwell (*Onosmodium molle*), Hair Grass (*Muhlenbergia capillaries*), Sensitive Brier (*Mimosa quadrivalvis*), Horsemint (*Monarda bradburiana*), and Indian Paintbrush (*Castilleja coccinea*).

Bee Creek Trail

From a parking area south of the Bear Cave Trail, a road leads east through the park and ends at the lake. Our group walked part of the road observing vegetation along the road and adjoining Bee creek, where we saw Fire Pink (*Silene virginica*), Green Violet (*Hybanthus concolor*), and Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), among others. Then a fairly long drive and more walking took us to the lake where we found Smoke tree (*Cotinus obovatus*).

Saturday Board Meeting Highlights

- The meeting was called to order by Paul McKenzie, a quorum was present, and minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- The Society assets were reported to be \$37,000.00.
- Some issues were brought up concerning the formatting of the Petal Pusher as well as the late dates of issue. Paul Mckenzie will send Janet Haworth a letter suggesting options to solve the issue and Brian Edmond will send Janet some back issues of the Petal Pusher as a format guide as well as offer to assist in showing her how the Society wants the Newsletter to look.
- Concerning the problem of keeping the society website updated, Sue Hollis talked with David Winn and David will be glad to turn the Webmaster position over to someone else. Brian Edmond has offered to take over as Webmaster.
- Additional copies of the Missouriensis, Vol. 30, have been printed and the next edition is still in the works.
- Membership status: 14 new members, 57 life members, and 318 total members to date.
- Hudson Award: Alice Tipton was selected from seven applicants to receive the Hudson Award. Alice is currently TA for one of the Plant Taxonomy labs at MU. Congratulations, Alice.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to keep the brochure format as is for now, and print 1500 more copies.
- T-Shirt update: As of the meeting date there are 7 SM, 19 LG, 17 XL, and 7 XXXL orchid T-Shirts available. If more are needed contact Allison Vaughn.
- Local Database update: Brian Edmond reported it will be next winter before the Database is ready or possibly further delayed if he takes on the Webmaster position.
- The next Board Meeting will be June 1-3, at Camdenton, MO. Everyone is welcome to join the field trips Details on destinations and motels are in the next Petal Pusher.

Please Step Forward For Service

Please contact one of the officers ready to volunteer a little time to a very good environmental and educational service. We need people to serve as officers, to grow plants for fundraising and we need people to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Bradford Plant Sale. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money.

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