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Future Activities

Watch email for email 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 or Paula 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. **Carpool meeting place, commuter parking lot at AC and US63.** We will no longer offer planned tours of local wild areas. Occasionally one will be posted on the calendar. Otherwise, only interested members will be contacted by email a few days in advance of a mosey activity. As stated above, let your ideas for a mosey location be noticed. We will let the rest of the local membership know about the visit to your favorite location.

June

28 Saturday Tour of Jim Whitley Trust Property after 10 year's management and Erickson's adjacent land having no management. Meet at Patricia's parking, NE corner near dumpster 9 am. Contact Becky if coming so we don't leave you.

29 Sunday Tour of Louise Flenner's land after 3 year's work of incorporating natives. From Hwy 63, take the Discovery Parkway exit and turn west (toward town) at the end of the exit ramp. Then take the very first left which is onto Ponderosa, go approx. 1 mile, turn right onto S. Cowan Rd. My house is the second one on right, name on country mailbox is Flenner. You can park in the driveway or on the street. 449-7227

July

12 Saturday Deck Party 5pm with Harry and Nancy. West on I-70 to Midway exit. West on Old 40 to Booth Lane [look for line of pine trees]. Watch for sharp right turn north from Walnut Grove Road. Drive another 2.8 miles. Look for mailbox on left.

14 Monday 7 PM Membership Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd
Program TBA

17 Thursday Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. 11:30 at RagTag 10 Hitt Street = just south of Broadway. Good food; lively conversation regarding plant management, environment, etc.

August

1 Friday Partial booth at Organic Gardener field day at Bradford. Contact Becky

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Thanks to Nancy Langworthy, Lea Langdon, Ann Wakeman for their submissions.
Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the website up to date. Please send new photos to Doug.

We would like to get announcements, impressions, species accounts, photos, poems, links to scientific articles or other creative nature writing from you, too.

Announcements

News From Stateside

MoNPS Quarterly & Annual Board Meeting,
June 13 - 15, 2014 Bethany, MO

Submitted by Ann Wakeman Chapter Representative

Friday evening overview by Steve Buback covered the prairies in northwest Missouri and Chloe-Lowry Marsh where the weekend field trips were planned. This region of Missouri had been glaciated and are much different having deep soils compared to the prairies in the SW part of Missouri.

The first field trip Saturday morning was to **Pawnee Prairie**. This had been pastured in the past, and some still being patch-burn grazed. The more diverse section was on the east side, we saw thimble flower, pale purple coneflower, prairie phlox and white sage.



Saturday afternoon was trip to **Helton Prairie**. This small but high quality prairie, thick with wet-prairie species, has western prairie fringed orchid, though none were spotted this trip.



Eight-spotted forester, a diurnal moth who sips flower nectar. MR Photos Cicadas had hatched and we

flushed flocks of them as we moseyed through the prairie vegetation.



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Saturday evening meetings were the annual meeting followed by the quarterly board meeting. **The Annual Meeting** is a summarization of the past year's accomplishments by President Paul McKenzie, and reports from Treasurer and Membership chair.

Award winners for 2014 were presented by Michelle Bowe. They were:

Julian Steyermark Award for lifelong achievement given to **Bruce Schutte**.

John Wylie Service Award for service to Missouri Native Plant Society was given to **Ann Early** and **Bob Siemer** for their long held positions in the Society. An additional John Wylie Service Award went to **Emily Horner** for numerous leadership skills and teaching abilities for both chapter and state, wherever needed.

The newly established Plant Conservation Award went to **Don Kurz** for his publications of field guides.

- Treasury: Treasurer's report showed sales from t-shirts was \$625 mostly from St. Louis chapter booth at Shaw Nature Reserve's native plant sale in May.
- Membership: Brian reported there are 1330 members on Facebook from all parts of the State. Ann E. reported 9 new members since May.
- T-shirts: Rex is looking into reprinting the orchid t-shirt, since there's limited inventory in all sizes. Also looking into long-sleeved t-shirts for the printing.
- Workshops: Paul will have a Carex ID workshop next spring. Becky will have a propagation workshop for the Kansas City chapter in late summer/fall.
- Wildflower poster: should be printed and available by the September meeting.
- Fundraising: Bill Knight has worked on fundraising for MoNPS through Smile Program at Amazon and through the Schnucks grocery stores.

UM Herbarium: Paul McKenzie announced the likelihood of the Herbarium being closed. Seems botanical science and

Herbaria aren't as important anymore. MoBOT only has limited storage without building another building and cannot absorb these specimen, some dating from the 1700's. This would be a loss for future research potential on past plant specimens.

Wood lily MR photo



Send Nadia Ideas for Meeting Presentations

Please send any ideas for future meeting presentations to Nadia at navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu. Suggestions for presentation subjects from the meeting included: insect pollinators, mushrooms, and more environmental connections. Please send in what YOU want to learn about. Some topics presented in the past were, controlled fires, how to install a perennial garden, propagating natives, bring in specimens for identification, photography, mosses, tree id, , the choice is yours.



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 17 July

Meet for lunch 11:30 at RagTag, 10 Hitt St [Just south of Broadway]. Lunches have been well attended with lively discussions about plant and landscape management, alien control, and plans for the next activity. Hope to see you there.



Dues are Due Please Send to Paula



Petal Pusher: Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Petal Pusher Editor

I would still appreciate more responses for Petal Pusher delivery by email. As we transition into E-delivery of PP, I must have your permission to stop receiving the printed, mailed, paper copy from St Louis. Send requests to: beckyerick711@centurylink.net.

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Field trip Sunday morning, immediately following the rain, we headed off to Lowry Marsh. This rich gem of a freshwater marsh in Mercer County with 40 acres of marsh, 15 acres of wet-mesic prairie, as well as a swamp white oak woodland. It is one of the highest quality marshes in Missouri and home to 6 Missouri species of conservation concern. Just starting to flower was marsh skullcap and we saw probably the densest population of downy gentian, *Gentiana andrewsii*.

Then on to small cemetery SE of Princeton, Mo where Tom Nagal saw vestiges of prairie and requested unused part of the grounds be left unmown. In full bloom were several wood lilies and after searching, someone spotted an eastern prairie fringed orchid in bud. This little gem was well worth the side trip on our way home.



Outdoor Classroom Update

Submitted by Lea Langdon

Rock Bridge Elementary 4th Graders had a workday in their outdoor classroom the last week of school. They planted swamp milkweed at their pond edge and worked hard to reclaim the long neglected butterfly garden area. They cut more than 100 tree seedlings and pulled bush honeysuckle and other undesirables, while Lea tried to keep up with them and paint the cut trunks with Roundup.



There is still lots to do out there, If another work day is planned, Lea will try to get the word out in case anyone wants to work with us. If you are interested, [please email Lea at langtree@gmail.com](mailto:leatlangtree@gmail.com) or 854-7647.

LL Photos



Rock Bridge High School Rain Garden has been looking beautiful the last few years, thanks to Glenn Pickett and a small group of dedicated volunteers. Each time we are there it looks different, since something different is blooming. This past week we saw blue flag, lance leaf coreopsis, monarda, fog fruit, slender mountain mint and other plants blooming. . .

If you would like to get involved in this project, we are working a couple hours about every other week. This is a good opportunity to see a few Missouri native plants and take home some seedlings.

Our next work times are: **Weds. July 2nd and 16th, 8-10 AM.** **If you have questions, please contact Lea at langtree@gmail.com or 854-7647.**

Turn screen time to green time; get outside!

Our Italian Heritage

Submitted by Nancy Langworthy

This summer Harry and I took the first vacation we've had in more than 8 years, a trip to Europe (thanks to frequent flier points) to see friends and to spend a week in Tuscany hiking. The trip was great, of course.



The landscape glorious (and definitely hilly!). What was really interesting was how many plants I saw in the hills between the Tuscan hill towns that I thought I knew or ought to know.

A little research for this newsletter piece made it clear: what I was seeing was the Europeans, pre-immigration. I knew that they couldn't really be Missouri native, after all, Tuscan hill towns really are a very different habitat, but I kept seeing such familiar looking things, starting with violets and strawberries.



Viola



Fragaria NL photos

Of course, had I brought a field guide I wouldn't have been confused, but I didn't want to carry anything extra on the long hours hiking up and down those glorious hills. I did buy a small book on Tuscan plants. You're welcome to take a look at it at the July 12th party, but for those of you who can't attend, I'm sharing a few photos.



Paula wanted to share the glory of her pond this year after starting completely over 3 years ago.
PRP photo > >

Hawthorn Summer Party

Saturday, July 12, at Nancy and Harry's Farm

Time: 6 pm to gather and maybe stay 'til the sun goes down and the stars come out. That would be nice.

Address: 7301 N Boothe Lane . (West on I-70 to Midway exit. West on Old 40 to North Booth Lane [look for line of pine trees just past the MU dairy farm]. Watch for sharp right turn where Boothe becomes gravel and heads north from Walnut Grove Road. Drive north another 2.8 miles. Look for black mailbox on west side of road. Or google other possible routes.)

Contact me: 573 874 2463 or 573 289-6434 (cell) or email me at langworthyn@gmail.com to RSVP or if you have questions

My promise: I promise nice wine and cold ice tea, and at least a main dish and a vegetable side dish. The a/c will be on inside, the porch fans will be on, and usually there's a good breeze anyway, so you should be comfortable if it's hot.

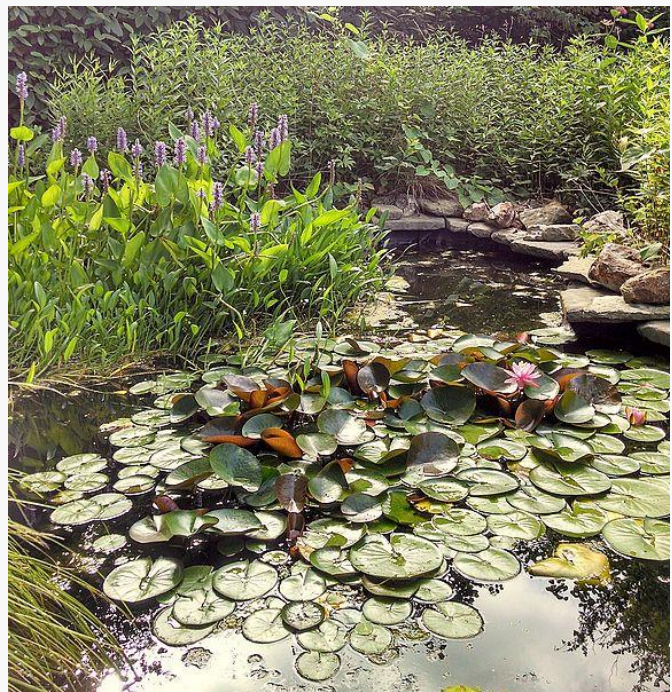
One other thing, please: **No dogs, well-behaved or otherwise.** We now have four cats who don't like dogs and after all, it is their house.

*****Your part: Please do just 2 things*****

1. **Let me know "yes" or "no" if you can come by Tuesday, July 8.** Please please do not just skip this RSVP. It really matters. How else will I know how many chairs to have, how much wine to get?

2. Let's **potluck:** Please bring something to eat to add to the table. It would be great to tell me when you RSVP what you're thinking you will bring. (All cheese and no bread isn't a great combo...)

*****RSVP by Tuesday, July 8:** call me (573 874 2463 or 573 289-6434 (cell) or email me at langworthyn@gmail.com to let me know if you will be joining us and maybe what you might be bringing to share. Remember, our July meeting isn't until the 14th, so please don't wait on that. Thanks.



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.

___ Regular (\$16.00)*

___ Student (\$11.00)

___ Contributing (\$26.00)* designate chapter or state

___ State Lifetime (\$200)

___ Chapter Lifetime (\$120 – you must also be a member of the state organization to utilize this option)

___ Chapter only (\$6.00 – this is for members who already belong to State and another chapter).

*Includes both Chapter (\$6) and State (\$10) dues.

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

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Hawthorn Chapter

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