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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.** Occasionally a mosey will be posted on the calendar. 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 destination.

13 – 16 Feb: Great Backyard Bird Count. Something fun and useful to do while waiting for spring plants to come up. Sign up on line.

19 February Thursday: Lunch with native plant enthusiasts. **11:30 am.** RagTag.

9 March Monday 6 pm Members Meeting Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd, Columbia. **Program tba.**

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31 March Tuesday. 6- 9 pm Location TBA. Becky will be teaching "Native Plants for Pollinators" Lists of best plants for all pollinators, plus garden installation.

<https://secure.career-center.org/wconnect/ShowSchedule.awp?&Mode=GROUP&Group=AGR&Title=Garden++Agriculture>

10 – 12 April. State Field trip to Osceola/Clinton. West central MO prairies and glades in Spring = not to be missed!! Look for details in Petal Pusher.

11 April Sat, 10am – 2 pm. Native Plant Sale at Bradford Farm. Our biggest sale of the year. Contact Becky last of Feb for opportunities to help with nursery in Mar & Apr.

19 April Sun, 10am – 6pm. Booth at Columbia's Earth Day Fair. Sign up with Paula. See announcement inside.

Ideas for Meeting Programs? Send them to Nadia

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, botanical art, native edibles, photography, mosses, tree id, , , , , , the choice is yours.

This is the 30th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the chapter 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

Election at the January Meeting

Everyone who previously held an officer's position has agreed to continue their positions.

April is our busiest month with two plant sales.

We need to 'gear up' for these sales in March.

PLEASE contact Becky – who keeps the chapter nursery - to find out how you can help with plant sales.

I have checked the long-range forecast. It looks like the rest of winter will continue relatively mild weather.

Therefore: I will appreciate some volunteers stepping up the last week of Feb and parts of March to help me lift trays from dormant boxes and clean up plants for sale.

Those who desire to help, but can't manage the drive to my house nor physical work, can write labels for plants. Label making will probably be the first week of April after I see what I have.

Flexibility is necessary because most of this must be scheduled around work needed, weather, and human schedules. Count on coming after 10 am or possibly noon because it will be too cold to do anything outside that early in the day. beckyerick711@centurylink.net and 657-2314.



Bradford Plant Sale 11 April, 10 - 2

Tim Reinbott, Bradford Farm Manager, has graciously hosted all the local native plant vendors for the last several years. This sale has become a spring ritual for hundreds of regional residents. Besides preparation throughout March, we especially need a few hands at 9 am to help set up and man the booth that day.

Bradford Farm is the MU Ag Research farm here. It is about 5 miles from US 63 and Grindstone/AC hiway. There is a map at this website.

http://calendar.missouri.edu/event/native_plant_and_education_day?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=University+of+Missouri#.VMaUyKOGee
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Earth Day 19 April, 10 - 6

We will be participating in Columbia's Earth Day Fair

Most of the day's efforts are answering people's questions about plants, pollinators, nature, and promoting our community work. The booth location is the same as it has been the last few years: next to the Peace Park gate, 8th and Elm. The whole booth must be unloaded by 10 am. The fair goes until 6pm. We cannot load up until then.

We need help all day. If you want to help but cannot stay all day, Paula can coordinate your shift. Once you have committed your intention to help, you will get email about where to park and what to do.



Lea Langdon Awarded Blazing Star

The big event at the January membership meeting was our President Denny Donnell awarding Lea Langdon with her Blazing Star Award for her persistent and attentive work with



the children and teachers of the Columbia Public Schools. She has exercised long hours of personal effort over many years to instill in the next generation an appreciation for the natural landscape that built and graced our Earth. Any time a project involving native plants needs hard work to accomplish, Lea is there to help. Head down in her work and quiet, she is always noticed and her work appreciated



LINK UP!!

Excellent first stop for regional resources and links to other natural history blogs.

Nadia's Yard: a blog by Randy Tindall

<http://nadiasyard.com/>

MONPS website

www.monativeplantsociety.org

Link up with Jenks Farmer: <http://jenksfarmer.com/>

Bush honeysuckle removal – contact Eric Bohle

ebohle4@gmail.com

Natural Events at Chert Hollow Farm: An archive of monthly natural events posts going back to 2011 is indexed here:

<http://chert hollow farm.com/landscape/>

Wren Song

<http://www.ecosystemgardening.com/wren-song/131-thanksgiving>

Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

Plant identification: USDA plant database <http://plants.usda.gov>

Grow Native resources: www.grownative.com



Lunch at RagTag Thurs 19 Feb.

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.



Deep Rooted Wisdom

*A book review submitted by Ann Wakeman
[Condensed. Full version in previous newsletter]*

'Tis the season for catalogs. They started arriving before Thanksgiving with their glossy photos and promises. Yea, we can have as glorious a garden as we can only imagine this time of year with everything, except houseplants, sleeping during these cold and short daylight hours. Even book, seed and perennial companies now are in the enticing game with email offerings.

However, one crossed my inbox that caught my attention. **Deep Rooted Wisdom: Skills and Stories from Generations of Gardeners** written, rather, narrated by **Augustus Jenkins Farmer**. He answers to "Jenks". Critiqued as a 'treasure trove of homespun botanical advice will remind growers why they fell in love with gardening in the first place'. Liberally sprinkled with photos and side bars, this book is filled with folksy, down to earth advice and wry humor.

I will relish this book these winter months with tea in hand and cat on my lap.

Hope you can join me at the upcoming lecture in our area: **Deep Rooted & Crinum for Cold Climates February 17, 2015, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Unnamed Venue, Saint Louis, MO United States+ Google Map Saint Louis Garden Club. Mark this site to keep in touch with updates.**



CAS Grant Funded for Bonnie View Park

Dear Partner Friends, [We are partners in this effort.] Please find attached a letter from Gene Gardner on behalf of the MoBCI Steering Committee. It announces the committee's recommendation that we received the requested funds for the Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary-Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary Grassland Restoration Project. As indicated in the attached letter, the final decision will be made by the Missouri Department of Conservation, history would indicate their positive support will be forthcoming. Funds in the amount of \$11,300 should become available on July 1, 2015.

On behalf of Columbia Audubon Society, I want to thank all our partners for participating in this exciting project. Next winter will witness the spreading of seed from Missouri grasses and wildflowers resulting in the eventual restoration of a native habitat. If anyone has a question please let me know. Bill Mees, Columbia Audubon Society

Propagation Workshops in Columbia thru Columbia Adult Career Center

Becky is giving two courses this spring

Propagating wildflowers 24 Jan: was a success. Nine people attended. The group comprised two of our members, a bee keeper, a CAS member, and five folks from MMN. Everyone had the opportunity to take home a pot of seeds to grow.

Native Plants for Pollinators which covers Choosing and Installing native plants will be **Tuesday 31 March, 6 to 9 pm:**

<https://secure.career-center.org/wconnect/CourseStatus.awp?&course=15WG316>

Please sign up!

I am still looking for a location in Columbia to use for this class. After you sign up, you will get an announcement of the location by email.



Reminders from the last State meeting report:

MONPS web site is now functional.

www.monativeplantsociety.org Members can renew and new members can use PayPal to pay dues online.

There is a need for Social Media Coordinator to keep posting and events up to date on the Facebook pages as well as the Web site. This will be a new position on the BoD as well as coordinating positions in each chapter. Chapter reps can list favorite places for hiking on the site as well as links to these places, and chapter news.

Future meeting dates and times for 2015 are:

Spring: April 10-12 in Osceola/Clinton area.

Summer: June 26-28 in Kirksville area.

Fall: September 18-20: Jefferson City area.

Winter: December 5: Columbia at D-P Herbarium.

Smile. Amazon.com program is working with 1/2 % of sales donated to the Society. Please convey this revenue stream to chapter members.

Newsletters: Change in Delivery

Submitted by Becky Erickson Hawthorn and Petal Pusher Editor

Starting next summer paper delivery of PP will come only with a \$5 surcharge. MONPS is sending Petal Pusher to 160 by email delivery. I see from the membership roster that at least double that number has an email address but has not requested electronic delivery. **We would still appreciate responses for both chapter and Petal Pusher delivery by email from the folks getting only the paper copy.** As we transition into E-delivery of PP, I must have your permission to stop receiving the printed, mailed, paper copy from us and from St Louis. Send requests to: beckyerick711@centurylink.net

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.

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