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Future Activities

December 15th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

December 19th, Monday at 6 pm: Holiday Party. This year's Holiday Party will be held at our current bi-monthly meeting location—see details below.

January 9th, Monday at 6 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church. This meeting will be our annual planning meeting so come and join in the discussion of upcoming events for 2017.

January 19th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

Holiday Party 2016

December 19th has been set as the date for our upcoming Holiday Party. Instead of meeting at a member's house which we have done in the recent past, we will gather at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 2615 Shepard Blvd. in Columbia.

Volunteers will be needed at the beginning and end of the evening to help set up and take down tables, so if you can come a little early to help with that it would be much appreciated.

Anyone who would like to bring table décor is more than welcome.

Also, please bring a side dish, main dish, drink, dessert, or snack to share with the group as well as utensils, a plate, and drink cup for yourself.

This is a great opportunity for the Chapter to get together and reflect on a great year.

Recent Events



Painted Rock hiking crew (from left to right) Bonnie Ricord, Paula Peters, Vanessa Melton, and Frances Albano. Submitted by Becky Erickson.

This past Fall was a busy time for our Chapter.

The weekend following the Chestnut Roast (where our Chapter had a

booth) was set for a Chapter Fall Field Trip. So on October 15th several members gathered for a field trip to Painted Rock CA close to Westphalia, MO. Trees were just starting to turn and it was a comfortable day hiking around. Lunch at Canterbury Hill Winery in Holts Summit completed the day.

The last activity this Fall was our annual Wreath-Making Workshop. Nancy Langworthy hosted this year's workshop

and three members made wreaths. Thanks to Nancy and other members present for providing a wholesome meal.

Wreath-Makers Bonnie Ricord (left) and Paula Peters (right) courtesy of Vanessa Melton.



Officer Nominations

The Hawthorn Chapter has several officer positions open for 2017.

On an average year we would not be voting for all officers, but the upcoming year is an exception. One position is empty and need to be filled, others are up for re-election, and some positions are being vacated by their current officer.

The following is a list of officers our Chapter will be voting on and names of those nominated for the position:

- President—Empty
- Vice President—Empty
- Secretary—Empty
- Treasurer—Paula Peters
- Chapter Representative—John George and Cindy Squire (nominated jointly).

If you have been considering holding an officer position with our Chapter now is your chance as several positions are open. Come to the January meeting to vote

on nominated officers as well as those who might step up at the January meeting to run for office.

MDC Calendars Are In

If you ordered MDC Natural Events calendars for the upcoming year they are in and available for pick up!

schedule pick up, or you can come to the Holiday Party on December 19th and pick them up there. See you all at the Holiday Party!

You can email Vanessa Melton at vann-dawn@gmail.com or call at 573-864-3905 to

Vanessa



MDC Natural Events Calendar Cover. Provided by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

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 the Spring Bradford Plant Sale. If you receive this by mail, please consider requesting email delivery.

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