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Future Activities

January 11th, Monday at 6 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church. This meeting will be our annual planning meeting so come and join the discussion about upcoming events for 2016.

January 21st, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

November Meeting Minutes

Minutes, Hawthorn Chapter, Native Plant Society, 9 Nov. 2015 Boyd E. Terry Secretary

The meeting was convened at 6:00 PM at the Universalist church with Pres. Denny Donnell Presiding.

Wedge Watkins of the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge presented the results of Midwestern Bees Monitoring by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife 2012 to 2014. Restoration of the native flood-plane to native habitat requires the bees as the major pollinators. Bees don't migrate and require specific plant. Of 450 species 270 are found in Missouri. Most are solitary, a few have hives. Offspring are fed with pollen and nectar. He reviewed the process of beebowl trapping, netting, and after collecting the process to clean, separate, and identify. Of 50 experts there are 2 in Missouri. 1000 bees were collected investing 1/2 hour/bee ready for microscopic evaluation and preservation.

Bumblebee is declining, few exotics have been seen and happily the characteristic Missouri bees are present. One can go to Beespotter.com to help one identify a bee. There were many questions and a lively discussion.

23 attended with 4 visitors. Business matters were discussed including calendar. Treasurer report showed \$13,275.85 with \$300 from memberships and \$772 from plant sales at the Chestnut Festival.

We should continue to collect seed for Audubon Society planting in December. Avoid tall goldenrod seeds. Becky Erickson will store and preserve.

News From Stateside

MONPS State Planning Meeting in Columbia 5 Dec 2016 was called to order at 10:10 am. A quorum was deemed present. Minutes from the September 2015 meeting were accepted. So were published in the Jan 2016 Petal Pusher.

Board of Directors: Since two positions needed replacements, this discussion followed: If a BoD member misses 3 consecutive meetings s/he can be replaced. Robin Kennedy has asked to retire. Since Michelle Bowe cannot find a dedicated chapter rep from the SW chapter, she asked to step down from her BoD position to be chapter rep. Therefore two BoD positions needed to be replaced. Nominations were suggested for Mike Skinner and Paul Nelson. Within a week after the meeting Mike Skinner accepted, I did not get notice about another acceptance.

Treasurer: \$1326 in bank; need to pay \$6-700 to chapter for dues.

Hudson Fund: \$1761 in account. Can be given on alternate years so bank account can increase enough to be substantial enough to assist a student.

Petal Pusher: Only 87 are still sent by mail; 47 have paid for their paper subsidy. So State is saving hundreds by email over the old paper delivery. Suggestion to send link to website for PP delivery was scrapped. PP will continue to be sent individually to personal email addresses.

Missouriensis: Doug Ladd wants to

re-design Missouriensis into 8X11 color format to make it attractive for more authors more often. Also in that format, he wants to make e-delivery available. Printing and mailing costs have become prohibitive for our organization. Moving into e-format is the only alternative to keep membership economically attractive. Doug wants to encourage amateur reports and sightings documented with clear photos. He suggests book reviews be included in Petal Pusher and Missouriensis. All past copies of Missouriensis need to be scanned and put online – Many are now, but he means to get all done that are in hand.

Publicity Chair: position is no longer necessary since we have a Facebook and Twitter accounts. Chapter publicity needs to be done by Chapter Reps and Presidents.

Amazon Smile: Anything you want to buy using Amazon - MONPS can receive 0.005% if you log on to www.smile.amazon.com. This money does not come from your purchase nor from your pocket, but from Amazon profits. Last year MONPS got \$83. It is up to you if you want MONPS to receive a larger donation from your on-line shopping.

Wildflower Posters: Finally finished. George Y. started this project 4 years ago. Malissa Briggler, Emily Horner and Becky Erickson were on the editing committee. They got their part done 2 years ago. MO-DOT dragged their feet on printing

for 2 years. Folded posters are available this winter from Becky Erickson and later at plant sales.

Awards: an announcement for awards nominations will come out in the March Petal Pusher; they will be due in to Malissa Briggler in late April.

T-shirt: Sales might be stimulated if we can get Bill Summer's book "Missouri Orchids" to be re-printed. We could sell the book and shirt as a package.

Workshops: [see Jan PP for specifics] Butterfly and Skipper at ACE visitor center in Warsaw. Propagation and garden installation workshops, Becky Erickson, in Columbia. [See March PP for specifics] Grass, Paul McKenzie at Mo State or Truman. Weeds, Nels Holmberg, Meremek Community College.

Field trips: Spring May, and Summer June will be in SE MO Near Poplar Bluff. Fall will be Loess hills and Mo River sand bottomland in September. See PP for Dates. This date was posted a year ago. It is always the first weekend of December. Everyone was invited to come to give opinions on anything including field trip dates and destinations. If you would like MONPS to move in a different direction, please come to meetings.

Meeting was adjourned 12:30 pm. Submitted by Becky Erickson.

Local Workshops



Garden Installation by Becky Erickson. Submitted by Becky Erickson.

Two workshops will again be available through Columbia Adult Career Center [CACC], 4203 S Providence, Columbia. Hopefully you will get a booklet of classes in the mail. If not, they can be found after January 1st at the website <http://career-center.org/adult/>. This takes you to the home page. Note a block on the right: 2016

Spring courses for adults. Click on the box "enroll now" to get the class lists – then on 'gardening/agriculture'. You must enroll as soon as you want to commit; there are no walk-ins.

Propagating Native Wildflowers. Sat 23 Jan 16, 12 to 3:30 pm at the CACC building – the room number will be posted later in the catalog. Last year it was easy to find from the door on the south side. Learn how to identify basic habitats, the lifecycles of native plants, the best time to plant seed, artificial stratification methods, garden planning, and take home a pot of seed to grow.

Installing Native Gardens for Pollinators. Mon 4 April, 5 to 8 pm. Well – WE all know all native flowers are for all pollinators. Pollinator is such a buzzword this year, that word should attract some newbies for the class. You must enroll through CACC but the class is held at Columbia Center for

Urban Ag [CCUA]: <http://w23.columbiaurbanag.org/columbiaurbanag/index.html>. The best location I can give right now is on Smith Street, south of Business Loop and west of College. Dress to get dirty. We will install a garden on the CCUA grounds, and you can take a plant home. Then we go in the office to look at gardens for inspiration and learn about appropriate plants for different sites and needs. If you sign up for the class and we discover the weather is out of hand that afternoon, you can call me for an alternate date. 657-2314, and I am in the paper phone book, and on the Petal Pusher masthead. Don't count on an answer from an email within minutes.

Don't forget the Butterfly workshop posted in the last Petal Pusher. And check on line www.monativeplants.org for updates on the grass, and weed workshops.

Volunteer Needed—Starting in January

The previous Chapter Representatives, Judy Turner, John White, and Ann Wakeman all thoroughly enjoyed the three weekend field trips every year to many locations around Missouri. Judy moved back to Bastrop, TX. John can no longer walk over rough ground. Ann finds the scheduled weekends conflict with times she wants to go to Houston to see her grandchildren.

Hawthorn Chapter needs a person who wants to see new vistas; who likes learning ecology and a few plants by name; who enjoys the camaradery of other 'outdoorsy' people and eclectic restaurants for Saturday dinner. For this privilege, two days of

fun and enlightenment, the Rep will be reimbursed for the cost of the motel room and gasoline receipts. You are usually away from your home from noon Friday to Sunday afternoon. This year's meeting dates and locations are posted in the January Petal Pusher.

Our chapter needs a person who is willing to sit through a one to two-hour meeting and take notes. Honestly the days of marathon meetings seem to have passed. These notes, and your impressions during field trips, need to be transcribed into a report for our chapter newsletter. On the flip side of this coin, the Rep needs to write six reports per

year about chapter activities for each of the six Petal Pushers. If you have an active interest in our activities, these reports should be very easy – prompted by the calendars and chapter meeting notes printed in the chapter newsletters, you can fill in your experiences. If you go back through various newsletters and Petal Pushers, you will see these reports do not need to be long and detailed, unless you find something very interesting to pass along to the members who couldn't get there.

Our chapter needs to have this position filled in January. Please come to the Meeting, Monday January 11th 6 pm, ready to fill these shoes.

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

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