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Future Activities

February 16th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

March 13th, Monday at 6 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church.
Topic—TBA

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Officer Election Results

Election of Chapter Officers took place at the January meeting and a list of new officers is below:

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January 9th Meeting Minutes

Pres. Denny Donnell called the meeting to order with 12 present. Some announcements included discovery Garden Club winter Garden Forum Jan 29 at Columbia Public Library, 2 lectures. Minutes from the December meeting-supper were reviewed and we enjoyed eating and discussing native plants. 12 attended.

Treasurer's report by John George was favorable with a donation to GrowNative and purchase of Plant tags for our planting project. We receive a

lower rate related to our participation.

Plant sales calendar was reviewed: 4/8, Bradford; 4/23 Earth Day; 5/6 Bass Pro-GrowNative; 10/? Chestnut Festival.

Officer election left President, Secretary open, Vice Pres: Gail Plemmons; Treasurer: Paula Peters; Chapter Rep: John George.

Programming was discussed for March, May, and November meetings with some ideas and partial com-

mitments to be followed by Vice Pres.

(Editor's change): The Blazing Star Award recipient for 2016 has been chosen and it will be presented at an appropriate time.

January 28, Saturday noon to 3:30 pm a propagation workshop at the Midway extension office by Becky Erickson.

The meeting was adjourned with hope for the future.

Submitted by Boyd Terry



Dead Monarch Larvae above and Wheel Bug with Great Golden Digger Wasp to the right.



August Garden Activity

I have been wanting to publish this information for a while now, but I couldn't find room in the newsletter until now. Last August I was checking the Swamp Milkweed in our wildflower garden for monarch larvae and I found way more than just a few caterpillars!

I did find one monarch larvae that was dead, black, and stuck to the side of

a Swamp Milkweed plant. Not sure what happened to him, but I suspect the Wheel Bug I found the next day had something to do with his demise. The Wheel Bug had captured a Great Golden Digger Wasp and was having it for a snack the day after I discovered the dead larvae.

That same day I did manage to find at least a few live Monarch larvae that were busy feeding on the

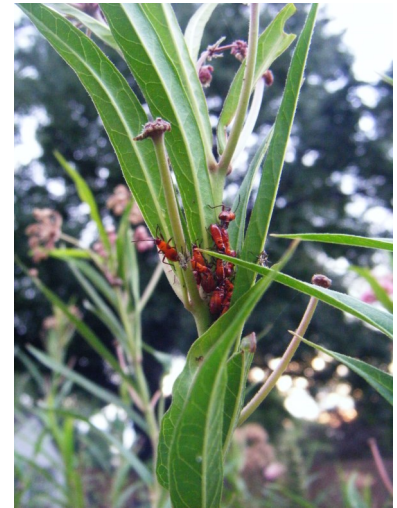
milkweed. If I remember correctly, only six or seven was the highest number of live larvae I found on the plants last Summer.

In addition to those insects immature Milkweed Bugs were also busy sucking juices out of the Swamp Milkweed plants, so needless to say no mature seed pods formed on the plants later in the Fall.

August Garden Activity cont.



Monarch larvae to the left and immature Milkweed Bugs to the right. All photos submitted by Vanessa Melton.



Our Wildflower Garden is very small, but wow, did it have lots of life last Summer! No matter how small the garden insects and animals

will find it useful. When the weather turned cold and seeds formed the garden was full of birds who preferred the

native seeds over black oil sunflower seeds in the feeders near by. Thanks to Paula Peters for her help identifying the insects mentioned in this article.

Holiday Party Soup Recipe

Those who attended the Holiday Party on December 19th were delighted to try a warm soup provided by Carolyn and Boyd Terry. Several members have requested the recipe so we thought it would be a good idea to share it with the group.

Creamy Potato-Leek Soup

2 Tbsp butter

2 tsp minced garlic (4 cloves)

2 leeks, white parts and tender green parts, chopped and diced (watch for dirt in leaves)

1 large baking potato, about one pound peeled and diced

4 cubes of chicken bouillon to make 32 oz broth

1/4 tsp black pepper

2 strips bacon chopped and browned, or turkey or pork (optional)

1/4 cup of minced chives or scallions (optional)

Old Bay, Cajun, or Goya seasoning to taste per serving (optional)

One lemon cut into wedges for serving (optional)

In a large stockpot, melt the butter over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté it for 30 seconds until it is fragrant. Add the leeks, potatoes, broth and black pepper. Bring it to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for about 15 minutes until potatoes are tender. Meanwhile cook the bacon. Make salad if serving.

Using a handheld immersion or standing blender, blend soup until it is smooth. Serve it hot topped with the bacon (optional). It is fast and delicious and native plant wise.

Courtesy of Boyd and Carolyn Terry

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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