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Future Activities

July 10th, Monday at 7 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church.
Bob Rives, an Resource Forester Assistant with MDC will talk to the group about urban trees.

July 20th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

August 5th, Saturday at 1 pm: PGT Butterfly Walk. Prairie Garden Trust will be hosting a butterfly walk at their location by New Bloomfield. See their website (www.prairiegardentrust.org) for more information.

August 17th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St., just south of Broadway.

For those of you who haven't paid dues yet this year....dues are due July 1st!! See the Membership Form on the back of this newsletter for dues amounts. Submit dues to Paula Peters at 2216 Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia, MO 65202.

News from Stateside

Submitted by Becky Erickson



Swamp Phlox. Courtesy of Becky Erickson.

MONPS Spring meeting was in the West Plains area 2-4 June.

Friday afternoon we gathered at Noblett Lake in MTNF on the east edge of Douglas Co. We scouted various forest habitats: dry pine savanna, dry pine-white oak, and mesic/moist seeps and draws. Sad to see the floor of the pine savanna was all kudzu; there was a lot of false Solomon seal and thimble flower along the road where it collects runoff. Along the trail in the woods we found species we normally think of as prairie plants: purple coneflower, *Heuchera*, ox-eye, mixed with open forest plants: dittany, false dandelion, bellwort, and wood betony. Some of the wetter spots grew broad beach fern and maidenhair fern; a twayblade orchid was spotted.

Friday night Susan Farrington treated us to an ecological and historical explanation of the areas we would visit.

Early Saturday we carpoled to Hopewell Prairie Fen in White Ranch CA, just north of the Arkansas border in Howell Co. This is the largest contiguous piece of Ozark forest with native flora. Shale/chert ridgetops are fairly low in diversity, but lower slopes with deeper soil and some shade are biologically rich. Tree disks had been examined by Rich Guyette so it was determined the area had burned on average 3.7 yrs during 1700-1830. Then after white people settled, fire frequency reduced to 7.6 yrs 1830-1960. Fire frequency increased to historic levels because people wanted to clean out brush and ticks. MDC has tried to maintain this management. The Fen at White Ranch grew sprawling *Rosa setigera*, groups of winged loosestrife, robust colonies of Sampson snakeroot, and harmonious groups of NE aster, tall coreopsis, beardtongue, oxeye, sweet susan, accented with swamp dogwood and a hawthorn.

Saturday afternoon we went to Tingler Lake and Prairie. Most of this area is forest, but a large area around the sink-hole lake is maintained as prairie. See the June Petal Pusher for photos.

Board Meeting Saturday 7 to 9:45 pm, our President John Oliver decided there was a quorum. Issues discussed:

Petal Pusher: Life members who want printed copies should pay the extra \$5/year. We could ask each if they would send \$50 to cover 10 years. PLEASE get submissions in on the 27th of odd months. Every chapter needs to send in a report and calendar. Print copies for recruitment will be mailed in a packet to Chapter Reps

Missouriensis: Doug Ladd wanted to have the first edition this year done by now but editorial comments are slow coming in. He promises "soon!" Rex has scanned all the old editions and printed PP's to be posted on website.

News from Stateside cont.



Tingler Prairie.
Photo taken by Becky Erickson.

Membership: 369 members and 91 life members = holding steady. We all need to promote MONPS and recruit new paying members.

Awards: awards will be given for Education and Stewardship at the July meeting. Those were the only nominations received.

Missouri Plants website is now in the hands of MOBOT. [Dan Taglia started a first-rate page to identify plants; he was killed on his bicycle about 5 years ago.]

Roadside Wildflower Poster: MODOT has not posted any at any rest areas that any of our members have seen. We can use as many as we need for

promotional material.

Outreach and Education: lengthy discussion on how to start a grant system and how to promote the grant. There needs to be a grant chairman in each chapter who will do the leg-work to promote the grants locally.

New Chapter: Rolla has petitioned to form a new chapter. Pam Barnabee thinks most of the 16 Master Naturalists there will want to join.

Illinois NPS has their calendar established for 2018. We will see if we can coordinate with one of their field trip weekends.

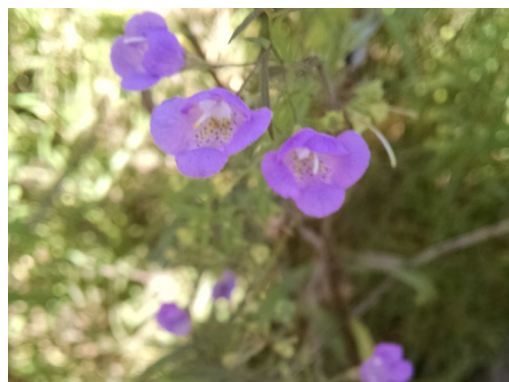
Facebook: we have 11,000 people signing on to follow and ask questions.

Hawthorn Member Photos

Submitted by Becky Erickson and Paula Peters



Bee on Jerusalem Artichoke (*Helianthus tuberosus*). Submitted by Becky Erickson.



Gerardia at Prairie Fork Conservation Area. Submitted by Paula Peters.

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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July 1st through June 30th.

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As of July 2015 printed paper Petal Pusher newsletters sent by post will cost an additional \$5.00 more than standard membership. Email delivery brings not only a color copy of the newsletter, but also updates and announcements between newsletters. The local Chapter newsletter will be sent by email.

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