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Future Activities

March 15th through May 10th at 5:30 pm: Randal's Wildflower Walks. Join Randal Clark as he leads Spring wildflower walks each Thursday evening in Rock Bridge State Park. Meet Randal at the Devil's Ice Box Parking lot to begin each trip.

April 14th, Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm: Plant Sale at Bradford Research Farm. We will once again be having a booth at the Bradford Farm Spring Plant Sale. If you would like to help at the booth please contact Paula Peters at pieridael@gmail.com. Set up will be at 9:00 am.

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

April 22nd, Sunday at 9 am: Earth Day. The event runs from 12-6:30 pm and set up for the Chapter booth has to be done by 11 am. Rain date is April 29th.

April 28th, Saturday at 7:00 am: Prairie Garden Trust Birdwalk. See Prairie Garden Trust's website for more details (prairiegardentrust.org).

May 14th, Monday at 7 pm: Bimonthly Meeting at Unitarian Church. Topic TBA.

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

May 19th, Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm: Missouri Prairie Foundation Plant Sale at Bass Pro. More details will appear in a future newsletter, but our Chapter will have a booth at this sale.

May 19th, Saturday at 9:00 am: Prairie Garden Trust Wildflower Walk. See Prairie Garden Trust's website for more details (prairiegardentrust.org).

March Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Columbia MO. There were 23 members present. All officers except President were present.

The first order of business was the revival of a discussion initiated in 2008 about whether or not to invest some of the Hawthorn bank account; and if so, how and where. Brian Page [VP] and John George [Chapter Rep] interviewed John Baker of Community Foundation of Central Missouri on a previous date. BP and JG reported on facts from JB as they understood.

If we give a lump sum to CFCM with stipulated parameters for disbursement, there is no return of money and no interest, but our money would be disbursed as we want.

If we invest a lump sum with CFCM with stipulated parameters [low or med risk] we could use the interest returned to continue to fund our activities. Cost \$250.

If we join CFCM, we get advertising and the possibility of some donations in November. Cost \$250. We would continue to screen grant proposals.

It was also suggested to remain status quo so that whenever all the nursery plants are depleted [years in the future], we go back to just giving away free information.

A poll was taken and the membership present agreed to not invest any money for interest. They agreed to join CFCM for advertising and for possible donations. Cindy Squire offered to finalize the agreement between Hawthorn and CFCM.

The second order of business was regarding a public garden site signed with Hawthorn Chapter information. The area we worked on from 2004 to 2027 on the north side of Stadium at the KATY Trail crossing was almost an acre and heavily infested with aliens. There was not enough energy in our group to maintain it. So there was no point in keeping the MODOT sign in place. We agreed to let it back to MODOT.

Did we want another public area of natives to maintain? – The group present agreed, yes if it were smaller and more visible than the Stadium site.

Bob Bailey and Glenn Pickett met with John Mehufs representing City of Columbia. These three men looked on site at spots along the west side of south Providence slated for pollinator plantings. BB and GP brought maps and photos of the sites to the meetings. JM, also a Hawthorn member, wants our group to adopt one area to weed out unwanted aliens and add desirable plants to the selection he has already planted. The idea is acceptable, but an area has not yet been chosen. This is managed by Parks & Rec and several people said they would help. Louise said it would take at least 4-6 man-hours per week March - October.

John George was nominated for our chapter Blazing Star award in 2017. It was hard to coordinate his attendance and the presence of the award at the same time and place. However we finally organized a public presentation at this meeting.

Gail Plemmons asked for suggestions for a speaker for our May meeting, none were given. Contact Gail if you have suggestions or want to volunteer to do a short program.

The next events are [see calendar for specifics]:

Plant sale at Bradford Farm 14 Apr, 10 to 2.

Columbia Earth Day Festival at Peace Park 22 April, 10 to 6.

Grow Native plant sale at BassPro 19 May, 10 to 2.

We need several volunteers to help explain what habitat to plant which plants, to set up booth and break it down to take home. Contact Paula, Becky, or Brian for specific information [see masthead].

Next Membership Meeting is 14 May.

Meeting adjourned about 8:35 for cookies and informal discussions.

Submitted by Becky Erickson

Hawthorn Chapter Booth at Bradford Plant Sale and Earth Day



Chapter Booth at Earth Day in 2016. Courtesy of Vanessa Melton.

Bradford Research Center will once again be hosting a native plant sale on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They will also have seminars occurring the same time as the plant sale.

Our Chapter will have a booth at the Sale and set up will begin at 9:00 am. Please plan to come and help with the booth especially for set up and take down which will occur around 2 pm when the plant sale ends.

Another opportunity for our Chapter to have a booth will also occur this month at annual Earth Day Celebration in Columbia.

The event will take place on April 22nd unless it is rained out, and in that case it will be rescheduled to April 29th. It will run from noon to 6:30

pm, but we must have the booth set up and have cars off the street by 11:00 am. Set up for the booth will occur at 9:00 am so that it can be completely set up and cars or trucks can be situated by 11:00 am. Since this event will run most of the day the more volunteers we have to help with the booth the better.

If you can help with either of these booths, even for just a few hours, please contact Paula Peters at pieri-dae1@gmail.com.

John George Receives Blazing Star Award

At the March bimonthly Chapter meeting John George was awarded a Blazing Star Award for all his contributions to the Chapter. Here is an excerpt from his award: "The Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society applauds John George as a wonderful advisor, sharing his knowledge of the native

prairie plant ecosystem with us, his MDC colleagues, and the public; an untiring advocate for eliminating alien species, especially using burning as a management technique, and then establishing appropriate natives in their stead; and always as a genial, willing member helping natives and this chapter in any way needed."

Congratulations John!



John George receives Blazing Star from the Awards Committee represented by Vanessa Melton. Provided by Vanessa Melton.

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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- Student (\$11.00)
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