



# Newsletter

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The Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society Newsletter is published monthly. We would like to read about announcements, impressions, species accounts, photos, poems, links to scientific articles or other creative nature writing from you, too. Send submissions before the 26<sup>th</sup> of every month to:

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This is the 38th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members.

## Future Activities Calendar

**Our traditional meeting time is second Mondays at 6:30.**

**And social lunches are third Thursdays 11:30.**

Everyone is so busy in June we have decided to postpone meeting at our regular time until **10 July. We will meet at the Stephen's Lake Happy Hollow pavilion with a dish to share – Potluck Dinner – you can be there as early as 5 if you want to cook.** Then walk around Stephen's Lake to identify water plants. One of our founding members, Jim Whitley, collected these plants and taught volunteers to install the original plants.

**10 June Sat, 9am : mosey at Jane Haslag's reconstruction** near Taos [7521 Bode Ferry Rd., Jefferson City, MO 65101](#). The easiest route would be 63, to 54, to Route B, to Route M to Bode Ferry. I believe, if you see this video, you will be excited to see the property. Honestly the video is more of an ecology lesson. She is lucky enough to have land that was never plowed or sprayed before it was overseeded with fescue – and that was only about 30 years. [UTube recording of Jane Haslag restoration presentation](#)

Jane is enthusiastic to host us. She states you can refill water bottles & a restroom is available. Monarda, purple coneflowers and purple milkweed may be in bloom then. We have tons of butterflies & birds so bring cameras & or binoculars if you like. We have mowed trails but I definitely recommend bug repellent spray = DEET. PLEASE spray at home, or at location, spray down wind of others. Jane is looking forward to the visit!!!

### 15 June Thurs Lunch 11:30:

**In June, July and maybe August, we will be meeting at Uprise Bakery at 10 Hitt Street.** This is an informal opportunity to get to know us, share nature stories, swap seeds, and bring pots back to Becky for the nursery.

**MONPS weekend field trips, 16-18 June: Mid-MO:** Program Friday evening. Field trips: Private sinkhole pond, N Boone Co, The Pinnacles, Tucker Prairie, 100AW. See Petal Pusher for details. Easy travel from your home!!! Please attend!!!

### MPF/GN Webinars

Be sure to check on the MPF/GN site [under Activities](#) for webinars before **alternate Wednesday afternoons at 4pm**. Our chapter pays to be a member so these on-line activities are free to you as a member. However, if you feel they are giving you a good education, a donation is welcomed. [Next MPF/GN webinars 4pm The MPF/GN newsletter will remind you of these events: Sign Up!](#)

--Adopt a [Regal Fritillary Butterfly](#) or a [Brown-Belted Bumble Bee](#) and help protect prairie.

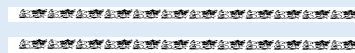


## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome three new members in May:**

Jeff Rioux, Louise Miller, and Christi Hopper in the Columbia area.

We hope to get to know you at activities this summer. If there is anything different you want to participate in, please give us ideas for new activities.



## Personal Service from Xerces

I wanted to let you know about an exciting new benefit available to you, to say thank you for helping us protect invertebrates. As a Xerces donor, you can now [request a call](#) from a Xerces Ambassador. Ambassadors are expert volunteer conservationists who volunteer with Xerces to share their knowledge and support Xerces members.

Whether you want to talk about creating habitat in your yard, bumble bee ID, or brainstorming ways to engage your community further, requesting a call from a Xerces Ambassador is a complimentary service we hope you'll enjoy. Consider it your personal invertebrate hotline.

You can [request a call here](#) and an Ambassador will call you at a time that works for you.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best,  
**Melissa Manuel**, Engagement Specialist 503-468-6602 (she/hers)



[Protecting Pollinators](#) [Conserving Endangered Species](#) [Reducing Pesticide Use & Impacts](#)

**We are desperate to find a member willing to take one of these necessary responsibilities.** Requests have been posted since March.

**Opening for chapter Treasurer/Membership volunteer needed.** Candidate will be instated as soon as possible: The Treasurer takes care of the money and any memberships paid locally. The state maintains the official membership list and shares it with the treasurer. **Serious candidates are welcome to attend any activity or contact president Elena for details. AS of now, Elena has taken on treasurer's responsibilities. PLEASE volunteer!**

**Opening for chapter Librarian.** Coordinates printed brochures and books for the booth. Must attend or find a substitute for each of our plant sales. Contact Louise for details. [louflen@gmail.com](mailto:louflen@gmail.com)

### Louise Wants to Offer You an Opportunity to Help Our Work

I want to let you know that it is time for me to pass on the task of keeping the books, handouts, brochures, etc. I would like the chapter to start looking for someone who is willing to take this over. I anticipate that I will be able to complete the Spring sales season, but would like to hand it over to someone as soon as possible.

**For the 12 years I have been doing this, I have met many wonderful people and learned a tremendous amount about native plants and the many other species that make up our regional ecosystem. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this effort to educate the public and to spread the word about native plants.**

Did you ever want to own a bookstore? This volunteer opportunity gives you the benefits of that without the financial risk. All the books are housed in your home and can be read by you. You have a strong voice in what books to buy. You decide on how to display the books for public sale at our plant sales. You engage with your customers on the benefits of native plants. You enjoy the benefits of working with the Hawthorn members who make the sales a success. I will be available to teach you how I have managed the "bookstore" and then you can bring your own creativity to the task.

Our spring booth activities are finished this year. Please contact Louise for details. [louflen@gmail.com](mailto:louflen@gmail.com)

## LEARNING AND SHARING THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

Offered by Lea

Volunteering to help at one of the many native plantings around the Columbia area in parks, trails, and in local schoolyards can be a service to the community, but it can also be a great way to learn more about native plants, as well as about invasive species which are becoming a significant threat to our ecosystems. From pollinator gardens and rain gardens to prairie, woodland, and trail-side areas, there are many different types of local plantings, and they all require some maintenance in order to thrive and remain useful for wildlife and as places of learning.

Lea helps coordinate volunteer opportunities in these areas, by collecting and sending out a bi-weekly (or so) email listing of upcoming coordinated gardening efforts. Lea organizes many of them; some are posted by others. At schools, we sometimes work with students, doing "Service-Learning". Other times we work without students. We help maintain habitats and gardens so that students can come in to plant, or explore the wildlife that is there.

Many Native Plant Society members attend these work parties. By working alongside other native plant enthusiasts, you can learn by doing, and you can ask questions or share what you know with others. What's that plant? What conditions does it thrive in? When should it be planted? What's the problem with invasive species and what can we do about them? Etc.

If you have questions, or would like to join in these activities contact Lea to get on her email list.

[Leaslist@gmail.com](mailto:Leaslist@gmail.com) or text or call 573-864-7647.

**Shared photos from spring activities**



*Sanguinaria* > Elena  
Kiwanis Park 10 April



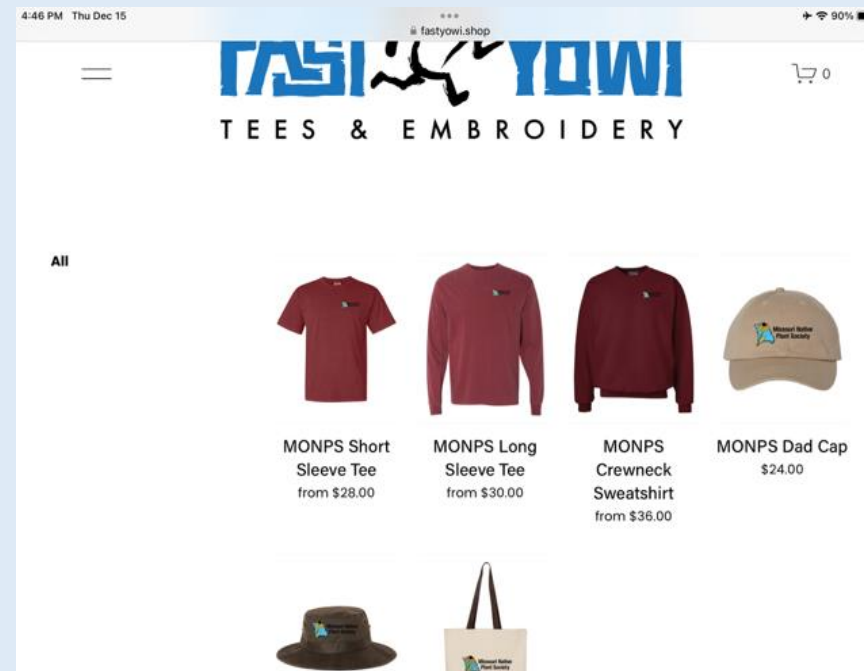
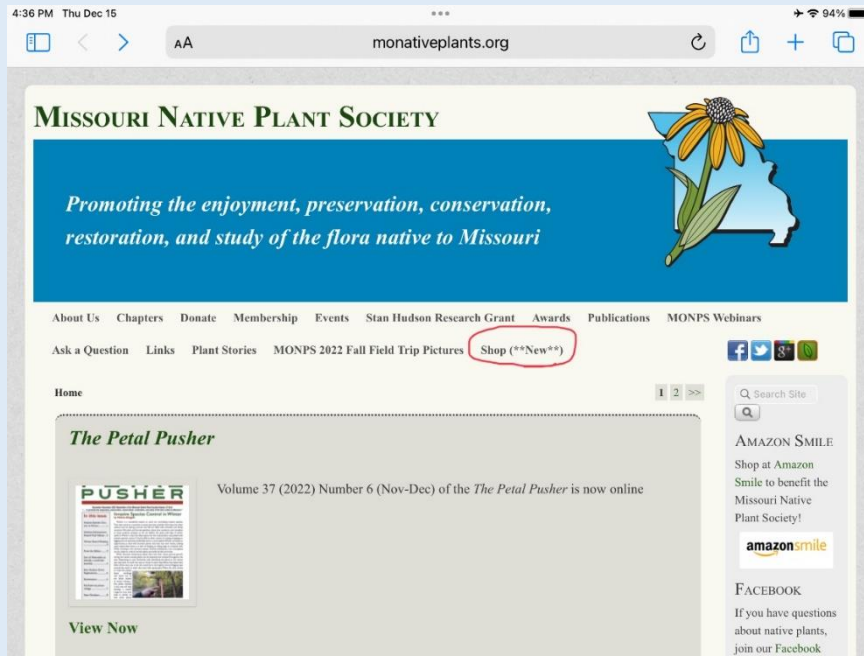
*Trillium* > Elena  
Kiwanis Park 10 April



*Amorpha nitens* > Nadia  
Her yard 30 May



*Aesculus* > Becky  
Her yard 25 May



**Our MONPS shop is now open** at the new link on the website to our merchandise on a FastYowi website. I'll post a note on FB and write up something for the Petal Pusher. Posted by Pam Barnabee

FastYowi is in Columbia so if you live there you can save mailing fees and pick your products up in person.

**Lonicera sempervirens > Emily**



Emily hosts a tour during the May meeting > Becky

# Topics for This Year's Petal Pusher

the state MONPS newsletter

## Petal Pusher Topics for 2023

Due date	Pub Date	Theme	Contributors
June 20	July 1st	Plant ID Resources; Dana to send a list; short reprise of missouriplants/FB article from Jan; iNaturalist - James Faupel	
Aug 20	Sept 1st	Your Tax Dollars at Work on Invasive Plants	Stephanie McLerran (MODOT), MoIP (Malissa), MDC, SRISP, EDDMapS?
Oct 20	Nov 1st	Stan Hudson Research Grant Program Article about the person (friend or family member?); sample of research projects funded (could also be future recurring feature)	
Dec 20	Jan 1st	Winter Botany: Solicit articles from WGNS members on winter plant ID. (buds, rosettes, etc.)	

Send submissions attached in Word format.  
Send photos attached separately in jpg format.

To: Pam Barnabee [pamela.barnabee@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.barnabee@gmail.com)

You don't need to be an expert, but if you have good repeatable experience as a naturalist on any of these subjects, you are welcome to offer your knowledge to the rest of us.

If we have members who are curious about any of these topics, Michelle Pruitt [[michelle.pruitt@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.pruitt@gmail.com)] is willing to do an amateur proofread for you if that would be helpful. Send to her early!

ALWAYS - 20<sup>th</sup> of even numbered months. If you don't understand subjects, parameters, or submission format, contact Michelle Bowe, PP editor [MBowe@MissouriState.edu](mailto:MBowe@MissouriState.edu).

- Potential Emerging Invaders. **Have you seen a new plant invader?** Someone from MoIP as contributor; Malissa Briggler volunteered. Any one of us could study invasive plants; MPF Journal featured invasives during 2020. Just search 'invasive plants' and pick one to report on.

- Favorite Natural Areas. Suggested to also have chapters solicit articles from their members. This means YOU can write about your favorite Natural Area

- Better Know a Genus. **These are species accounts.** You observe/research a species or genus and describe the whole life cycle including preferred habitat and vectors/predators.

Regular Recurring Columns:

**Conundrum Corner** Contributors needed!

**Invasive Tip of the Month** Tips to identify and eradicate invasives, with a different species in each issue. Contributors needed!

Other Recurring Columns: **Casey's Kitchen** Casey Burks

**Name Change of the Month** Justin Thomas. Other volunteers welcome.

**Poetry Corner or Quotation Corner** Send suggestions for poems or quotes for inclusion. Note that for poems, we must have permission from the publisher.

**Where are we going** Features we will see on the next field trip. Malissa Briggler?

And here's where you can become newsletter famous by submitting your questions: <https://monativeplants.org/ask-a-question>

**Ask a question** Questions from website, answered. Facilitated by Jerry Barnabee.

## Please Step Forward For Service

Please contact one of the officers 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, to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Bradford Plant Sale, and to care for native gardens in public places.

### MEMBERSHIP FORM Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter

How were you attracted to join MONPS?

Membership reminders are sent automatically on your anniversary. Watch – and respond to them. You must be a member of the State Missouri Native Plant Society (MONPS) in order to join a chapter. You may send state and chapter dues to our membership chair, Diane Privitt.

Please check membership category you desire:

**Minimum required annual membership per household is \$10 for students or \$15 for non-students [state+chapter]**

\*These amounts include both state and chapter dues

\_\_\_\_ Student \$10.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Goldenrod \$15.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Sunflower \$30.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Blue Bell \$55.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Blazing Star \$105.00\*

\_\_\_\_ Surcharge for paper state Petal Pusher by mail (+\$10.00)

\_\_\_\_ Chapter only \$5.00 – this option is for members who already belong to State and another chapter

\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid

Make checks payable to:

**Missouri Native Plant Society**

**Mail payment and this form to:**

**Diane Privitt**

**3810 Koala Dr**

**Columbia MO 65202**

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Chapter newsletters and messages will be sent by email