

Newsletter

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September 2024

A Note from the President -Elena Vega

September is going to be another great month with several Hawthorn activities and activities hosted by our partners.

Our last plant sale of 2024 is coming up right away this Saturday September 7. Please join us at the Columbia Bass Pro. The sale is from 10am to 1pm but we need some members to come early to help set up and some to stay late to put things away. It is a great opportunity to buy native plants, books, and our beautiful t-shirts but it is also a great chance to meet others who are wanting to learn about native plants. Please come help and be a part of spreading the news about the importance of native plants.

Several members of the Hawthorn Chapter enjoyed the opportunity to hear Dr. Chris Barnhart speak during the Missouri Prairie Foundation's annual dinner on Saturday August 17. His presentation *Conserving Prairie Royalty: the Regal Fritillary* included beautiful slides about the fritillary and its host plants.

A number of Hawthorn members also enjoyed participating in Carol Leigh's Nature Dye workshop over this Labor Day weekend. We harvested native plant flowers and berries and used them to dye fibers. At the end of the workshop, we were able to bring home a rainbow of colors obtained from Poke berries, Elderberries, Sumac berries, walnuts, and blossoms from *Bidens aristosa*, Goldenrod, and Ironweed.



I hope you join us on some of our activities in September and October.



Hawthorn Activities Calendar

Our traditional meeting time is the second Monday of the month at 6:00 when we meet via Zoom and 6:30 pm when we meet in person. And social lunches are third Thursdays 11:30.

In September we switch our lunches back to First Watch at the corner of Worley and Stadium Boulevard. They have a nice variety of breakfast and lunch items on their menu. I hope to see you there.



This is the 38th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. All newsletters since 2008 are archived on our website.
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MPF Webinars

One of the best MPF webinars was 22 Nov. It was a fabulous discussion on management of woodlands and glades including use of fire. If you would like to revisit any parts of this webinar, or were unable to attend live, the entire recording is available on our YouTube channel, [view here](#). Our free webinars are posted publicly on [our YouTube channel here](#).

MPF Activities

–Support MPF by [Adopting a Butterfly](#)

Sign up for the MPF newsletter and you will get a thorough update every two weeks. Become a personal member and receive [The Prairie Journal](#) quarterly packed with exceptional research and observations of nature.

Paula found a new
[Wildflower ID website](#)

See the schedule for all the wonderful moseys and other activities we have planned for September and October. I hope you can join us for one or all of them.

September (No business meeting)

- **Early Sept Date TBD: Mosey at Rudolf Bennett Conservation Area** to search for ramps and late blooming pollinators.
- **Sept 6 Fri, 8:30-10:30: Hawthorn Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup** at the corner of Providence & Nifong. Contact Cindy at cysquire@me.com or 573-289-8014 (feel free to call or text Cindy for more details).
- **Sept 7 Sat, 10 - 1: Bass Pro GrowNative! Plant sale.** Hawthorn will set up our booth for a fall plant sale and information distribution at Bass Pro north of Columbia at US 63 and Vandiver Exit. We need some volunteers to arrive early to help set up and some to stay late to help clean up.
- **Sept 19 Thurs, 11:30: First Watch** at 421 N. Stadium, Columbia.
- **Sept 20-22 Fri-Sun: State MONPS Fall Trip to Kirksville area.** See details below.
- **Sept 27 8:30-10:30: Hawthorn Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup** at the corner of Providence & Nifong. Contact Cindy at cysquire@me.com or 573-289-8014 (feel free to call or text Cindy for more details).

October

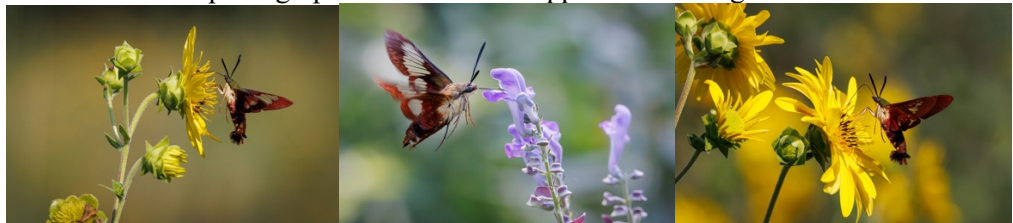
- **Oct 5 Sat (Rain date Oct 6 Sun), Mosey to Sedalia area Prairies** (see more details below). Meet at 8:00am at the NE parking lot of the Columbia Mall to carpool or meet at the Friendly Prairie parking lot at about 9:30am.
- **Oct 14 Mon, 6:00 pm: Hawthorn chapter meeting. Celebrate Indigenous Day with Native foods potluck!** At 2815 N. Oakland Gravel Road.
- **Oct 17 Thurs, 11:30am: First Watch** at 421 N. Stadium, Columbia.
- **Oct 25 Fri, 8:30-10:30am: Hawthorn Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup** at the corner of Providence & Nifong. Contact Cindy at cysquire@me.com or 573-289-8014 (feel free to call or text Cindy for more details).

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The Hawthorn Chapter officers want to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to Becky Erickson for her many years of serving as our communications person and newsletter editor. Although she provided her notice of resignation for these positions, she plans to continue working the nursery and bringing plants to Hawthorn plant sales. She has taught many of us so much about harvesting seeds and propagating native plants over the years and her efforts are very much appreciated.

Member Submission

Member Emily B. captured photos of a hummingbird clearwing moth nectaring on a patch of rosinweed or *Silphium integrifolium* & downy skullcap or *Scutellaria incana* at Prairie Garden Trust in early August. She had the pleasure of taking a macro photography class with the talented photographer & educator Noppadol Paothong.



People who need color photos will like this one. [I prefer line drawings because they show better details of field characters.] Hope this helps you learn different species and their preferred habitats. With So Many species to cover – it will forever be a work in progress. It seems a good chart on asters and goldenrods is almost complete.

Use this to compliment MissouriPlants.com below

Excerpt from the June PP The organization of MissouriPlants.com

is designed to accommodate users ranging from neophytes to experts. For the latter, there is a full listing of species links according to scientific name, and also a listing organized by family. For the beginner, there are pages organized by flower color and leaf arrangement, similar to the organizational concept of most wildflower books. These links will quickly transport the user to the relevant species page. All species pages maintain a navigational pane at the left to facilitate movement within the site. It is truly So Simple!

Prairies Near Sedalia

We benefit from the efforts of the Missouri Prairie Foundation and the Missouri Department of Conservation to preserve remnant prairies in Missouri and there are several examples in central Missouri. In July we plan to mosey to see some of the prairies near Sedalia. The Missouri Prairie Foundation website explains that Friendly Prairie was their first acquisition – 40 acres of dry-mesic chert prairie with a small prairie swale acquired in 1969.

[Becky's photographs from past prairie tours]



Friendly Prairie is near several Missouri Department of Conservation prairies. In fact, it is just 2 miles north of Drovers' Prairie, two miles southwest of Paintbrush Prairie, and four miles

northwest of Hi Lonesome Prairie Conservation Area. Friendly Prairie is located 11 miles south of Sedalia in Pettis County. From Highway 65, take Manila Road West 1.5 miles to the parking area. By GPS, it is at N38 33.016 W93 17.768 (in decimal degrees, 38.55027 – 93.29613)

Here is a link to information about Friendly Prairie: [Friendly](#)

[Prairie - Missouri Prairie Foundation \(moprairie.org\)](#)

If you are interested in carpooling, meet at 8 am in the large empty parking area in the northeast corner of the Columbia Mall parking lot (near the men's section of Dillard's). If you want to drive yourself, meet us at Friendly Prairie at about 9:30 am in the small parking area at the entrance to the prairie. Carpooling is recommended because parking is limited at the prairie. Bring snacks or lunch and plenty of water. Dress with long pants and hiking boots to mosey through the tall prairie. Be aware and spray your clothes to avoid chiggers. If you haven't explored a prairie, this is your chance. Don't miss it because it is amazing. Children and bird enthusiasts are welcome. Reach out to anyone from the Mosey Committee (Elena, Emily or Becky) if you have any questions.

Very Bad Critter:



Oriental Mantis

As leaves fall off sticks, look for blobs of tan foam about the size of a golf ball. These are oriental mantis egg cases.

Adults are bigger than hummers; they eat ALL insects and small birds.

PLEASE! Gather these for destruction: put all into a jar for at least a year so when

2024 MONPS Fall State Field Trip is Sept 20-22 -State Rep Cindy

Here is your chance to get in on your MONPS benefit. Our primary mission is education, and this is your chance to learn from the best. The field trip dates have been released. Get your calendars out and start the planning

See native plants in nature! This is an opportunity to see native plants where they grow naturally. When I place plants, I wonder about their care. You can do the research and follow all the guidelines and still not be successful. Seeing natives in their natural environment can clue you into what they require to grow successfully for you.

Invite others & meet fellow botanizers! Bring a friend, spouse, or family. Invite them on your eco-tourism journey! These hikes are open to the public and you don't have to be a member to attend. Or, you can **contact Cindy** and we can go together. I love having company. This is a good way to involve those folks who haven't quite gotten the bug for native plants. (Maybe convert them in the process.) You don't have to know a lot about these plants, just have a passion to learn. There are many knowledgeable attendees who love to help beginners! The pace is slower as to view plants, so this is not an invitation for a marathon through nature. We stop and really look to appreciate our surroundings including birds, insects, and geology.

they hatch they will die. Or pour something volatile on them and burn them. Do not ever throw them whole into a landfill.

Bumble Bee Atlas: A Nationwide Buzz

The Bumble Bee Atlas project creates nationwide buzz in quest to protect and promote habitat for native pollinators. Hawthorn has two members who have collected data for this effort.

Citizen scientists are being begged to collect and report data not only for bees but for plants [BudBurst], birds [Cornell Ornithology Lab], many insects [Xerces Society]

Paula wants to share this good [information on identification of ticks](#),

which ticks carry which diseases, and how to tell how long a tick has been attached by the size of the tick. All important information for the doctor to know if you are sick.

Typical itinerary. The first hike is usually Friday at 1pm, after which we check into our accommodations. Many of the group enjoy exploring local eateries when it's time for dinner. There is usually a very interesting lecture in the evening. We usually select a hotel with breakfast so we can get an early start for our morning hikes. We tend to caravan and carpool on Saturday to keep us together and save fuel. Lunch is at a picnic site so bring a lunch for Saturday. We have an afternoon hike and it is back to the hotel. Our group often descends on another eatery for dinner. The MONPS business meeting is Saturday night, you are welcome to attend or you can rest or gather with other attendees at the motel. Refreshed, we have a Sunday morning hike and we say our good byes till the next field trip.



September 20-22: On our Fall trip we'll head north to Kirksville. Some of the sites we will botanize in that part of the state are Morris Prairie Natural Area, Dark Hollow Natural Area, Spring Creek Ranch Natural Area, and Thousand Hills State Park.

Here is a link to the full trip schedule with directions, maps, and contact information for field trip leaders: [Home \(monativeplants.org\)](http://Home(monativeplants.org))

VOLUNTEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Cindy, Hawthorn members and other volunteers will be working from 8:30 to 10:30 the following Friday mornings: September 6 and 27 and October 25. Contact Cindy cysquire@me.com to learn more about volunteering at our Hawthorn Adopt-a-Spot at the recycle lot north of Planet Fitness on south Providence!

These work dates are a great opportunity to earn your volunteer hours for the Missouri Master Naturalist Program. Our work has resulted in great improvement to this spot, taking it from a messy wet area to a beautiful wetland of native plants. Stop by sometime at the recycle lot north of Planet Fitness on south Providence and Nifong to admire this project if you haven't seen it yet. If you have a few minutes, your help to pick up some of the windblown trash is appreciated.

Work parties at **Columbia Early Learning North (CELN)** at 2191 East Smiley Lane are happening on alternative Tues mornings these days, from 8:30-10:30 AM Sept 10th.

We will be weeding the native areas of their Nature Explore Outdoor Classroom, which is a huge area, partly garden-like and partly prairie-like. Come see the glory of it all and participate in its care. There are often seedlings to take home if you want any. Contact Lea at leaslist@gmail.com or text 573-864-7647 with any questions.

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 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 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 to see extensive volunteer opportunities.

Leaslist@gmail.com or text or call 573-864-7647.

Reprint Of Paul Nelson's T-Shirt Design

The MO Native Plant Society Shirts are here with the beautiful new logo and colors. We have Kelly Green, Purple, Sport Gray, Sapphire, and Crimson Red. Sizes available are Small, Medium, Large, and Ex-Large. Short Sleeve t-shirts are \$25, Long Sleeve t-shirts are \$30, and Sweatshirts \$35 with a \$5.00 discount for NPS members.

Please contact Jayne Young at youngjayne70@gmail.com or 573-228-2025 to order and arrange to deliver payment and pick up shirts from Jayne. Jayne can deliver shirts to the July luncheon. You can also contact Carol Leigh for t-shirts.



Please Join Us! New Members and Renewals:

[Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society](#)
