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March 12: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Sybill Amelon will present the Diversity and Ecological Roles of Bats. We will have an election for the position of Treasurer.

March 29: Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Kayotea, 912 E. Broadway. All are invited. **Please note change in location!**

March 31: Field trip to Rocky Hollow Natural Area in Monroe Co. We will leave from the MDC parking lot on College Ave at 10:00 am. Bring a sack lunch.

April 14: Native Plant Sale at Bradford Farm. 9 – 12 Please plan to help with our booth.

April 21: Field Trip to Warren Taylor's property in Calloway Co. to see spring ephemerals. Depart from the Missouri Department of Conservation parking lot on College Ave at 1:00 pm

April 22: Earth Day Festival - Downtown Columbia. 12 to 7:00. Please plan to help with our booth. We will be at E23 and E24.

April 27 -29: State Board Meeting, Oregon County. We want to try a car pool to this meeting in April. If interested contact Paula

May 6: A trip to the "Mayan Ruins" on Silver Fork Creek, in Boone Co., to see the Bluebells. We will stop for lunch at Heuer's Country Store. Depart at 10:00 am from the MDC parking lot.

May 14: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Speaker and topic to be announced.

For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225

Seeking funds for ‘Upland and swale prairie restoration in a rural-urban transition area (Bradford Farm) in central Missouri’.

A pre-proposal was submitted this past February 15 to the Native Plant Conservation Initiative, a program of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, to request funding to restore 15 acres of prairie remnants and 30 acres of more disturbed sites, to improve habitat for birds, native pollinators, and other wildlife at Bradford Farm. One interesting part of the project is to introduce the endangered ‘running buffalo clover’ (*Trifolium stoloniferum*) for educational purposes. This will be done in cooperation with the MDC and the USDA Forest Service. We also proposed to create an interpretative trail with 15 stops along the restored areas, and conduct plant, bird, and insect inventories. An important component to be considered for funding for this grant, are volunteer organizations like ours. The NPS-HC and Columbia Audubon were included as partner organizations to help with orchid and bird inventories, respectively. Judy Ward for the NPS and Bill Clark for Columbia Audubon promptly wrote a letter to support our project which were necessary to submit the pre-proposal. Sincere thanks, Judy and Bill! Since this is only a pre-proposal no final commitment was stated. In the case that the NPCI accepts our idea to submit a final proposal, our membership needs to make a definite commitment. I will continue seeking for other sources of funding even if this one does not materialize. It is very important that we control invasive species, especially reed canary grass, sericea lespedeza, and tall fescue on these areas to allow the native seed bank of these prairie remnants to flourish. We will discuss this project in more detail during our meeting on March 12. For volunteer opportunities or any questions please contact Nadia at 234-2088 or navarreten@missouri.edu.

--Nadia E. Navarrete-Tindall, Tim Reinbott, Wayne Bailey, J.W. Van Sambeek, and Brad Jacobs.

Native Plant Sale at Bradford Farm

As you probably know, Bradford is having its first ‘Native Plant Sale’ on Saturday, April 14 from 9 to noon. During this event will have local native seed and plant producers and offer a very interesting program with the participation of Amy Hamilton, Merv Wallace, Scott Hamilton, and Terry Frueh followed by a raingarden demonstration. An activity previous to the sale is a bird watch tour hosted by Columbia Audubon from 7 to 9am.

Our group has decided to be there with a display and our book sale. An invitation is still open for other groups who are interested in having their own displays. The only limitation is not to sell plants because we are having commercial native plant vendors during the event. The event is open to the public and is free. We are also inviting local photographers, landscapers, painters, potters, and other local artists to sell or advertise their services. We can provide tables and chairs, and will have a big tent for protection.

If you are interested in helping with the NPS display please contact Paula. If you have any questions about the event please contact Nadia at 234-2088 or navarreten@missouri.edu. A detailed program will be included in the April newsletter.

--Nadia Navarrete-Tindall



Wet raingarden at Bradford, landscaped by Leslie Shaw

Update on Stadium Project

Ann Wakeman, Jim Whitley and Becky Erickson met with Carol Pleus and John Oehring of MODOT at the Stadium Project Site on 16 January. After Becky and Ann thoroughly explained the expected procedure for the revitalization of the site, and John agreed it would be a good project, Carol Pleus verbally agreed to give us a permit.

Carol had not brought the contract papers nor the safety training disk, but she promised to get them in the mail to me this week; as of 23 Feb, I have not received her packet. They also agreed to provide us with the herbicides for alien vegetation control. John said he would have them delivered to the Ashland MODOT Shed “soon”.

As soon as I have this “Safety Training” disk, everyone involved must view it and acquire a light weight, mesh, orange vest which are available for very little money in “Big Box Store” hunting departments. I also need to give brief explanations of brush removal and technique for treatment with the herbicides. Since I don’t have the materials for this training from MODOT yet, I will need to use our new email notification system to connect with people. Since we have interest in volunteer labor from Master Naturalist, WildOnes, and Chris Pires’ botany class, I am hoping everyone interested in helping in the project will make time to coordinate a date for initial training.

Another issue which may retard advancement of this Project is contact with and approval from adjacent landowners. I will work toward this end as rapidly as possible.

I am hoping, now that the need for snow control is passed, that the speed of cooperation from MODOT will increase. In view of this foreshortened timeline, please stand by for further information via email. Thank you for your patience and understanding,
--Becky Erickson, Project Coordinator.

Bat Program

Research Biologist Sybill Amelon will be our speaker at the March meeting and her subject will be the Diversity and Ecological Roles of Bats. “More than 1000 species of bats account for almost a quarter of all mammal species,” she said, “and many are in severe decline or already listed as endangered.” The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, March 12, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd.

--Jean Graebner



Indiana bat—Photo Department of Natural Resources, Maryland



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail — Photo by Donna Brunet

Donna Brunet Macro Photography

Donna Brunet will be having a photo exhibit at the Runge Nature Center, MO Hwy 179, Jefferson City from March 1 – April 20, 2007.

For a preview go to her web site <http://insectpix.com>
--Sandra Kubal



Bird's foot violet



Common violet



Missouri violet



Wake robin



First botanizing



Trout lily



Cut-leaf toothwort



Ohio buckeye



Flowering Dogwood



Violet wood sorrel



Yellow star grass



Blue phlox

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