



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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## **Future Activities**

**May 2, 9, 16:** Join Randal Clark for wildflower walks every Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Meet in the Devil's Ice Box Parking lot at Rock Bridge State Park.

**May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>:** Stadium Wildflower Restoration Project Work times.  
Saturday (May 5) 9-11, Monday (May 7) 4:30 to tired-ness. See Update Inside.

**May 6: The Orchids are ready!** Trip to see Jim and Andrea Kennedy's Lady Slipper Orchids in Callaway Co. Depart from the MO Dept of Conservation parking lot at 1:00 pm. Inside see photos sent by Andrea Kennedy. We also expect to see Adam and Eve, Showy Orchids, and Tway Blade Orchids. Any questions – contact Paula at 474-4225. **Please note that this cancels the Bluebell trip previously set for that date.**

**May 14:** Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Becky Erickson will share some highlights of her cross country trip last summer.

**May 19:** Green Lawns/Blue Waters: A Show-Me Yards Field Day Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We are still looking for additional helpers. See announcement inside.

**May 22:** Newsletter items due

**May 27:** A field trip to Spring Creek Gap in Maries Co., to see the glade plants. Depart from the MDC parking lot at 8:00 am.

**May 31:** Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! 11:30 am at Kayotea, 912 E. Broadway. All are invited.

**June 1-3:** State Board Meeting. Mingo National Wildlife Refuge

**June 2:** Trailside Expo at Forum Nature Area 9:00 – 12:00 Sponsored by Columbia Parks and Rec Dept.

**June 10:** Field trip to Morris Prairie Natural Area in Sullivan Co. led by Greg Gremaud. Expect to see the rare Wood Lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*), Bunchflower, Purple Prairie Clover and other early summer prairie flowers. Depart from the MDC parking lot on College Ave. at 8:00 am, or meet in Kirksville at the new MDC office at 9:30 am.

*For more information contact Paula at 573-474-4225*

## Seeking comments on House Bill

Member Tom Vernon, who is also very active with Smart Growth issues in Columbia, has asked interested native plant society members to comment on a House Bill which would allow counties within Missouri to impose a tax for funding preservation of farm and natural land. He provides a short summary of the bill below. Contact Tom (442-7476) or Judy Ward ([wardjud@gmail.com](mailto:wardjud@gmail.com)) for the full version and a list of which Representatives to write to.

### HB 1110 (Short Summary)

1. The governing party of the county may impose ¼ cent sales tax for farm and natural land preservation easements.
2. This may be done only if approved by a majority of voters.
3. The collected monies shall be kept in a special trust fund.
4. The tax may be repealed by a majority of the voters at any time.
5. A vote to repeal will be held in response to petitions.
6. If repealed, the funds already collected will be used for their designated purposes.
7. No county shall acquire easements by condemnation. Land preserved by acquired easement shall remain in private ownership and in farm operation and not be subject to development. The above conservation easements shall be perpetual unless negotiated for a lesser term by the principals.

## A Farewell

The careful observers amongst our membership might wonder why the newsletter is so late this month. Well, the simple answer is that this farewell note was hard for me to write. I am handing over the reigns as newsletter editor and office of president because my family is moving to San Diego at the end of May. My husband has accepted a post-doctoral position at the University of California, San Diego. Although we are both excited about the new opportunities, we are sad to leave our friends in Missouri. I will especially miss our monthly lunch meetings in which we share both plans for our next event as a chapter and details of what's growing in our yards. So although cleaning the cobwebs, scrubbing the



floors, and packing away baby Marcello's toys for the seemingly continuous trickle of potential home buyers have kept me busy, it is really my reluctance to say goodbye that has delayed the newsletter this month. Thanks for sharing all your knowledge about native plants with me. I will hold the lessons close to my heart as I move to a different landscape and learn the new flora. Goodbye, Dears. *–Judy Ward*

## Progress at Stadium Site

Through the month of April there were 4 workdays scheduled to chop out bush honeysuckle from the edge of our Stadium site. It got off to a slow start because the first day posted for work was cancelled due to the windchill was nine degrees with no hope for warming. Within the next 10 days, 3 more work days proved to be productive. There were usually four or five of us hearty souls there with our campsaws and heavy pruners. The last scheduled work day, three new folks joined the crew. We cut most of the brush from the east end of the site and about ¼ is done on the west end.

Thanks to Paula Peters, Celeste Mazzacano, Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, Ann Wakeman, Jim Whitley, Kathleen Anderson, Glenn Pickett, Jean Graebner, Chris Pires for investing their efforts in this roadside beautification project.

Ann Wakeman has initiated Jamie Coe to help her spray fescue and bluegrass from the east end, but there are several piles of brush in the way. We need at least two more workdays on the east end to remove cut stems and to cut the stems we missed. I need immediate input from members regarding days and times when you will be available, as soon as possible, so I can coordinate another workday at the Stadium site. Please contact me directly.

*--Becky Erickson, 657-2314,  
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## And Most Recent Stadium Update. . .

Thank you all very much for your recent input. The weather looks good for Saturday, May 5th. I suggest Saturday morning 9 to 11 as a work time. I will be at the parking lot close to 8:30 (...+) for the early birds.

I thought Tuesday evening would be a good time to let the "regulars" recover, but Tuesday's (and Wed's) forecast is for more rain. So add Monday (May 7<sup>th</sup>) after work 4:30 until we get tired.

Those who don't want to be around chemicals can haul brush to the roadside.

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*--Becky Erickson*



## Green Lawns/ Blue Waters: A Show-Me Yards Field Day

Saturday, May 19  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

“Environmentally Friendly  
Ways to a Healthy Yard”

Are you interested in having the best possible yard for your home while also protecting the environment? Check out the Show-Me Yards Field Day...ten locations will be open for you to view innovative new yard care ideas that promote a healthy environment. Just stop by any of the locations and pick up the self-guided brochure & map on the day of the event, or download it at [www.gocolumbiamo.com](http://www.gocolumbiamo.com) Brochures will also be available starting May 9<sup>th</sup> at Columbia City Hall Lobby, Superior Gardens, HyVee Garden Center, the ARC, and Total Environments. Most sites will be staffed with experts to answer your questions.

Professionals will be stationed at most of the sites to answer your “how to” questions. For questions, call 874-7616 or email [mona.menezes@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:mona.menezes@gocolumbiamo.com).

## Share Your Expertise and Passion

Frank Gordon, Stormwater Outreach Coordinator, Boone County Public Works, who spoke to us in July of 2006 has asked the Hawthorn Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society to share their expertise about native plants during the “Show Me Yards Field Day” (see above). When he spoke to us last July, he reported that last year, the first year of the event, they had plenty of experts on lawn care but were at a loss for questions regarding native plant selection, use, and care.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us to advocate native plant use in gardens and landscaping and to strengthen our collaborative relationships! The event is Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Although Frank initially suggested a simple one person /yard at a time arrangement, other arrangements including buddying-up can be used. We will have brochures on native plant use and resources to share. Please let me know if you can help for any part of the day. Let me know as soon as you can as we are planning to “preview” the yards the week prior to the event and we want to find a time that works for all interested in sharing their expertise and/or passion at the event. –*Judy Ward* ([wardjud@gmail.com](mailto:wardjud@gmail.com), 573.449.0341)

## New Venue and Target Audience for Our Booth

Our Hawthorn Chapter table at the *Day With Wildlife* featured a variety of native plants and seeds and all that was needed to start them on their way. As President Judy Ward told each of our quite young customers, “That little seed knows all it needs to know to grow into a beautiful sun flower.” Our sunflower seeds were the most popular with the younger set. We also offered Partridge Pear seeds and Purple and Gray-Headed Coneflower plants and Coreopsis plants.

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation, the exhibits and activities emphasized wildlife, habitat preservation and conservation. It was held at the American Legion park off of East Broadway on April 1<sup>st</sup> and is an annual affair.

We provided pots, soil, and water as well as seeds and plants for hands-on planting experience. We did not keep a count but estimate that between 30 and 45 children and some adults took home potted seeds or plants. Volunteers at the table were Jean Graebner, Nadia Navarrete and Judy.



*Lady Slipper photos by Andrea Kennedy*



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