JULY

9    Fri., 5:30 p.m.
     Kansas City
Field trip to Shawnee Mission Park prairie area to see summer flowers. Meet at Ogg Rd just south of Oak Ridge Stables. Contact Mike Laird (913) 677-2830 for further information.

9–13 Fri.–Tues.
     Springfield
Society for Range Management Annual Summer Meeting. The theme is “The Role of Grazable Forages in Sustainable Agriculture.” Contact Dr. Thomas N. Shiflet (417) 886-6211.

10   Sat., 9 a.m.
     St. Louis
Field Trip to Iron Mountain & Bismark Lakes to see the Purple Fringeless Orchid. Led by Pat Grace. Meet at South County Shopping Center, NW corner of parking lot.

10   Sat.
     Jefferson City
Runge Conservation Nature Center Grand Opening.

12–18 Mon.–Sun.
     Crested Butte, CO
Crested Butte Wildflower Festival. Workshops include Natural History, Art Photography and Wildflower Landscaping. For more information write P.O. Box 216, Crested Butte, CO 81224 or call 1-800-545-4505.

17   Sat.
     Jefferson City
Float Trip on the Little Niangua River starting at Bennett Spring State Park. (Or the Annual Picnic if weather does not permit a float.) Contact Becky Washburn (314) 295-4220 for more information.

28   Wed., 7:30 p.m.
     St. Louis
How Illinois Kicked the Exotic Species Habit, program by Francis Harty, Division of Natural Heritage, Illinois Department of Conservation. Monthly meeting at the Ridgway Center, Missouri Botanical Garden.

AUGUST

1–5  Sun.–Thur.
     Ames, Iowa
The 44th AIBS Annual Meeting at Iowa State University. The theme is “Grasslands.” Contact American Institute of Biological Sciences Meetings Dept., 730 11th St., NW, Washington, DC 20001–4521, (202) 628–1500 for more info.

10   DUE DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR SEPTEMBER–OCTOBER Petal Pusher. Please send meetings and field trip information and articles (typed double spaced) to the editor by this date. If article has been word processed on a Macintosh, please send copy on disk to Pat Harris. Disk will be returned.

15   Sun., 1:30 p.m.
     Kansas City
Potluck at Dan Rice’s place, 815 W 31st St., Independence. Come see Dan’s garden and yard. Bring a dish to share and your plate and flatware. Call Dan (816) 461-0206 for more information.
**ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

The Annual Meeting was held at Tonanzio’s in the Country Restaurant, in Guthrie, Mo. Twenty-six members enjoyed the food and camaraderie in subdued lighting.

President Karen Haller presented certificates of appreciation to Society members in recognition of their efforts throughout the past two years. Those who received certificates included Jim Bogler, Carl Darigo, Bill Dierker, Linda Ellis, Sylvia Forbes, Pat Grace, Jack Harris, Pat Harris, Sue Hollis, Nels Holmberg, Larry Houf, John Molyneaux, Tim Nigh, Paul Redfearn, Dan Rice, Tim Smith, Steve Timme, Ann Wakeham, Wally Weber, Rad Widmer, Louise Wiencekowki, Karen Yates, George Yatskievych and Kay Yatskievych. All have served as board members, as chairs of committees, or have worked on special projects for MONPS.

The treasury balance as of June 17, 1993 is $10,147.08.

Karen Yates summarized the field trips that had occurred over the past year. She requested ideas for areas for future board meetings and possible field trip locations. Anyone with ideas should contact her.

Jack Harris reported the Environment/Education Committee worked on legislation to prevent digging of plants along MO highways. The bill is waiting signature of Governor Carnahan. It also worked on “Native Plant Week Proclamation.”

John Molyneaux, chairman of the Awards committee, announced that the committee had decided to make two awards. (See article on page 3.)

The Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award was given to Father James M. Sullivan.

The Julian A Steyermark Award was given to Edgar Denison.

Karen introduced the new slate of officers:
- President – Steve Timme (not present)
- Vice President – Jack Harris
- Secretary – Ann Wakeham
- Treasurer – Jody Eberly
- Board Member – Richard Datema
- Board Member – Larry Morrison

Linda Ellis gave an update on the September Board Meeting that will be held concurrent with the Eastern Native Plant Alliance. It will be held in St. Louis at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Many events are planned, including talks and field trips. (See pages 6 & 7.)

Karen expressed her appreciation and enjoyment at serving as president for the past two years. The membership applauded her successful and hardworking presidency.

**MONPS FIELD TRIP**

**19 JUNE 1993**

Seventeen members and friends gathered at the Domke Farmhouse, visitor center for the PRAIRIE GARDEN TRUST, and gathering point for the weekend MONPS Saturday outing to EARTHQUAKE HOLLOW NATURAL HISTORY AREA (owned and managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation.) Leader for the morning excursion to Earthquake Hollow was Ann Wakeman who recorded the plants identified by the group that were on the current area checklist. She also added those not previously noted. Examples of the latter were: *Aristolochia serpentaria* (Virginia Snakeroot), *Euphorbia corollata* (Flowering Spurge), *Caulophyllum thalictroides* (Blue Cohosh), *Aplectrum hyemale* (Adam & Eve Orchid), *Galearis spectabilis* (Showy Orchid) and Old Man’s Beard lichen. The north facing, sharply cut creek bluffs in the area proved to be favored habitat for several species of ferns, in addition to a variety of mosses. Some of the ferns identified were: *Dryopteris marginalis* (Marginal Shield Fern), *Thelypteridaceae hexagonoptera* (Bread Beech Fern) and *Asplenium rhizophyllum* (Walking Fern) We also found a special treat on a hot and humid day, some ripe blueberries *Vaccinium pallidum*.

Following the return to the Domke farmhouse, an expanded crowd of twenty-seven, gathered for lunch. After a brief time-out for a classic thunderstorm to pass, a tour of the PRAIRIE GARDEN TRUST area was conducted by Merv Wallace, Joan Domke, Lorna Domke, and Jane Domke. Merv pointed out examples and described the variety of programs and experimental strategies employed to convert what was fescue pastures to restored native prairie forbs and grasses. An abundance of prairie wildflowers was available at each station to challenge the groups identification abilities, and extended discussions ensued as is usual for this group. The discovery of the day at this location was *Platanthera lacera* (Ragged Orchis), appropriately blooming immediately adjacent to the path for all to see. The orchid was found to be even more prolific adjacent to the ponds where a variety of aquatics were in bloom.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to Ann Wakeman and Merv Wallace for their time and patience, and in particular, to the Domkes for their most gracious hospitality and for sharing with us the natural beauty of the PRAIRIE GARDEN TRUST.
ANNUAL AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The annual awards were announced by John Molyneaux at the June 1993 Annual Meeting. The actual presentation of the awards will be held later in separate ceremonies. The award includes a wood plaque in the shape of Missouri with a label on which is engraved the recipient's name, award, and statement of contribution.

Two of the four MONPS awards were given this year. They went to:

Father James M. Sullivan, MONPS St. Louis Chapter. The Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award. For conveying significantly to others an appreciation and knowledge of Missouri native flora through teaching and writing. Fr. Sullivan as led botany walks for many years, and has transmitted knowledge to both novices and professionals. He has the patience and imagination to make learning fun. He has also pioneered learning about interactions between plants and insects.

Edgar Denison, MONPS St. Louis Chapter. The Julian A. Steyermark Award. For superior contributions to the appreciation, knowledge and conservation of Missouri native flora. Denison's various editions of the Missouri Wildflowers field guide has had a huge impact in helping people to learn about Missouri flora. He has also done much work in botany with the Missouri Department of Conservation and other agencies, as well as leading numerous field trips and writing countless papers concerning botany. He is one of the founders of the Missouri Native Plant Society, and has made a huge collection of drawings, paintings and photos of Missouri plants, which help in education about Missouri's flora.

TIDBITS
(Adapted from Spring 1993 Wildflower Magazine)

WILD HERB MARKET

Pressure on Illinois wild plants by the medicinal herb market continues to grow, with ginseng root bringing $235 per pound and goldenseal an all-time high of $30. The slow economy and high price combined to remove large quantities of goldenseal from Illinois forests.

SCIENTISTS SEEK PREDATOR FOR AQUATIC PLANT

Researchers continue to search for a natural pest that will reduce the infestation of Myriophyllum spicatum (Eurasian milfoil) in North American waters. The plant was introduced in the mid-1940's and has spread to 37 American states. The plant, which forms thick mats and chokes out native aquatic plants, has been reported in Missouri. Early control efforts used non-native grass carp, but the fish eats everything else before starting on the milfoil, resulting in a milfoil monoculture.

MINNESOTA NATURAL YARD GETS NATIONAL MEDIA ATTENTION

A wildlife biologist has received national attention recently in a dispute over her natural landscaped yard in a suburban Minnesota city. Neighbors and the city claim the yard is unsightly and decreases home values. So far she has stymied attempts to have the yard mowed by adding two miniature goats (named Lewis and Clark), because a city ordinance allows pasture for grazing animals. The issue is currently in the courts.

HELP NEEDED

During our joint meeting with the Eastern Native Plant Alliance in St. Louis, Sept. 25-26 we need volunteers to carpool our visitors from the meetings at the Missouri Botanical Garden to the field trips and back. Anyone interested, please call Linda Ellis (314) 353-1449.
CHAPTER NEWS

Columbia—We had booths at Earth Day, Rocheport Garden Walk and Museum weekends where wildflower plants, T-shirts & books were sold. We also handed out brochures and several new members were gained from these events. In May, John Weston presented a program on A. L. Gustin Golf Course Reclamation Project. They are landscaping with native plants and Buffalo Grass this year. There was a good turnout for Ethel Hickey’s program on Medicinal Native Plants in June.

Jefferson City—We planted wildflowers at a satellite Post Office in Jeff City. In May, Lisa DeBruckere, manager for Runge Conservation Nature Center, presented a slide program of the Center’s exhibits and building under construction.

We had a field trip to a private prairie within the Jeff City limits. The five acres was burned in 1992 and is now being managed as a native prairie.

In September a joint meeting will be held with the Runge Conservation Nature Center opening where Steven Foster, author of Peterson’s A Field Guide to Medicinal Plants, will give a program. Reservations are required.

Kansas City—In April we approved new chapter by-laws. That was followed by a lively presentation by Professor Elmo Law on the common characteristics of the Brassicaceae. We later put our new knowledge to practical use at Shawnee Mission Park in Kansas.

We had a booth at Powell Gardens’ Mayfest where we sold native plants from the Missouri Wildflower Nursery. We also handed out lots of literature.

Mike Laird and Isabelle Rohrer led a walk on the prairies of Miami County Kansas. A total of 63 species were identified at three sites.

Twelve members made the 2 hour journey north to Slippery Bluff State Park in Southern Iowa. Our quest: White Lady's Slipper orchids! We fought rain most of the way, but reached our destination none the worse. And we found White Lady’s Slipper orchids everywhere! In addition, we saw many Small Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchids! On the way home, we stopped briefly at Wallace State Park. To our surprise, we found the Large Yellow Lady’s Slipper orchid, as well as Showy Orchis and even an Adam and Eve orchid!!!

The K. C. Chapter has many more field trips planned for this year. All of them exciting! If you plan to be in the Kansas City area, call Dan Rice to find out about them.

Ozark Showy—We now have 24 members with 12-23 people on field trips. We’ve had three Get-Togethers. In September we went to Greer Springs. In April we went to Carmen Springs to look for orchids. And in June we had a Bar-B-Que with Rex and Amy Hamilton who grow wildflowers. In the future we hope to work with the Highway Dept. to plant wildflower along the highways.

St. Louis—We’ve had good monthly meetings this quarter dealing with such topics as “Why Trees Go Nuts: A Study of Acorn Production in Oats” by Dr. Victoria Sork and “New Methods of Propagating Native Woody Plants” by Dan Kuczmarski of Forest Keeling Nursery. Members especially liked the “free plant scramble” at the end of his presentation.

We have had several field trips, including a very successful and enjoyable search for the rare Mead’s Milkweed.

Springfield—We had a booth at the Earth Day Festival and handed out over 50 membership fliers.

Our April speaker was author Carl Hunter from Arkansas. His presentation was about Wildflower Gardening. He gave helpful hints on how to have a successful wildflower garden, and gave addresses for many sources for wildflowers and seeds. We are selling his books Wildflowers of Arkansas and Trees, Shrubs, and Vines of Arkansas at $13.50 each.

We had a field trip in May to Horse Creek Tree Farm, near Galena. The floristic list for this area was established by MONPS participants.

On May 15, the Springfield Conservation Nature Center and the Missouri Native Plant Society, Springfield Chapter, co-sponsored the first Naturescaping Symposium at the Nature Center in Springfield. The response was very good, with 100 participants at the seminar. The symposium covered various subjects important to naturescaping, such as selection of native plants, shrubs and trees for landscaping and wildlife. The two main speakers were Ginny Wallace and George Yatskievych.

The May program presented by Peggy Smith, Naturalist at the Nature Center, was “A Taste of the Wild,” with a slide show and presentation of wild edibles. Some of the native foods we sampled were: a wild greens salad, spice bush tea, cottage cheese (with wood sorrel and clover blossoms), a wild rice casseroles and black walnut pie, all were tasty.

Our June meeting will be on poisonous plants among the wildflowers by Dr. Wallace Weber. The program is preceded by a walk through the Nature Center grounds led by Dr. Weber to identify poisonous and non-poisonous plants.

ILLINOIS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

by Carl & Dolly Darigo

We attended the Illinois Native Plant Society Annual Meeting, which was held May 21-23, at St. Noel Center-Camp Ondessonk in Ozark, approximately 10 miles NE of Vienna, adjacent to the Shawnee National Forest. A large variety of field trips to Greater Shawnee Hills National Forest areas in Johnson and Pope Counties were available, of which we were able to participate in five, Simpson Barrens, Jackson Hollow Glade, Bell Smith Springs, East Cedar Creek and Lusk Creek Canyon.

Simpson Barrens is glade/savanna forest area which has been managed, including periodic burning, under control of the Shawnee National Forest, with cooperation of local groups and organizations. Large stands of Phlox pilosa (prairie phlox), Monarda bradburiana (beebalm), Thaspium trifoliatum var. trifoliatum (purple meadowparsnip) and Scutellaria parvula (small skullcap) were notable among many other plants. Last year’s Onosmodium molle ssp. hispidissimum (marbleseed) was showy, with its many, ivory white, tiny fruits. Several interesting sedges found were Carex bushii (Bush’s sedge), C. meadii (Mead’s prairie sedge) and C. cephalophora (oval headed sedge). At a seep in the savanna forest area, Isoetes melanopoda (black footed quillwort) and Oenothera fruiticosa (sundrops) were found.
Near this site, Carex pallescens (pale sedge) was recently located; this plant had been thought to be extirpated in Illinois.

At the Jackson Hollow Glade, Rubus enslenii (southern dewberry), Sedum pulchellum (widow's cross), Talinum parviflorum (prairie fame flower) and Eragrostis elliptii (Elliott love grass) were several of the unusual plants seen. Phacelia purshii (Miami mist) drew much comment and keying from the Illinois people, apparently less common here than in Missouri.

Bell Smith Springs has many spectacular geological features, as well as interesting plants, some of which were Carex blanda (woodland sedge), C. torta (twisted sedge), Aplectrum hymale (putty root) in flower, budding Swebria carolinensis (American columbo) and Dodecatheon fremontii (French's shooting star).

The East Cedar Creek area consists mainly of bottomland wetland plus a high bluff overlooking the creek. Near this station, we were taken to a bottomland area to see Carex plantaginea (plantain leaved sedge), another rare sedge only recently rediscovered in the state. A horse trail parallels East Cedar Creek and besides the usual trail damage, the horses unfortunately at one point had dined and trampled on a patch of the fairly rare Lilium superbum (superb lily). This lily, somewhat similar to Michigan lily, is not known in Missouri. A variety of plants were seen, including Carex albursina (white bear sedge), C. digitata (lame wood sedge), C. virescens (ribbed sedge), C. shortiana (Short's sedge), Arundinaria gigantea (giant cane), Luzula bulbosa (wood rush), Senecio obovatus (squaw weed) much less common in Illinois than Missouri, Spigelia marilandica (pinkroot) in bud, Quercus coccinea (scarlet oak) and Phacelia bippinnatifida.

The two mile hike into Lusk Creek Canyon was worthwhile to see the massive gorge where the creek makes a sharp U-bend. Environmental efforts had saved the area from being inundated by dam builders in 1968. Interesting plants seen along the way and in the canyon were Goodyera pubescens (rattlesnake plantain) leaves, Cynoglossum virginianum (wild comfrey), Tradescantia subaspera (zigzag spiderwort), Sedum ternatum (three leaved stonecrop), Osundra cinnamomea (cinnamon fern), Dennstaedtia punctilobula (hay scented fern) and Viburnum dentatum (southern arrow wood). The Illinois Department of Conservation has a research program for a rare grass, Calamagrostis porteri ssp. insperata (reed bent grass), of which several localities have recently been recorded in the state. One site was near the trail above the canyon; the plant is very finkish about its habitat, preferring either NE or NW-facing slopes of relatively open forests and likes disturbed areas such as trails; several stations have also been found in southern Missouri.

We wish to thank the Illinois Native Plant Society for a fine meeting, good field trips and especially the very knowledgeable professional botanist and graduate student field trip leaders.

**Butternut: An Endangered Tree Species?**

Although butternut is found in Missouri, it is not considered an important species. That could change however, because the tree is being considered for the endangered species list. If it is put on the list, it will be the first tree species listed and few understand the full ramifications.

Butternut is much more common further north and east than in Missouri. However, throughout its range a canker organism, Sirococcus clavigignenti-juglandacearum, is rapidly killing existing trees and new regeneration. The extensive mortality caused by this fungus and its rate of spread is threatening butternut's survival.

Less common than its close relative the black walnut, butternut Juglans cinerea is distributed across the eastern three fourths of Missouri along streams and bottoms. Because the decline may cause the species to become rare or endangered, the tree is already on the state watch list and the health of stands containing butternut in the state is being tracked through the Missouri Natural Heritage Database. Butternut is also presently classified as C-2, a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act.

A factor in the species' decline is a loss of habitat as stream bottoms have been converted to agricultural uses. Man-made lakes have also restricted butternut's natural habitat in Missouri.

The US Forest Service has already introduced a voluntary ban on all cutting of butternut and several states are considering doing so also. Searches have begun for healthy uninfected trees for breeding purposes. As of yet, few have been found.

Listing butternut as an endangered species could dramatically change management practices for those stands containing butternut. Because neither butternut, nor the canker have been sufficiently inventoried in Missouri, possible impacts have not been defined. However, a survey within Missouri is in the works.

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**The Search for Survivors**

by Jack H. Harris

Know where a healthy AMERICAN CHESTNUT Castanea dentata is located? The tree, once famous for its wood properties and as the dominant mast producer in eastern forests, was nearly wiped out by a blight brought in with oriental chestnut trees at the turn of the century. The tree is not native to Missouri but was once extensively planted here.

The American Chestnut Foundation is looking for survivors. Their goal is to restore the tree through a program including research, breeding, genetic engineering, blight resistance research, etc.

If you would like to know more about the program please contact: Buzz Williams, Southeast Program, Route 1, Box 103, Mountain Rest, South Carolina, 29664 or call 803-647-2773.

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
SEPTEMBER 24 – 26, 1993

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.  Informal dinner at the Mekong Restaurant, 3131 S. Grand (see map).
7:30 – 9:00 p.m.  Program on the Cahokia Mounds at the Ridgway Center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  Registration and coffee at the Ridgway Center with ENPA participants.
9:00 – 12:30 p.m. Field trip to Cahokia Mounds with Leonard Blake, ethnobotanist.
12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Return to Ridgway Center for lunch with ENPA.
1:15 – 2:00 p.m.  Dr. Nancy Morin will speak on the Flora of North America project.
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Field Trips with ENPA members. Three concurrent trips will be offered.
   A. Shaw Arboretum, Gray Summit, MO.
   B. Valley View and Victoria Glades.
   C. Missouri Botanical Garden grounds.
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  MONPS & ENPA Banquet at Favazza’s restaurant. Speaker is Susanne Greenlee, Assistant Land Steward for the Missouri Chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
9:00 – 12:00 a.m.  MONPS Board meeting at Ridgway Center. Tour of the Garden available to those not attending the meeting.

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If you have questions, please call Linda Ellis (314) 353-1449.  
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Do you plan to attend...

Friday night dinner? (pay at restaurant) ___________ How many persons? ___________

Saturday morning trip to Cahokia and lunch? ___________ Cost $12.50 per person. Please make lunch selection(s) below:

A. Sliced turkey with Monterey Jack cheese, lettuce and mayonnaise on rye bread, pasta salad, dessert, drink.
B. Albacore white tuna salad sandwich on whole wheat bread, pasta salad, dessert, drink.
C. Vegetarian sandwich with sprouts, cucumbers, red onions, avocado, lettuce, tomatoes and Monterey Jack cheese, pasta salad, dessert, drink.

Field trips: My field trip choice is...

A. Shaw Arboretum  
B. Valley View/Victoria Glades  
C. Missouri Botanical Garden

MONPS members will carpool ENPA participants on the trips.  
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How many? ___________

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Total cost of all events: $25.00

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