

MISSOURI NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

NOVEMBER

- 2 Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Jefferson City **Wild Wreaths**, program by Ann Wakeman. Ann will show us how to make wreaths and other ornaments from weeds and native plant materials. Monthly meeting at Runge Conservation Nature Center.
- 6 Sat.
Jefferson City **Workshop** to make your own wreaths or ornaments. For time and place contact Becky Washburn (314) 635-3194.
- 10 Wed., 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis **WGNS Botany Group Meeting** program by Tim Smith, botanist with MO Department of Conservation, on MDC Endangered Species Programs; focus on Running Buffalo Clover and Missouri Bladderpod. Meeting at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center.
- 15 Mon., 7 p.m.
Kirksville **Give Us Your Best Shot**. Bring your 10 best nature pictures or slides and share them with us. Monthly meeting at NMSU Science Hall, Room 11.
- 17 Wed., 7 p.m.
Kansas City **Program on Rawson's Flaming Trumpet**, a California phlox that is a candidate for the federal endangered species list. Eric Liskey will give a presentation on the effects of disturbance on this phlox and how plants are studied for listing. Meeting at Loose Park Garden Center.
- 18 Thur., 7 p.m.
Springfield **Prairie Wildflowers**, program by Dr. Pam Borden, Southwest Missouri State University. The program will focus on prairie wildflowers of this region, instructions on seed propagation and methods of growing some of our native plants. A handout on wildflower seed propagation will be available at the meeting. Monthly Meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center.

DECEMBER

- 4 Sat., 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
BOARD MEETING **MONPS State Board Meeting** at Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. See article and map on page 3 for more information.
- 9 Thur.
Jefferson City **Annual Dinner** held with the River Bluffs Audubon Society. For time and place contact Becky Washburn (314) 635-3194.
- 10 **DUE DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR JANUARY–FEBRUARY *Petal Pusher***. Please send meeting 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.
- 11–15 Sat.–Wed.
St. Louis **55th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference**, at the Regal Riverfront Hotel. See article on page 5 for more information.



QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 26, 1993

Vice-president Jack Harris presided at the quarterly board meeting, held September 26, 1993 at Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis, MO, with 14 board members in attendance. President Steve Timme was unable to attend due to heavy flooding in and around Pittsburg, Kansas.

Treasurer's Report: There was a balance of \$9,689.56 as of September 25, 1993.

Committee Reports:

Archives: Jim Bogler stated he is still getting material for both the Archives and the Flora File. He will send a letter to other organizations that the Flora File is available for their use if they wish.

Missouriensis: George Yatskievych reported the first issue for 1993 is in the mail. The second issue should be out by the end of the year.

Petal Pusher: Pat Harris reported since the mailing list has been purged, we are mailing out about 350 copies or 100 copies less. She also handed out a publication expense list. The annual cost estimate for printing and mailing the *Petal Pusher* is \$1400.00.

Environment/Education: Jack Harris reported that effective Aug. 28, 1993 roadside digging of wildflowers is illegal.

Membership: Pat Grace reported there are approximately 350 members at this time.

Publicity: Nels Holmberg is working on several ideas for Native Plant Week, including hikes and talks with different emphasis. He will be contacting Botanical Gardens, Libraries, The Nature Company, Nature Centers, State Parks. He will be doing a press release to the newspapers and hopes to have an article in the Missouri Conservationist in May 1994.

Old Business

St. Louis Environmental Roundtable: They have been meeting every six weeks. Jack Harris has been attending as a representative of MONPS. They are trying to coordinate the conservation and environmental groups in the St. Louis area.

New Business

Replacement of Board Members: Two openings occurred when Steve Timme became President and Ann Wakeman became Secretary. Also Bill Dierker sent a letter of resignation effective immediately. Sue Hollis was appointed to fill a two year term, and Lynda Richards was appointed to fill a one year term. These appointments were moved, seconded and carried (MSC). A one year term is still open to be filled at the Dec. board meeting.

Edgar Denison: A memorial was held September 11 at Shaw Arboretum.

Liability Insurance: George Yatskievych looked into this to see if MONPS needs it. Missouri has a law protecting non salaried officers in not for profit organizations.

Inquiries sent to MONPS: Pat Grace reported we sometimes get requests on where to acquire native plant

material and seeds. Ann Wakeman has made up a list. We will publish it in an upcoming *Petal Pusher*.

New T-shirts: We have a new design of crossed hiking socks covered with various hitchhiking seeds. They come in four colors: beige, blue, pink and mint green. The cost to us was \$5.50 a shirt. \$2.00 of the profit will go the chapters when that chapter sells a shirt, and the other \$2.50 will remain with the state society. It was decided we need to set a policy on how to divide profits in the future. This will be addressed at the December meeting (MSC).

Membership Brochures: Pat Grace reported we will be using the same design as before. The P.O. Box number will be updated. It was decided to get the best price and print up to 2000. (MSC).

Conservation Directory: MONPS will be listed in the national directory.

Systematics Symposium: George Yatskievych reported we will have a booth.

55th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference: Jack Harris reported this will be held at the Regal Riverfront Hotel on December 11-15. We will have a booth. MONPS can sell T-shirts etc., and hand out membership brochures. It was (MSC) to allocate \$65.00 for registration.

Badge Program: Pat Harris passed around a brochure that was put together by the Committee. It was decided to get the best price (up to \$250.00) and print up to 2000. (MSC). It was (MSC) to pay Linda Ellis \$100.00 for the work she did on the design for the badge. Jim Bogler reported on the price of the badge. He was authorized to spend up to \$850.00 for the purchase of the badges (MSC). The names of those who complete the program and qualify for the badge will be printed in the *Petal Pusher*. Along with the badge, they will receive a letter or certificate, a membership brochure and a copy of the *Petal Pusher*. The cost to the participant will be \$3.00 (MSC).

Membership Status: Jack Harris reported that since we purged the mailing list it is obvious that we don't have as many members as we thought we did. We need to build up our membership if we want to continue being able to offer six issues of the *Petal Pusher* and two issues of *Missouriensis* each year. A letter will be sent to all of the former members we had been carrying the last year or two saying "We miss you and we want you back." We need to follow up on members we don't see at meetings and on field trips. Call to welcome new members and invite them to an outing or meeting. We will have a separate mailing for our 1994 dues renewal.

Review Budget : Tabled to the December meeting.



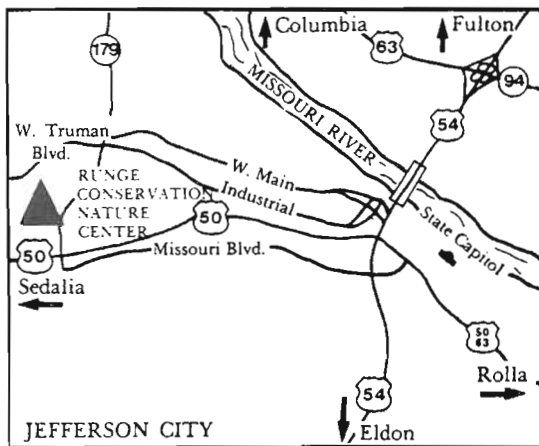
ARCHIVES & FLORA FILE

Reminder: The archivist (see list of officers) solicits MONPS information for the Archives and Missouri floristic information (all types) for the MONPS Flora File. See articles in January-February 1993 issue of the *Petal Pusher*.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

All Missouri Native Plant Society members are invited to attend the winter MONPS state board meeting. If you want to have a voice in your Society, now is your chance. This is a business meeting, so plan to stay all day. One of the items we will be discussing are plans for Native Plant Week, June 5–11, 1994. We want to have activities throughout the state all during that week. So come with ideas.

We will be meeting at the new Runge Conservation Nature Center in Jefferson City. Entrance to the Center is off State Route 179 about one-half mile north of Highway 50. The Hwy 179 intersection with 50 is about 3 miles east of the Hwy 54/63 intersection in mid Jefferson City.



CHAPTER NEWS

Jefferson City—Our summer activity was a canoeing and camping trip to Bennett Spring State Park in July. The September program on medicinal plants was presented by Stephen Foster and was sponsored by the Department of Conservation. Over 100 members and the general public attended the program at the Runge Conservation Nature Center. We had our first monthly member-led wildflower walk on September 11 at the Nature Center, with 35 people attending. The chapter had a display and a native grass educational exhibit on September 25 at the Nature Center's Conservation Day Open House. Approximately 2,000 people viewed the exhibits.

Kansas City—Two field trips and one potluck were held this past quarter. June 6 saw members traveling to several prairies south of Sedalia and another prairie near Warsaw. Some of the plants seen were grass pink orchids, paintbrush, prairie rose, spiked lobelia, white indigo, blue indigo and silky aster.

A return trip to the Shawnee Mission Park, KS prairie was made July 9. Braving high humidity, ticks, chiggers and mosquitos, several members saw whorled milkweed, Indian plantain, rosinweed, rattlesnake master, mountain mint and three *Liatris* species.

On August 15, 17 members gathered at the home of Dan Rice for a potluck lunch and tour of Dan's garden. The day

was hot (Dan doesn't have air conditioning), but everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the garden, which is still being developed.

We have had great attendance at our field trips this year, with the number of members increasing each time. We still have some good trips to come. So if you plan on being in the Kansas City area, give Mike Laird (913-677-2830) or Dan Rice (816-461-0206) a call to find out what's happening! **Kirksville**—After a summer lull, fall activities began with a September picnic, sponsored jointly by MONPS and Kirksville Audubon. The picnic was attended by a dozen hardy members who braved chill and rain, but the weather cancelled our planned afternoon hike at the Thousand Hills savannah restoration site. Better weather will hopefully prevail for two scheduled October field trips to Union Ridge State Forest and Swan Lake Wildlife Refuge.

Future events include "Give Us Your Best Shot," November 17, 7 PM, Science Hall, room 11, when members will be sharing their 10 best nature pictures or slides. No activities are scheduled for December.

St. Louis—The St. Louis Chapter continues to have monthly meetings and field trips on some weekends. Chapter meetings since the last board meeting have included the following programs: In July, Fran Harty of the Illinois Department of Conservation spoke on the shift to native plantings along Illinois roadsides. In August, noted photographer Frank Oberle talked about his photography toward the new Nature Conservancy book due in October on Tallgrass Prairie. In September, Charlotte Schneider of the Missouri Department of Conservation spoke on forest trees and how to identify them by habitat and characteristics.

The number of field trips has declined in recent months. However, two plant inventory efforts deserve special mention. The Chapter has completed two field trips to property in St. Louis County owned by the Faust family that will be donated to the St. Louis County Parks Department; a third trip is planned. Also, the Chapter has completed a plant inventory to property owned by Monsanto in Chesterfield, MO.



NATIVE PLANT WEEK PLANNING

Nels Holmberg, Publicity officer for MONPS, is soliciting ideas for activities that will celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the founding of the Society in 1994. Most of the special events would presumably be scheduled to occur during the week of 5–11 June, i.e., Missouri Native Plant Week. That is not however a necessity. The planning is growing around two levels of possible activities, (1) those that are mainly appropriate for the State or Society level, and (2) those that can most successfully be planned and produced at the local Chapter level. If you would like to share your ideas with the other Chapters and the State Society, please contact Nels (see list of officers on back page).

TIDBITS

WILDFLOWER STAMPS

A Joplin Globe article states that the wildflower stamps were last year's most popular new postage, based on first day sales. More than 3.6 million wildflower stamps were sold on the first day, well over twice the total for the second most popular stamp, World War II. The 1991 leader sold 1.8 million and 1990 1.1 million, showing that the wildflower stamps were indeed very popular.

SALUTE TO MISSOURI STATE PARKS

The Fall 1993 issue of *Gaillardia*, newsletter of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society, contained an article by two of their members who recently visited Missouri's Prairie State Park in search of downy gentian (*Gentiana puberulenta*) and the Regal fritillary (*Speyeria idalia*) butterfly. Following is a quote from the article, "After spending several hours at Regal Prairie, we ventured about a mile down the road to the Prairie State Park Visitor Center. What a treat! The centerpiece is an interpretive diorama of the tallgrass prairie, complete with bison, butterflies, amphibians and reptiles and an astonishing variety of plants. An adjacent wall shows a typical stream system, complete with an aquarium just above floor level, i.e., at fish level. A separate room traces the impacts of humans on the prairie from prehistory to present. Extensive collections of photographs and specimens of plants and animals make hands-on learning enjoyable. Best of all, though, was the experienced and enthusiastic staff who shared their vision for the prairie. There is an eleven minute slide show on the prairie which interpreters are happy to show. Visitors can also test prairie management skills by running an interactive computer program. To burn or not to burn? To graze or not? The computer guides you through a stewardship mini-course. A small bison herd and a few elk have been reintroduced to the park. Stop at the Visitor Center first to see which trails are open. Ask for a plant list, then go out and explore. Don't miss this great day trip!"

WILDFLOWER THEFT

Jack Harris's *Petal Pusher* (May/June 1993) article on the new Missouri law which bans digging of native plants along roadsides, was published in the "Green Alert" section of the Summer 1993 issue of *Wildflower* magazine. *Wildflower* is a national magazine concerning North America's wild flora, published by the Canadian Wildflower Society.

MEMBERSHIP ALERT

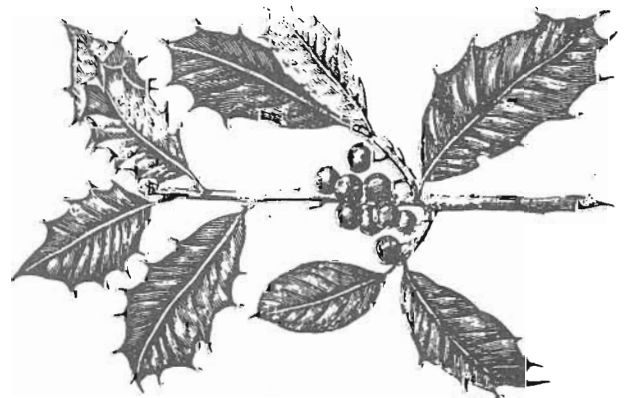
The Missouri Native Plant Society had about 350 memberships as of September 1993. Don't deprive your friends and relatives any longer. Encourage them to join MONPS, or even better, how about membership in MONPS as a gift!

November - December 1993

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

During the months of April and May, the following persons joined MONPS. Welcome to all of you. We hope to see you at some of our events.

Pamela Bradford, Columbia
Chris Buckley-Rohrer, Columbia
C. D. Conner, St. Louis
Elizabeth Coughenour, Wellsville, KS
Shirley Carter, Liberty
Dee Dokken, Columbia
Jennifer Dolan, Jefferson City
Ellen Dugger, Columbia
Melanie Fathman, St. Louis
Ronald Giedd, Seymour
Ann Grotjan, California
Paul Hayden, Columbia
Regina Knauer, Middle Village, NY
Tom Lammers, Columbia
Alice Landrum, Rocheport
Robert Lovett, Springfield
Mary Marston, Springfield
Kathy McGrath, Hartsburg
Teena Orling, University City
Steven Piper, Stafford
Joel Saleson, Columbia
Janie Schlotzhauer, Boonville
Howard Tucker, Winona
Terry Ann Turner, Columbia
Judy Unger, Collinsville, IL
L. Virga, St. Louis



PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

BIOLOGICAL POLLUTION: The Control & Impact of Invasive Exotic Species - Bill N. McKnight, Editor. The combination of natural habitat loss and the introduction of invasive exotic animal and plant species is causing environmental chaos. This book features 21 of the presentations made during a symposium conducted by the Indiana Academy of Science (IAS) in 1991. 260 pages, \$24 IAS members; \$30 non members + \$2.50 p & h. Order from: IAS Publications, 1102 North Butler AVE., Indianapolis, IN, 46219.

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FLORA OF NORTH AMERICA (North of Mexico).
 Convening editor: Nancy Morin, Missouri Botanical Garden. Volumes I and II of this planned 14 volume, 12 year landmark publishing project may be ordered now. Inquiries should be directed to: Oxford University Press, Biological Sciences Marketing Dept., 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY, 10016 (1-800-451-7556). Volume I contains Introductory Essays (320 pp), and Volume II covers Pteridophytes & Gymnosperms (320 pp). Pre-publication price of \$60 each for these two volumes expires 30 November 1993. List price is \$75 each. (A review of this publication may be forthcoming in a future edition of *MISSOURIENSIS*.)

PUBLICATIONS ON BOTANY FROM THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN. This is a catalog that lists works published by the Garden and others. Listings/prices included are: (1) Monographs in Systematic Botany, (2) Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden: Systematics Symposia Published, (3) Additional Titles, (4) Serials, and (5) Postcards. Inquiries may be directed to: Department Eleven, Missouri Botanical Garden, P.O. Box 299, St. Louis, MO, 63166-0299. (314) 577-9594.

AFTER THE ICE AGE-The Return of Life to Glaciated North America, by E. C. PIELOU; 1991. 336 pp. paper, \$13.95. This information is for the paperback edition and price. See *Missouriensis*, Volume 12, Number 1, 1991, for a review by Paul Redfeam, Jr.

TALLGRASS PRAIRIE text by John Madson, photography by Frank Oberle. A giftbook production of the Nature Conservancy and the Falcon Press. 112 pp., 120 color photos. 9 1/2" x 12" format. \$29.50. "Tallgrass prairie once blanketed 142 million acres but is now considered extinct as a fully functioning natural system." This book pays tribute to the remaining 10 percent and features 67 of the finest sites left in the new world. Falcon Press: P.O. Box 1718, Helena, MT, 59624 (1-800-582-2665).

(The above have not been reviewed by *PETAL PUSHER*.)



55th MIDWEST FISH & WILDLIFE CONFERENCE

The Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference will be held December 11-15, Sat.-Wed. at the Regal Riverfront St. Louis Hotel. The theme this year is "New Agendas in Fish and Wildlife Management: Approaching the Next Millennium." For registration information contact Pam Haverland, P.O. Box 10147, Columbia, MO 65205-4002.

See next article if you would be willing to sit at the MONPS booth for an hour or two.

HELP WANTED

The Missouri Native Plant Society will operate a booth at the 55th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference for 1993. The Conference will be held at the Regal Riverfront Hotel in St. Louis, MO, December 11-15, 1993. The booth operating hours will be from 1 p.m., Sunday, December 12 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, December 14. Sales of T-shirts and copies of *MISSOURIENSIS* will contribute to our fund raising program, and handing out membership forms and information will augment our membership campaign. No experience needed. Full training will be provided to all applicants. No salesman will visit at your home. We need up to 3 or 4 people each day so we can divide up the workload and still allow each person some time to enjoy the Conference programs. If you can spare a couple hours on any of the days listed, please call Jack Harris (314) 894-9021 or Jim Bogler (314) 842-0111.



ESTIMATED NATIVE VASCULAR PLANTS SPECIES BY STATE

(Original source *Biodiversity Network News*, 5(3), 1993, The Nature Conservancy, via Summer 1993 Issue of *The Harbinger*, Illinois Native Plant Society)

1. California	5,090	26. Mississippi	2,030
2. Texas	4,510	27. Pennsylvania	2,030
3. Arizona	3,250	28. Kentucky	2,020
4. Oregon	2,930	29. Michigan	1,950
5. Florida	2,870	30. Ohio	1,920
6. New Mexico	2,810	31. New Jersey	1,910
7. Georgia	2,760	32. MISSOURI	1,890
8. Nevada	2,680	33. Indiana	1,840
9. Colorado	2,640	34. West Virginia	1,730
10. Utah	2,590	35. Minnesota	1,720
11. North Carolina	2,450	36. Kansas	1,690
12. Alabama	2,420	37. Connecticut	1,670
13. Washington	2,330	38. Massachusetts	1,650
14. Virginia	2,320	39. Wisconsin	1,620
15. Idaho	2,310	40. Delaware	1,580
16. Oklahoma	2,280	41. Maine	1,490
17. New York	2,190	42. Vermont	1,490
18. South Carolina	2,190	43. Nebraska	1,460
19. Arkansas	2,170	44. New Hampshire	1,420
20. Montana	2,110	45. South Dakota	1,400
21. Tennessee	2,110	46. Iowa	1,390
22. Louisiana	2,090	47. Rhode Island	1,350
23. Wyoming	2,080	48. Alaska	1,250
24. Illinois	2,060	49. Hawaii	1,150
25. Maryland	2,040	50. North Dakota	1,140

ATTENTION ROOT DIGGERS

A number of laws and regulations govern the digging or taking of plants or plant parts in Missouri. Common law considers plants to be the property of the landowner. Therefore, plants may be legally taken only with the landowner's permission. With the exception of rare or endangered species, plants may always be taken from private land with the landowner's permission.

Public lands in Missouri are managed by a number of agencies, and restrictions on the digging or taking of plants vary. The regulations of several public agencies are summarized below. If you have questions about the legality of collecting plants from any site, you should contact the landowner or managing public agency for specific information.

The guidelines below do not pertain to timber management practices on public lands where various policies govern commercial harvest and firewood cutting.

Missouri Department of Conservation

Manages Conservation Areas, Fishing Accesses, and many State Natural Areas

No digging or taking of plants is allowed. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption on most areas, but collection of these is also restricted on a few sites.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Manages State Parks, State Historic Sites, and many State Natural Areas

No digging or taking of plants or plant parts is allowed, except that wild fruits may be picked for personal consumption at the site. These fruits may not be carried outside the park or historic site.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Manages land around most of Missouri's large lakes and reservoirs as well as along the Mississippi River

No digging or taking of plants is allowed.

U.S. Forest Service

Manages Mark Twain National Forest land which includes several Wilderness Areas

The digging or taking of plants for personal consumption is allowed by permit, but commercial collecting is prohibited. No collecting is allowed on Wilderness Areas.

National Park Service

Manages Scenic Riverways, National Battlefields, and National Monuments

No digging or taking of plants is allowed. Small quantities of certain fruits, berries and nuts may be gathered for personal consumption only as designated by each area's superintendent.

Missouri Department of Highways and Transportation

Manages state and interstate highway rights-of-way

House Bill No. 536 (which was passed and signed into law in 1993) prohibits the digging of plants from roadsides of state and interstate highways.

County Public Works Departments—Road and Bridge Divisions

Manages county road rights-of-way

House Bill No. 536 also prohibits the digging of plants from county roadsides.

*** RENEWAL NOTICE ***

Dear MONPS member:

Membership renewals for 1994 are due Jan 1. Your prompt response will be appreciated and will save us the cost of mailing reminders.

Please note: If you joined July 1, 1993 or later, you don't need to renew now. Check the expiration date on your mailing label.

WHERE TO SEND YOUR DUES

If you are a member of the **state society only**, send your renewal to: Jody Eberly
MONPS Treasurer
Rt. 2, Box 2740
Mountain View, MO 65548

If you are a member of one of the local MONPS chapters, or would like to join one, send your **state dues plus chapter dues** to the chapter treasurer listed below.

Springfield:	Georgia Shaffer Rt. 1, Box 221 Rogersville, MO 65742	Hawthorn: (Columbia)	Sally Fancher 2023 Parkridge Court Columbia, MO 65203-1806
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Jefferson City:	Sheila Murphy 1006 Fairmount Ct. Jefferson City, MO 65101	Ozark Showy (Mtn. View area)	Jane Markley Route 1, Box 187 Willow Springs, MO 65793 (No Chapter dues)
Kansas City:	Cathy Johns 5915 E 84th St. Kansas City, MO 64138		

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (H) _____ (W)

State Membership Categories

_____ \$9.00 Regular	_____ \$5.00 Student	_____ \$20.00 Family/Contributing
_____ \$25.00 Affiliate	_____ \$200.00 Lifetime	

Chapter Dues
(add to state dues)

_____ \$5.00 Springfield	_____ \$6.00 Hawthorn (Columbia)
_____ \$5.00 St. Louis	_____ \$0.00 Kirksville
_____ \$5.00 Jefferson City	_____ \$0.00 Ozark Showy (Mtn. View area)
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(Chapter dues additional)
Student\$5.00
Regular\$9.00
Contributing\$20.00
Life\$200.00

CHAPTER DUES

Columbia\$6.00
Jefferson City\$5.00
Kansas City\$5.00
Kirksville00
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