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MISSOURI NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

MAY

- 6** Sat., 8:30 AM
St. Louis **Bicycle Field Trip at St. Joe State Park** led by John Oliver. We will be looking for *Nemastylis geminiflora*. Meet at South County Shopping Center near Dobbs Tire Center at 8:30 AM or at the park at 9:30 AM.
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- 6** Sat., 8:00 AM
Columbia **Field Trip to May Fest at Powell Garden in Kansas City.** Meet at MDC Fish & Wildlife Research Center, 1110 South College to carpool. Bring lunch and drink.
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- 6-7** Sat.-Sun.
Kansas City **May Fest at Powell Garden.** Annual plant sale featuring annuals, perennials, herbs and grasses, gardening experts to answer your questions, food and entertainment. The Kansas City Chapter will be selling plants from Merv Wallace's Missouri Wildflowers Nursery. Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM & Sun. NOON - 5 PM.
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- 7** Sun., NOON
St. Louis **Field Trip to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.** Joint trip with the Sierra Club led by Jim Bogler and Mark Kaufmann. Meet at Dripping Spring.
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- 12** Fri. 5:30 PM
Kansas City **Field Trip to Linda Hall Library-KCMO.** We will see the extensive collection of tree peonies and viburnums plus about 165 species of trees. This is the first of three visits. Park outside the gates at 5109 Cherry and meet near the front gate.
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- 13** Sat.
Kansas City
Columbia **Field Trip to Paintbrush Prairie** and a privately owned prairie south of Sedalia. Kansas City members meet at 8:30 AM at Walmart on Hwy 350 just east of I-435 to car pool. Columbia members meet at 9:00 AM at MDC's Fish & Wildlife Research Center, 1110 S. College. Or meet at Paintbrush Prairie at 10:30 AM. Bring lunch and drink.
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- 17** Wed., 7:00 PM
Kansas City **Business Meeting** and a presentation by Barbara Sandhagen, MDC. Topic to be announced. Loose Park Garden Center.
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- 20** Sat. 9:00 AM
Kansas City **Field Trip to See the White Ladies Slipper Orchid** near Lamoni, Iowa with a visit also to Crowder State Park. Meet at Park and Ride in Liberty, I-35 and Barry Rd. exit 152. Bring lunch and drink.
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- 20** Sat. **Prairie Days at Paint Brush Prairie.** This is an annual event sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Department of Natural Resources.
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- 24** Wed., 7:30 PM
St. Louis **Recent Dendrological Investigations at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park,** program presented by Jim Bogler. Monthly meeting at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED FOR 1995?
IF NOT, THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE!
WE'LL MISS YOU!**

JUNE

- 1-2** Thur.-Fri.
Brooklyn, NY **Native Plants—Toward a 21st-Century Garden.** Symposium at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Registration of \$119.00 due by May 26. For information, Lisa Katzenstein, Brooklyn Botanic Garden 1000 Washington Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11225-1099.
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- 1-4** Thur.-Sun.
Baton Rouge, LA **Turning on the Public to Turning Off Exotics.** The Eastern Native Plant Alliance Conference. Registration \$25.00 due by May 15. For information: Friends of Hilltop Arboretum, P.O. Box 82608, Baton Rouge, LA 70884. (504)767-6916 or (504)892-5424.
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- 4** Sun., NOON
St. Louis **Field Trip to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park.** See May 7 for details.
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- 5** **DUE DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR JULY-AUGUST 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 (MS Word 5, MS Works 3 or a text file), please send copy on disk to Pat Harris. Disk will be returned.
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- 10** Sat., 9:30 AM
Kansas City **Field Trip to the Prairies of Miami County, KS.** Joint field trip with the Kansas Wildflower Society and the Burroughs Audubon Society. Meet at the Corps of Engineers Headquarters at Hillsdale Lake. Bring lunch and drink. For more info (913) 294-2813.
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- 10** Sat., 10 AM
Callaway County **Spring Wildflower Walk at Tucker Prairie.** A Nature Conservancy Field Trip. To register call the St. Louis office (314) 968-1105.
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- 24-25** Sat.-Sun. **ANNUAL MEETING and FIELD TRIP.** See article on page 3 for details.
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- 28** Wed., 7:30 PM
St. Louis **Ecology Gardening** program presented by Scott Woodbury, Arboretum staff member. Monthly meeting at the Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Center.
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Welcome to New Members

We're happy to welcome these new members. We hope you will join us soon at some of our upcoming meetings and/or field trips. Come to the June Board meeting and field trip (see page 3). Get to know members from across the state.

Jane Alice Domke, Columbia
C. F. Eaglesfield, Clinton
Bill Eddleman, Cape Girardeau
Janet Kunze, St. Charles
Joyce Lattimer, Kansas City
Barbara Lindemann, St. Louis
Teena Orling, St. Louis



Midwest Oak Savanna and Woodland Ecosystem Conference

Mark your calendars! This conference will be held in Springfield, MO, September 27-29, 1995. A seminar will be held on Wednesday, with workshops in the field held on Thursday. Some MONPS members will be helping with the workshops.

For more information contact Dr. Ernie P. Wiggers, School of Natural Resources, 112 Stephens Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211, (314) 882-9423.

New Officers and Board Members for 1995-1997

Since no additional nominees were received, Karen Yates, Chairperson of the Ballot Committee announced that the slate of officers selected by the nominating committee and published in the March-April *Petal Pusher* will stand for 1995-1997.

The newly elected are:

President: Larry Morrison
Vice President: Jim Bogler
Secretary: Wim Switzer
Treasurer: Jack Harris
Board Member: Bruce Schutte
Board Member: Jody Eberly

Congratulations to each of you!



Celebrating Wildflowers

For information on events during April-June on our nation's public lands for Celebrating Wildflowers, call the Wild Hotline, 1-800-354-4595.

1995 ANNUAL MEETING

The 16th annual meeting of the MONPS Board of Directors and the quarterly board meeting will take place June 24 and 25 in Chillicothe, MO. The meetings and the Annual Banquet will be held at the Carriage House at Strand Hotel, Hwy. 65 and Clay. The site of the Saturday field trip will be Pershing State Park about 18 miles East of Chillicothe on Hwy. 36, then South on 130 to the park entrance.

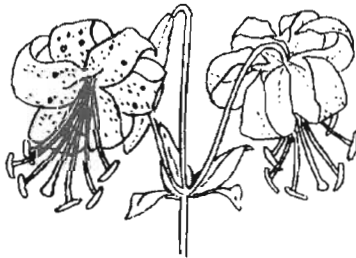
Natural features of the park are an active meandering stream with oxbow sloughs and cutoffs, a gently-sloping upland forest, a mature bottomland forest, and expansive river bottom prairie, marshland, and swamps. The landscape was formed thousands of years ago as glaciers pushed over northern Missouri to near the

present location of the Missouri River. As these glaciers melted, their drainage formed valleys and streams, such as Locust Creek. The portion of Locust Creek that runs through the park is one of the only sizeable streams in northern Missouri that has not been channelized or reshaped by man. A major part of the park is in the Locust Creek flood plain. The creek's periodic flooding is the single most important influence on the landscape of the park.

Some of the plants on Steyermark's list for Pershing are: *Platanthera flava* (pale green orchid), *Melanthium virginicum* (bunchflower), *Lilium michiganense* (Michigan lily) and *Iris virginica* (southern blue flag).

ITINERARY

- June 24 Sat. 9:30 AM **Field Trip.** Meet at Pershing State Park near the Park Office. Bring a lunch and a drink to carry. There may be another short walk in the afternoon.
- 6:30 PM **MONPS Annual Banquet.** The Carriage House at Strand Hotel, Hwy. 65 & Clay. Buffet \$4.95 plus 15% tip per person.
- 8:00 PM **MONPS Annual Meeting** following the banquet.
- June 25 Sun. 9:00 AM **MONPS Quarterly Meeting.** The Carriage House at Strand. Meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM before the meeting. Order off the menu.



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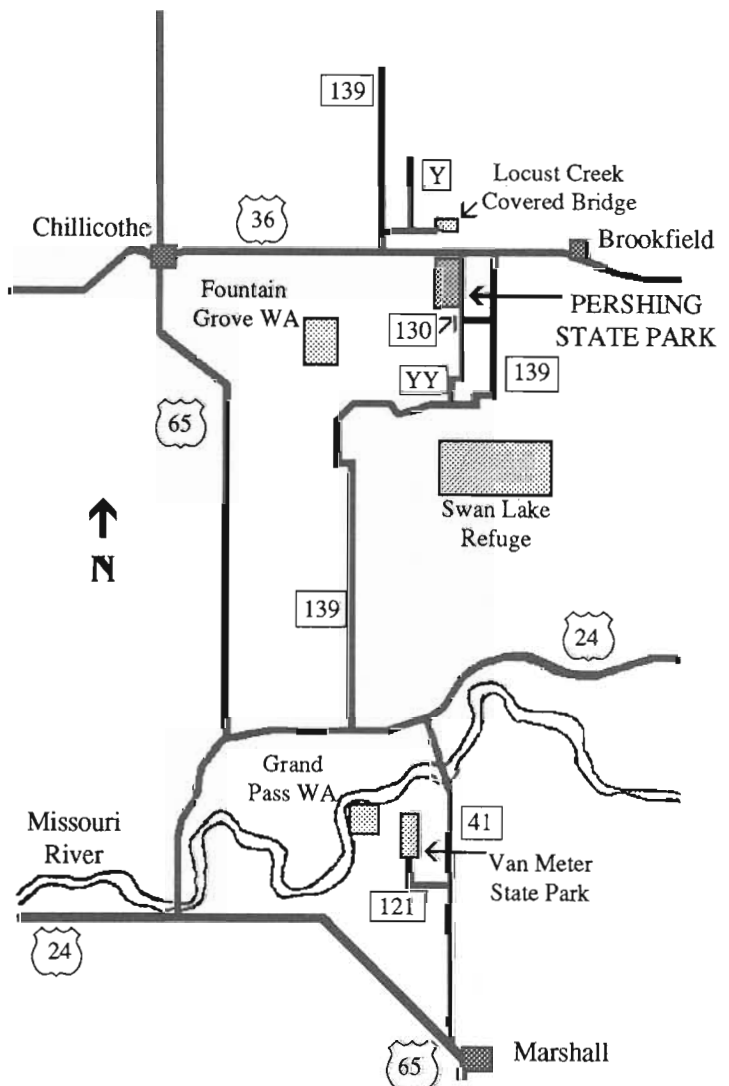
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These are DISCOUNTED prices (and includes tax) for MONPS members. A block of rooms will be held until June 1st. Mention the Missouri Native Plant Society for the discount.

- SUPER 8 1-800-800-8000
Hwy 36, East of Hwy 65
This motel is supposed to open in May.
- STRAND MOTOR HOTEL (816) 646-2480
Hwy 65 & Clay
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