

Missouri Native Plant Society

March

- 5 Tue., 7:00 PM **Ecology Gardening** program presented by Scott Woodbury, staff horticulturist at Shaw Arboretum. Monthly meeting held at Runge Conservation Nature Center.
Jefferson City
- 9 Sat., 9:00 AM **Nature Walk** led by MONPS members at Runge Conservation Nature Center.
Jefferson City
- 11 Mon., 7:00 PM **Identifying Spring Wildflowers** program presented by Randal Clark. Monthly meeting held at the Midwest Science Center, 4200 New Haven Road.
Columbia
- 13 Wed., 7:30 PM **Ecosystem Recovery Activities at the Missouri State Parks** program presented by Mike Currier, naturalist, Missouri State Parks. WGNSS monthly meeting held at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center.
St. Louis
- 20 Wed., 7:00 PM **Monthly meeting.** Program to be announced. Loose Park Garden Center, Wornall at 51st.
Kansas City
- 27 Wed., 7:30 PM **Natural Areas in Mark Twain National Forest** program presented by Lynda Richards, forest ecologist with the Mark Twain National Forest. Monthly meeting at Powder Valley Nature Center. **Note change of meeting place through May.**
St. Louis

April

- 2 Tues., 7:00 PM **Sketching in Nature** presented by Cathy Johnson, author of *Off the Beaten Path, Nature Walks*, and *One Square Mile*, artist and naturalist. She will demonstrate her techniques. Bring a sketch pad & pencils to give it a try. Co-sponsored by Runge Conservation Nature Center. Monthly meeting held at the Nature Center.
Jefferson City
- 5 **DUE DATE FOR MATERIAL FOR MAY-JUNE 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.

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Dues are Overdue. Don't be left out! If you see a red sticker on the box it means that our records do not yet indicate payment of dues for this calendar year. If there is a red sticker, this will be your last copy of the *Petal Pusher* and you will be missing out on the latest breaking news about plants, meetings and outings. Dues are still \$9.00 for state membership. If you wish to continue your membership, please send your dues of \$9.00 + Chapter dues (if applicable) to:

Jack H. Harris, Treasurer, 9708 Green Park Road, St. Louis, MO 63123



- 8 Mon., 7:00 PM
Columbia **What's Available on the Internet** program presented by Pam Haverland. Monthly meeting held the Midwest Science Center, 4200 New Haven Road.
- 10 Wed., 7:30 PM
St. Louis **Rare Plant Surveys in Missouri** program presented by Bill Summers, author of the book *Missouri Orchids*. WGNSS Botany Group Meeting, held at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center.
- 13 Sat., 9:00 AM
Jefferson City **Nature Walk** led by MONPS members at Runge Conservation Nature Center.
- 13 Sat., 9:00 AM
Kansas City **Inventory at River Bluff Park.** We will continue our inventory and enjoy the many spring wildflowers. From Hwy 291 just S. of Missouri River, take Courtney Rd. east to Courtney Atherton Rd. which becomes Union Rd. (about 1 mile). A Park sign and parking lot are on the north side of the road.
- 19 Fri., 5:30 PM
Kansas City **Field Trip to Hidden Valley Park.** This is our Friday after work place to explore and watch through the seasons.
- 20 Sat., 1:00 PM
Kansas City **Field Trip to Line Creek Park.** This park has an abundance of spring wildflowers along the creek and wood edges. From I-29, take Waukomis Dr. NW to 60th St.
- 20 Sat., 8:30 AM
St. Louis **Field Trip to Johnson Shut-ins State Park** led by Janet Price, park naturalist. There will be a short hike in the morning and a longer hike in the afternoon. Bring lunch. Meet at 8:30 AM at South County Shopping Center near the tire Center or at the Park at 10:00 AM.
- 24 Wed., 7:30 PM
St. Louis Program to be announced. Monthly meeting at Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center. **Note change of meeting place through May.**
- 27-28 Sat.-Sun.
Montauk State Park **SPRING FIELD TRIP and MEETING.** See article on page 3 for details.
- 27 Sat., All day
Jefferson City **Earth Day Event** at Runge Conservation Nature Center. JC MONPS will have a table.
- 27 Sat., 9:00 AM
St. Louis **Field Trip to Englemann Woods** led by Mary Smidt. With the help of Karen Haller's book, *Walking With Wildflowers*, we'll look for white trillium. Parking is limited. Please carpool. Meet at West County Shopping Center near JC Penney.

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Randal Clark will be leading spring wildflower walks in Rockbridge State Park, Columbia again this year. The weekly walks begin on Thursday, March 14 and will continue every Thursday through May 23. Meet at 5:30 PM at the Devil's Ice Box parking lot.

Graphic by
Ann Grotjan



Response to Steyermark's Reprint

by Stephen L. Timme

All 50 copies were sold within two weeks of its announcement. Other copies will be available, as long as supplies last, at a 30% discount through MONPS. Price per book will be \$59.50 plus \$5.00 shipping. Checks should be made out to Missouri Native Plant Society or the T.M. Sperry Herbarium. Price may change depending on final publication cost. Send order and check to Dr. Stephen L. Timme, T.M. Sperry Herbarium - Biology, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS 66762-7552.

1996 Spring Field Trip and Board Meeting

April 27-28

Getting Cabin Fever? Think Spring! Plan on meeting with other friends and members of MONPS at Montauk State Park for our first get-together of 1996. We will have a morning and an afternoon walk, both led by Park Naturalist Marion Gooding. The park has a restaurant and several small vending stores. Or you may wish to bring a picnic lunch for the day.

Montauk State Park is developed around Montauk Spring whose daily flow of 40 million gallons of water form the Current River headwaters. The landscape is steep wooded ridges, with outcroppings of dolomite, above the narrow valley of the Current River. The slopes are covered with a mature forest of oaks – white, black and northern red, shortleaf pine, maples and flowering dogwood. Some of the

spring wildflowers we may see are: fire pink, phlox, bellwort trillium, columbine, coral root, and both white and yellow trout lilies. There is a designated Natural Area in the park.

You might want to visit the handmade stone dam and spillway. Constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the rough-and-tumble character of the stonework gives the impression that it is a natural fall of rock rather than being man-made. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To reach the park:

From Salem take Hwy 19 south to County Road K, west on K to County Road YY, south on YY to the Park, approximately 16 miles altogether.

From Licking and the intersection of US 63 and Hwy 32, take 32 east to Hwy 137, travel 2 miles south on 137 to County Road VV. Turn east on VV for 9 miles to the park entrance.

Lodging:

THE TOWER INN

Salem; Rts 19-32 & 72

Highrise:

1 person \$35.00/night + tax
2 persons \$38.00/night + tax

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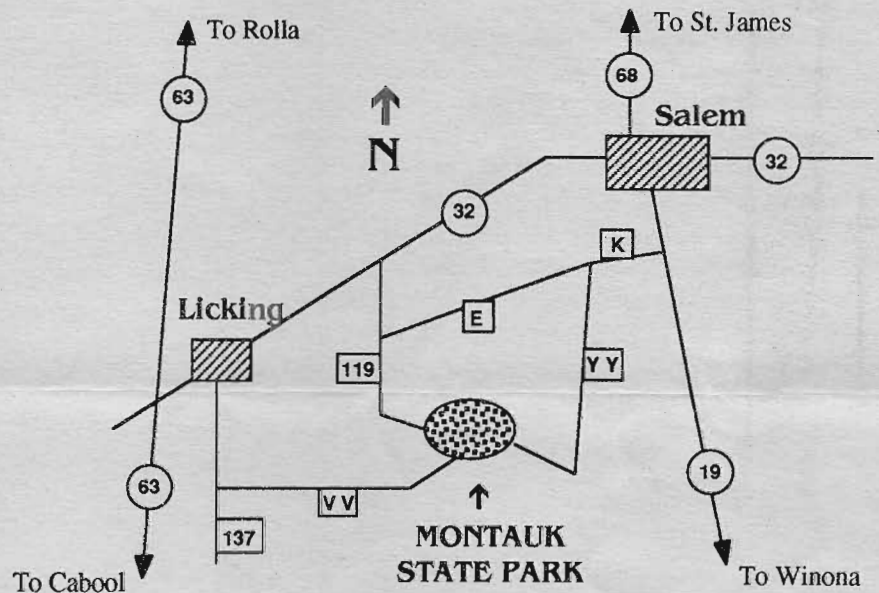
1 person \$25.00/night + tax
2 persons \$28.00/night + tax

For both: Each additional person add \$1.00

Camping:

MONTAUK STATE PARK

69 Trailer sites \$12.00-\$15.00
87 Tent sites \$6.00



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| 26 April | Fri., 7:30 PM | Spring Wildflower Slide Show by Stephen Timme at The Tower Inn. We'll have a fun contest to identify wildflowers from slides. Room location to be announced that evening. |
| 27 April | Sat., 8:00 AM | Field Trip at Montauk State Park, led by Park Naturalist Marion Gooding. Meet at The Tower Inn parking lot. Or meet in the Park at the Dorman L. Steelman Lodge parking area at 8:40 AM. |
| | Sat., 11:00 AM | Lunch. There is a restaurant in the Park or bring a picnic lunch. |
| | Sat., 1:30 PM | Field Trip at Montauk State Park, led by Park Naturalist Marion Gooding. Meet in the Park at the Dorman L. Steelman Lodge parking area |
| | Sat., 6:00 PM | Dinner at The Tower Inn, Salem, MO. This will be a choice of Roast Sirloin of Beef or Fried Chicken, Tossed Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Hot Rolls, Coffee & Ice Tea. The cost is \$9.66 per person (includes tax & tip). |
| | Sat., 8:00 PM | MONPS SPRING BOARD MEETING: The Tower Inn, Salem, MO, immediately following dinner. You do not have to attend the dinner to attend the Board Meeting. |
| 28 April | Sun., AM | Field Trip. To be announced. |

Nominating Committee Report

by Ann Wakeman

It is time to select two new board members. The Nominating Committee (Ann Wakeman, chair; Nancy Brakhage, Pat Harris) has nominated the following persons to fill the two (3 year term) board positions.

Pam Haverland, Columbia, MO, has been involved with MONPS for seven years. She has been active in the Hawthorn Chapter serving as Vice-president for two years and is their resident 'cedar wreath maker.' Pam is statistician for National Biological Services, previously statistician for Missouri Department of Conservation. Her involvement with MONPS is now leading her to plant prairie on her home grounds and use natives in landscaping around her home.

Dr. Robin Kennedy, Columbia, MO, is a lecturer in the Biological Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia and Curator of the Herbarium at the University. Association with UMC began with her undergraduate and graduate work. Robin has studied and collected plant specimens from nearly all of North America including Alaska, also in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Ecuador and the Galapagos. Robin has been a MONPS member since the beginning of the Hawthorn Chapter.

If you would like to be considered for one of these positions or if you would like to nominate someone else, you should send a written nomination and a written second from another member. You should also include a written confirmation of willingness to serve from your nominee. These documents should be sent to the address shown below before 25 March 1996.

Ann Wakeman
5798 Windy Meadows Lane
Fulton, MO 65251



New—Publications Of Interest—New MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

Jack Harris
Environment/Education Committee

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has issued the first installment of the scheduled ten part, statewide Coordinated Resource Management plan. I would urge all MONPS members and friends of our Missouri natural heritage to obtain a copy of this 61 page document, review it and send in comments and recommendations. A postage paid, structured comment form will be provided. The plan title is: "COORDINATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE LOWER OZARK REGION - DRAFT PLAN, JANUARY 1996." A copy may be obtained by calling 1-800-CRM-9334; or by writing to: Missouri Department of Conservation, Box 180, Jefferson City, MO, 65102; or by e-mail inquiry to: parkes@mail.conservation.mo.us.

Comments are due by 8 April 1996.

Welcome to New Members

We're happy to welcome these new members. Several of you had been members in the past and have rejoined. We're glad to have you back. We hope you all will join us at some of our upcoming meetings and field trips.

David S. Alburty, Leawood, Ks
Gail A. Barnickol, Jefferson City
Jeanne & Vernon Barr, Columbia
Bruce E. Beck, Popular Bluff
Bob & Diane Brandt, Hartsburg
Chris Buckley-Rohrer, Columbia
William & Glennis Elder, Columbia
Laura R. Ellifrit, Columbia
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Bill Mauck, Columbia
Marge Meredith, Columbia
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Submissions Requested

The editor of the *Missouri Prairie Journal*, the quarterly publication of the Missouri Prairie Foundation, seeks submissions of articles, drawings, and photographs relating to natural history and ecology of Missouri and/or midwestern prairie ecosystems. Please send your submissions to: Carol Davit, Missouri Botanical Garden, PO box 299, St. Louis, MO 63166-0299; phone: (314) 577-9434; fax: (314) 577-9595; Internet address: davit@mobot.org

Joint Meeting Scheduled MONPS & INPS All Members & Friends Invited

The Missouri Native Plant Society and the Illinois Native Plant Society have coordinated their respective regular meeting schedules and planned a joint gathering for 31 May–2 June 1996. Time is allocated to provide an opportunity for members and friends of both groups to meet and explore common interests, attend field trips, attend a banquet and to complete the necessary business exigencies of each organization. Participants may attend selected activities or as many functions as they wish. Field trip coordinators are now busy designing trips to natural communities that will be attractive to all tastes. Saturday is to be spent in Illinois and Sunday in Missouri in the vicinity of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Specific meeting location/times for the field trips will be announced in the May–June *Petal Pusher*. A joint banquet will be available (see reservation form below) the evening of Saturday, 1 June 1996. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Following the banquet the MONPS & INPS will conduct separate business meetings in the same restaurant location as the banquet. Banquet attendance is not required for participation in the MONPS Annual meeting or any other MONPS function.

The menu is: Marinated Chicken Breast, Roast Beef, Belaire Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Green Beans, Baby Carrots, Rolls w/Butter, Coffee and Iced Tea. Buffet style. Cash bar available.

For those able to arrive Friday evening a meeting room on the north of Cape Girardeau has been reserved, and a

program is being planned by INPS.

A preliminary agenda follows for your advance planning convenience. Times are approximate.

- Fri., 31 May 7–9 PM Slide Show/Program by INPS. Subject to be determined. Held at Missouri Department of Conservation Regional Service Center, 2302 County Park Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.
- Sat., June 1 8:30 AM Field trip to Illinois. Meeting location & destination to be announced. Take lunch & beverage & insect repellent.
6:30–8 PM Joint Banquet at Port Cape Girardeau Restaurant & Lounge on the riverfront in downtown, historic Cape Girardeau.
8–10 PM Separate MONPS & INPS Annual/Business Meetings.
- Sun., June 2 8:30 AM Field Trip to Missouri. Meeting location & destination to be announced. Take lunch & beverage & insect repellent.

See the May–June issue of the *Petal Pusher* for the final version of the itinerary.

Lodging:

- HAMPTON INN (573) 651–3000
Route K & I–55/103 Cape West Parkway, exit 96.
- 1 person \$44.79
- 2–4 persons \$53.53

These are discounted prices for MONPS & INPS members, tax is included. Free Continental Breakfast. A block of rooms will be held until **May 17th**. You **must** mention the Missouri Native Plant Society for the discount.



Missouri Native Plant Society Illinois Native Plant Society

Joint Banquet

6:30 PM, Saturday, 1 June 1996

Port Cape Girardeau Restaurant & Lounge, Cape Girardeau, MO



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Number of Persons _____ x \$13.00 (includes tax & tip) = _____ Total enclosed

Reservation **must** be received by: **22 May 1996**

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