

Missouri Native Plant Society

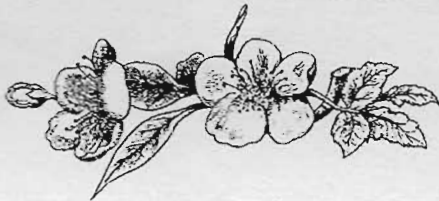
May

- 2** Sun., 9:00 AM
St. Louis **Field Trip to Sand Ridge Savannah** led by Adam Marty. This is a private dolomite chert glade near Potosi. We hope to see the celestial lily. Meet at 9:00 AM at I-270 & Gravois commuter parking lot SE, to carpool. For more info call Adam Marty 314-394-3830.
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- 8** Sat., 9:00 AM
Kansas City **Field Trip to Weston Bend and Little Bean Marsh.** We should see a variety of spring wildflowers in different habitats. Meet at the Liberty park and ride lot, I-35 and Barry Road /Hwy 152 exit. Bring sack lunch and water.
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- 8** Sat., 9:00 AM
St. Louis **Field Trip to Carr of Commerce Chutes** led by Steve Tiemann, St. Louis County Parks. We hope to see the white trillium. Meet at Sioux Passage Park tennis courts to carpool.
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- 10** Mon., 7:00 PM
Clinton **Vegetation Compositition of Glades**, presented by Mark Flaspohler, Corps of Engineers. Chapter meeting held in the basement of the Henry County Courthouse.
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- 10** Mon., 7:00 PM
Columbia **Ozark Wildflowers**, presented by Don Kurz. He will show selected slides from his new book *Ozark Wildflowers*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Chapter meeting held at Midwest Science Center, 4200 New Haven Rd.
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- 15** Sat., 9:00-4:00 PM
Gray Summit **Spring Wildflower Sale** at Shaw Arboretum of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Enter off Robertsville Rd. which is on the Arboretum's west boundary. Watch for signs.
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- 19** Wed., 7:00 PM
Kansas City **Ozark Wildflowers**, presented by Don Kurz. He will show selected slides from his new book *Ozark Wildflowers*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Chapter meeting at Loose Park Garden Center, 52nd and Wornall.
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- 22** Sat., 9:00 AM
Kansas City **Field Trip to Slip Bluff Park** in Lamoni, Iowa. This is our almost annual trek to see the white ladyslipper orchids on the wall of muck. We should have time to visit Wallace State Park on the way back for still more orchids. Meet at the Liberty park and ride lot, I-35 and Barry Road /Hwy 152 exit. Bring sack lunch, water and no-slip shoes. Optional overnight stay for a visit to Helton Prairie on Sunday arranged by the Audubon Society.
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- 26** Wed., 7:30 PM
St. Louis **Ozark Wildflowers**, presented by Don Kurz. He will show selected slides from his new book *Ozark Wildflowers*. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Chapter meeting at Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Building.

June

- 1** **Due date for material for July-Aug *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. Or send e-mail to: pharris@stlnet.com
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- 5 Sat., 3:00 PM
Jefferson City **Field Trip to Silver Acres**, Janet Racen's home in Sunrise Beach at the Lake. After exploring her 116 acres, we will have a carry in supper. Drive 1 hour on 54 south to new bridge. Then 6 miles on MM to MM 16, 1st house on right.
- 11-13 Fri.-Sun. **Summer Meeting & Field Trip.** See pages 4 & 5 for details.
- 14 Mon., 7:00 PM
Clinton **Chapter Meeting.** Scheduled, but not confirmed at press time; John George Atchinson, Kansas Dept of Conservation. Held in the basement of the Henry County Courthouse. Watch the *Clinton Daily Democrat* for more information.
- 14 Mon., 7:00 PM
Columbia **Natural Communities in Central Missouri** presented by Mike Leahy, Community Ecologist, Missouri Dept. of Conservation. Chapter meeting held at Midwest Science Center, 4200 New Haven Rd.
- 19 Sat., 9:00 AM
Kansas City **Field Trip to Dorsett Hill and Snowball Hill Prairies** in Cass County. A return to last year's site as well as Snowball Hill when time ran out before it could be visited. Meet in the southwest corner of the Hypermart parking lot, east from 87th street off I-435, then south on Hillcrest Road. Bring water and sack lunch.
- 23 Wed., 7:00 PM
St. Louis **Field Trip to Forest Park Savanna** instead of the usual monthly meeting. Park behind the Art Museum on Valley Dr. where it bends to parallel Skinker. (See article on page 7.)



Sincere Appreciation to Our Most Generous Members

Jack H. Harris, Treasurer

We note that the following individuals made monetary contributions – included with their 1999 dues payments:

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On behalf of all members, and all native plants, thank you for your expression of support for the goals and activities of the Society.

In Memory



On March 29, Nell Menke passed away at the age of 81. Nell was a charter member in the Missouri Native Plant Society. She had also been a member of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society for over 30 years. She started as a guide at the Missouri Botanical Gardens (MBG) in 1976. In 1977, she along with Art Christ and Betty Nellums started the wildflower tours at the Shaw Arboretum. Nell received special recognition in 1985 by MBG for her continued leadership on the wildflower tours.

She will be missed by all she so graciously assisted in learning about Missouri's wildflowers.

Welcome to New Members

We're happy to welcome these new members to the Missouri Native Plant Society. We hope you will join us soon at some of our upcoming meetings and field trips.

John D. Archer, St. Louis
Colleen Breitenstein, St. Charles
Jen Courtney, Columbia
Mike Currier, Columbia
Bud & Carolyn Henzlik, Appleton City
Vince Magers, Greenwood
Pat Payton, St. Louis
Carl & Beverly Sphor, Harrisonville
Elizabeth Walker, Clinton

Hawthorn Chapter Book Update

The Hawthorn Chapter has the following new books for sale.

Flora of Missouri Volume I, by George Yatskievych
\$28.00 plus \$3.20 shipping & handling

Ozark Wildflowers by Don Kurz
\$11.00 plus \$3.20 shipping & handling.

Send your request to: Pam Haverland, 6901 Ginlet, Columbia, MO 65201. Enclose a check made out to: Hawthorn Chapter of the Native Plant Society for the amount of the books and the S & H. Include your name, address and phone number, and shipping destination.

1999 Butterfly Census

HELP WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO COUNT BUTTERFLIES AT THE ANNUAL STATEWIDE BUTTERFLY CENSUS

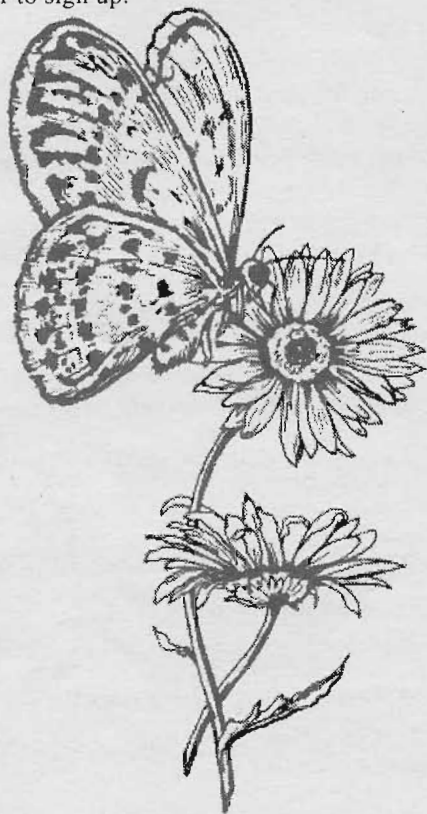
We are looking for people to help census butterflies found at natural areas around the state. The information gathered will assist in assessing butterfly distributions and long-term population trends. Butterflies, due to their narrow feeding habits, are excellent indicator species to monitor the health of natural areas. Last year, over 100 volunteers across the state attended the counts.

Don't worry if you are new at identifying butterflies. There will be coordinators at each site who are experts at identifying butterflies and will lead the group over the census route. We need catchers, recorders, identifiers using field guides and other tasks - there is something for everyone! The counts are scheduled at 15 locations state-wide.

The dates set for the counts (mostly on Saturdays) will encompass the different times that species emerge throughout the summer. The counts will be held in early May, mid to late June and late August into early September. The counts take about 2 hours to complete.

Please bring water and a snack if you plan on spending the whole day. Be prepared for a day outside; long pants, a hat, sturdy shoes, insect repellent and sunscreen are recommended. If you have them, bring a butterfly net and/or butterfly guide (especially the *Butterflies and Moths of Missouri* by R. Heitzman). We will have some extra on hand.

Below is the list of areas and coordinators. Please call the coordinator to sign up.



1999 Butterfly Count Coordinators

Bennett Spring Savanna — Dianne Tucker, 417-532-3925
Busch Wildlife Area — Yvonne Homeyer, 314-963-7750
Cuivre River State Park — Bruce Schuette, 314-528-7247
McCormack Loess Mounds — John Rushin, 816-271-4552
Ozark Caverns State Park — Jocelyn Korsch, 573-346-2500
Paint Brush Prairie — Janet Sternburg, 573-751-4115 ext. 634
Pondberry Preserve — Stan Hudson, 573-686-0551
Powder Valley Nature Center — Doug Jackson, 314-301-1500
Prairie State Park — Cyndi Evans, 417-843-6711
Rock Bridge State Park — Diane Walk, 573-442-2249
Taum Sauk Mountain S.P. — Janet Price, 573-546-2450
Thousand Hills State Park — Maureen McHale, 816-665-6920
Three Creeks CA — Linden Trial, 573-882-9880 ext. 3229
Valley View Glades — Marshall Magner, 314-961-4588
Victoria Glade — George Winkler, 314-993-1652

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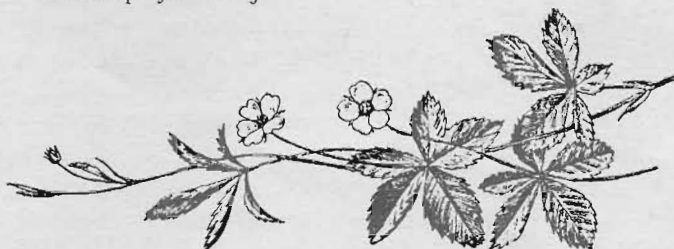
Dates for the St. Louis area counts are: May 15th, June 19th, and September 4th, 10:00 AM to 2 PM.

Powder Valley will have an additional count on Aug. 28.

Cuivre River State Park holds many counts throughout the season. For more information call: Bruce Schuette, 314-528-7247.

Call Susanne Greenlee 314-968-1105 for information on the closest Nature Conservancy site to your home.

We hope you will join us!



Project Assistant Needed

The Flora of Missouri Project will have an opening for a project assistant, to begin 1 July, when Bill Summers begins his well-deserved retirement. The position, which is funded by the Missouri Department of Conservation and based at the Missouri Botanical Garden, starts at \$10.46 per hour and can be up to nearly full-time work, but carries no health or retirement benefits. Applicants must have experience with botanical keys and some knowledge of the Missouri Flora, as well as experience with or willingness to learn data entry using the PC. Main job duties include identifying and curating specimens in the herbarium and entering label data from specimens into the Flora of Missouri database. Some day trips for field work and to visit other herbaria will be necessary as well.

Those interested should contact: George Yatskievych 314-577-9522, gyatskievych@lehmann.mobot.org for more information.

20th Anniversary Celebration & 1999 Annual Meeting & Field Trips

JUNE 11-13

HOUSTON, MO

Our 20th Anniversary Celebration will take place near the heart of the Missouri Ozarks Natural Division, in both the Current River and Big Piney River drainages. Pine and oak woodlands, savannas, glades, and many karst features are found here. Visit Sybill & Joe Amelon's home, nestled in a white oak grove among restored prairie. Enjoy The Nature Conservancy and Missouri Department of Conservation guided field trips to Sunklands and Burr Oak Basin Natural Areas. To cap off the day there will be an evening visit to Hamilton Nursery wildflower display gardens. They should be ablaze with Callirhoe, Echinacea, Asclepias, and more.

An excursion into the remote Sunklands/Burr Oak Basin area holds out promise of unique flora and geology for visitors to enjoy. Many excellent examples of Ozark karst topography and concomitant plant communities occur in this area. The largest conspicuous sinkhole and collapse structure in MO is here, along with a separate system of 3 very large sink basins - one boggy and two dry - forming the basis for State designated Natural Areas. Shannon County has over 60 species of flora and fauna listed on the Natural Heritage Data Base. This list includes Rare and Endangered and Status Undetermined species (source: MDC web page).

Find more info (and related links) at the MDC web page:

<http://www.conservation.state.mo.us/cgi-bin/heritage-query.cgi?county+SHANNON>

LODGING:

• Southern Inn - 1493 S. Hwy 63, Houston, MO 65483
(417) 967-4117 FAX: (417) 967-5369

Complementary breakfast.

267-4591

1 person	\$37.09
2 people	\$41.85
3 people	\$46.53
4 people	\$51.40

• Houston Motel - 1121 Hwy. 63, Houston MO 65483
(417) 967-4117 FAX: (417) 967-5369

1 double bed, 1 person	\$27.50
1 double bed, 2 people	\$31.50
2 double beds, 2 people	\$37.12
2 double beds, 3 people	\$41.37

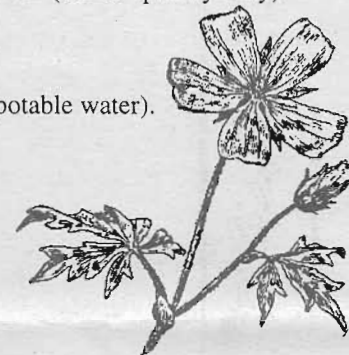
Overflow Lodging: (13 miles N of Houston)

• Tarry Inn - Hwy. 63, Licking, MO
(573) 674-2114

• Super 8 - Hwy. 63, Licking, MO (To be open by May)
1-800-800-8000

CAMPING:

Paddy Creek Campground (no potable water).



Itinerary

11 June Fri., 7:00 PM
The Amelon Place

Friday Evening Program: President Larry Morrison will present a slide show and reminiscences, to be augmented by those present, on MONPS 20 year history. Come early for a tour of Sybill and Joe Amelon's prairie restorations and wildflower gardens. Directions: Just north of Houston, MO (at City Limits sign across highway from bright blue building with "NAPA" on it); Oak Hill Drive turns west off Hwy 63. Turn West on Oak Hill Dr. and follow it to Forrest Dr., turn West on Forrest Drive and follow it to Mineral Dr. (Forrest Dr. will change from blacktop to gravel between Oak Hill and Mineral Dr.) Turn North on Mineral Dr. and follow it just a little over a mile to their lane. Turn into the drive with an open red gate. Follow the lane 0.25 miles back to the house. Note If you miss the lane you will end up at Mineral Springs access on the Big Piney river. They are exactly one mile back up the hill. (See map 1 on page 5.)

12 June Sat., 8:30 AM
Southern Inn, Houston

Field Trip to Sunklands Conservation Area. Meet at the Southern Inn parking lot, Houston. Carpool to Sunklands. Introduction and tour led by Blane Hueman and Karen Kramer. **STRENUOUS HIKING** into and out of the sinkholes. Back to the cars for lunch. **FOUR WHEEL DRIVE REQUIRED.** Some four wheel drive vehicles will be provided.

Sat., 12:00-1:30 PM

Lunch: Catered by the Feed Company. Buffalo burgers/sausage, beans, salad, fruit, cookies-\$5.00.

Sat., 1:30-4:00 PM

Drive to Burr Oak Basin. Loop hike led by Hueman & Kramer.

Sat., 6:00 PM

Open House at Hamilton Nursery. View gardens, glades, salesroom, etc. (See map 2 on page 5.)

Sat., 7:00 PM

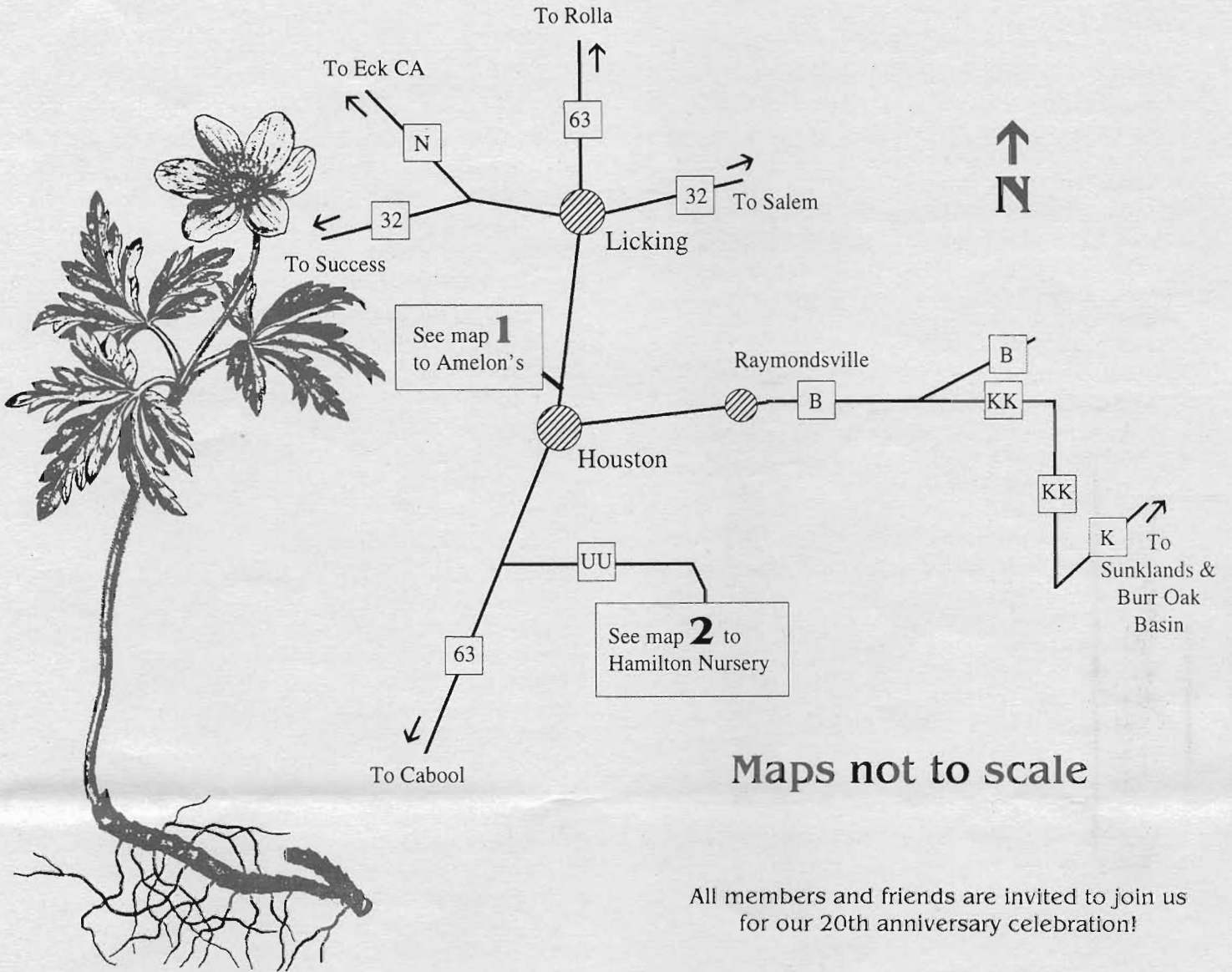
Banquet at Hamilton Nursery. Catered by the Feed Company. Chicken bundles/brisket, baked potatoes, green beans with almonds, tossed salad, homemade rolls, cobbler and ice cream - \$7.00.

Sat., 8:00 PM

MONPS Annual Meeting followed by the **Summer Board Meeting.** Hamilton's Barn.

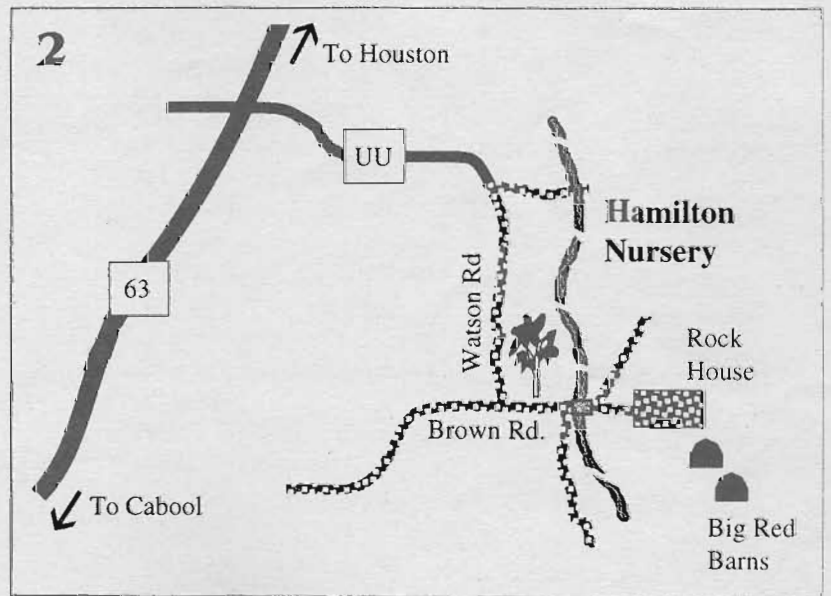
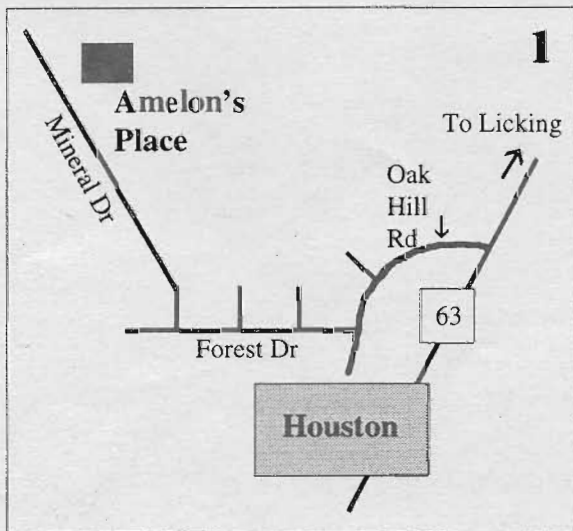
13 June Sun., AM

Optional field Trip to Peter A. Eck Natural Area (old growth pine & oak) or other high quality area, led by Bill Summers.



Anemone quinquefolia

All members and friends are invited to join us for our 20th anniversary celebration!



Tidbits

MORE ON BOTANICAL NOMENCLATURE

Thanks again to Georgia Native Plant Society's *NativeSCAPE*, for more species name origins, this time the July 1997 issue, information furnished via the November/December 1998 *NEWS*, published by the Native Plant Society of Texas. This article discusses species names associated with color and also defines gender, such as *purpureus* (purple-masculine), *purpurea* (feminine) and *purpureum* (neutral). In most cases, only the masculine form is given:

albescens—becoming white
fuscous—blue/gray
tinctus—colored
albicans—whitish
glaucous—blue/gray
variegatus—variegated
albicaulis—white stemmed
haematoides—blood red
versicolor—diversity-colored
albiflorus—white flowered
ianthinus—violet
virens—green
albus—white
igneus—fire red
viridis—green
argenteus—silvery
incanus—hoary/light gray
vividus—lead/bluish gray
atro—dark
kermeesinus—carmine/rich red
xanthinus—yellow
aurantiacus—orange
lacteus—milky white
xantho—yellow
aureus—golden yellow
leuco—white
brunneus—deep brown
luridus—brownish yellow
caeruleus—dark blue
luteus—yellow
cameus—flesh
miniatus—flame red/vermillion
candidus—white
nigrus—black
cardinalis—scarlet
niveus—snow white
carmineus—carmine/vivid crimson
ochraceus—ochre/yellow-brown
chryseus—gold/golden yellow
pallidus—pale
cinereus—ash/gray
purpureus—purple
coccineus—scarlet
roseum—light pink
coelestis—sky blue
rubidus—red



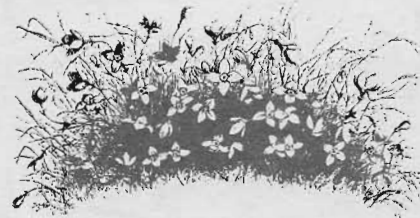
coeruleus—blue
rubrus—red
cyaneus—blue
rufus—red
eburneus—ivory-white
sanguineus—blood red
erythraceus—red
stramineus—straw
flavus—yellow

BAD NEWS FOR FIELD TRIP PLANNERS

An item in March 1999 National Geographic's *Geographica* section brings bad news for weekend activity. A statistical study from data off North America's Atlantic coast over the period 1979 to 1995, shows 22% more rainfall on Saturday than Monday. Monday's figures are the week's lowest, with the amount increasing daily through the workweek. Scientists suspect that pollution buildup caused by workday driving helps bring the weekend rain.

ADAM & EVE ORCHIDS

Many Missourians have seen the green winter leaves of their native Adam & Eve orchid (*Aplectrum hyemale*), also known as "putty root," but the common names have remained a mystery. Author George Ellison in the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society's Winter 1998 *Chinquapin* gives an interesting insight into the common name origins. The author states that the winter leaf strategy apparently evolved as a way to collect the sun's energy most efficiently in forests when the leaf canopy is absent. The plant has prominent bulb-shaped roots (corms) that are well adapted to energy storage. Once the canopy closes overhead in spring, the leaves die back so as to allow the stored energy to be channeled directly into flowering and fruiting processes. One of the common names derives from a sticky paste that can be rendered from the corms. This putty-like substance was reputed to be used by early settlers to mend broken crockery. Native Americans also utilized the corm's high energy content as baby food. The other common name derives from the fact that this year's leaf-bearing corm (Eve) remains attached to last year's corm (Adam) by an umbilical-like root filament.



"Every year,
back comes Spring,
with nasty little birds
yapping their fool heads off
and the ground
all mucked up with plants."

—Dorothy Parker



Time to Celebrate

by Gary Schimmelpfenig

When did you last celebrate your relationship with the earth and its life? At a time when human influence is rapidly impacting our global life support systems in what is usually destructive ways, it may be difficult for many of us to find reason to celebrate. Here's one: The Forest Park Savanna, in St. Louis, is nearly ready for the first phase of installation. We are about to create a small bioserve of native plants, with seed from local populations within 100 miles of St. Louis. This little ecosystem assemblage will hopefully resemble what may have existed here in pre-settlement times. My guess is that ours might even end up a bit more diverse, considering its small size, for the same reason that Noah packed all those critters into that ark. The creative challenge is to make arrangements so they all happily get along.

Here's your opportunity to develop a relationship with a fledgling ecosystem—right in your back yard. This infant is going to need a lot of nurturing for several years, so this is your chance to jump in. Our guest list, (the plant species invited in), is certainly not full, so you botanizers who are out and about this spring and can gather a handful of seeds from some woodland sedges, or get lucky enough to catch woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*) before they blast out of their pods, mix them with some moist sand, peat, or vermiculite, label the bag with species and county of collection, and refrigerate. Then give me a call, (Gary 314-274-2951) as we are trying to maintain a data base of species and their source location. The fun part is then to install them and watch them grow.

There are currently about 60 enthusiastic "Savanna Stewards" with varying levels of involvement. This fall, we gathered 35 pounds of valuable wildflower seed representing about 25 species, and processed it in preparation for planting. This is nearly half of our total need for the 5 acres at a value of nearly \$4000.00. Is it expensive and labor intensive to recreate an ecosystem? You bet! Hundreds of times more expensive than the cost to destroy one with a dozer, operator at prevailing wage, and a few hours of work.

We're keeping track.

In our culture, where finances often are the bottom line, look at an ecosystem and the cost to replace it. That's a

thought that just might save one somewhere, someday. Now that's something to celebrate. You can bet we savanna stewards will be celebrating—all along the way.

Gary Schimmelpfenig is a Restoration Specialist with DJM Ecoscapes. He is the project coordinator for the Forest Park Savanna.



XVI International Botanical Congress (IBC)

1 - 7 AUGUST 1999, ST. LOUIS, MO.

The Society has been invited to assist in conducting field trips for IBC participants on the weekends before and after the main Congress programs.

The trips will start in St. Louis and spend a day visiting local, high quality examples of mid-west natural areas. Specific locations and times will be determined later in the planning and scheduling process.

If you would like to be considered as a volunteer for this project, please call George Yatskiyevych (314-577-9522) or via e-mail: gyatskiyevych@rschctr.mobot.org

Strategies for Survival: Ex Situ Plant Conservation Symposium

The Strategies for Survival: Ex Situ Plant Conservation Symposium will be held September 29, 30 and October 1, 1999 at the Chicago Botanic Garden, and the nearby Sheraton North Shore, in Glencoe, Illinois. The conference is intended to give the most up-to-date statement of what *ex situ* conservation is how it is currently being practiced, and where research and policy developments should be directed. Dr. Peter Raven will be give the keynote address.

For more information contact: Kayri Havens, Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Rd., Glencoe, IL 60022, email: khavens@chicagobotanic.org

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 Springfield00

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- Summer Field Trip & Board Meeting
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