



July - August 2000

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## Missouri Native Plant Society

### July

- Columbia — Please refer to your newsletter for upcoming events and meetings.  
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- 8** Sat., 9:00 AM **Field Trip.** Meet at the Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.  
Clinton
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- 15** Sat., 9:00 AM **Field Trip to Paintbrush Prairie.** Meet at Walmart on Hwy 350 at Blue Ridge Cutoff.  
Kansas City (No exit from the west - take 63rd St exit, east to Blue Ridge Cutoff, then south to the store.) Bring lunch and water.
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- 15** Sat., 9:00 AM **Field Trip to Iron Mountain Lake & Bismark Lake** to see the Purple Fringeless  
St. Louis Orchid, led by Pat Grace. Meet at So. County Shopping Center near Dobbs Tire Center for car pooling. Or meet at Iron Mountain Lake at 10:30 AM.
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- 26** Wed., 7:30 PM **Dangerous Gardening: Growing American Carnivores** presented by Susan Farrington,  
St. Louis horticulturalist with MOBOT conservatories. Chapter meeting at Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Building.
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- 29** Sat., 9:00 AM **Field Trip.** Meet at the Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.  
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### August

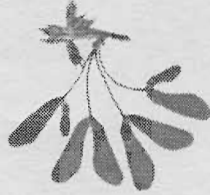
- 1** **Due date for material for September-October *Petal Pusher*.** Please send meeting and field trip information and articles (typed double-spaced) to the editor by this date. If article has been word processed on a Macintosh, please send copy on disk to Pat Harris. Disk will be returned. Or send e-mail to: [pharris@stlnet.com](mailto:pharris@stlnet.com)
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- 12** Sat., 9:00 AM **Field Trip.** Meet at the Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.  
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- 23** Wed., 7:30 PM **Field of Dreams—If You Plant It, Some Bees Come** presented by Mary Yurlina, from  
St. Louis the Center for Plant Conservation. Ecological restorations on urban landfills emphasizing plant pollinator mutualisms. Chap. meeting at Missouri Botanical Garden, Ridgway Bldg.
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- 25** Fri., 6:00 PM **Field Trip to Kansas City Zoo.** Meet at the Zoo parking lot..  
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## Election Results

The Ballot Committee met on 21 May 2000 and counted the ballots, then reported the results to President Jack Harris.

Kimberlie McCue and Paul McKenzie will serve three year terms to expire in 2003.

Congratulations, Kim and Paul.



## Quarterly Board Meeting Highlights

**APRIL 15, 2000**

President Jack Harris, 9 board members and 6 guests met at the Howell-Oregon Electric Coop in West Plains, MO.

Treasurer's Report: Donna Kennedy reported that we had our yearly purge of members in arears. Our current membership stands at 230. Our account balance stands at \$11,352.19.

### Media/Publications

*Petal Pusher*: Pat Harris informed the members that there will be an early due date, 20 May, for the July-August issue.

*Missouriensis*: George Yatskiyevych sent a message saying that he had enough material to start the next issue.

MONPS Web Site: There are more photos to view. Jack Harris is working on getting a membership form that will be downloadable.

### Committee & Task Force Reports

Noxious Weed Task Force: Tim Smith reported that there is a bill in the Missouri House to designate kudzu and two species of teasel as noxious weeds.

### Old Business

T-shirt Designs: Linda Ellis requested that all of her designs that she contributed to MONPS be retired. She would like to be considered for any future projects we may have.

Plants of Conservation Concern Publication: It was reported by Jack Harris for the ad hoc task force that the project was not in a position to go forward at this time.

MONPS Liability Insurance: Preliminary inquiries have been made by Jack Harris. Introductory literature has been received from one organization. MONPS will need competent advice on this matter before proceeding. Board members were requested to seek volunteer assistance.

Natural Areas Conference 2000: Jack Harris reported that we are formally registered and will have a booth at the conference to be held at Henry the Eighth Hotel & Conference Center, St. Louis, (near Lambert Airport) in October.

### New Business

Fall Board Meeting: It was moved, seconded and carried to ask for MONPS contributions from those members staying at the Jerry J. Presley Conservation Education Center in September. Since meals will be included, this will help us establish firm attendance commitments for planning purposes.

## Position Available —

### HELP YOUR SOCIETY ACHIEVE OUR MISSION

The Missouri Native Plant Society is seeking to fill the position of chair of the Membership Committee. The duties of this position include: (1) coordinate with the Treasurer to maintain a current and accurate Society membership list, (2) advise the Board of Directors on membership status, classes, and membership recruitment policies, (3) communicate a welcome message to each new member, and (4) attend the four routinely scheduled Board of Directors meetings each year. This position is a voting member of the Board.

Interested parties should contact President Jack Harris, 314-894-9021 // jahar@stlnet.com

## One GREAT Step Forward

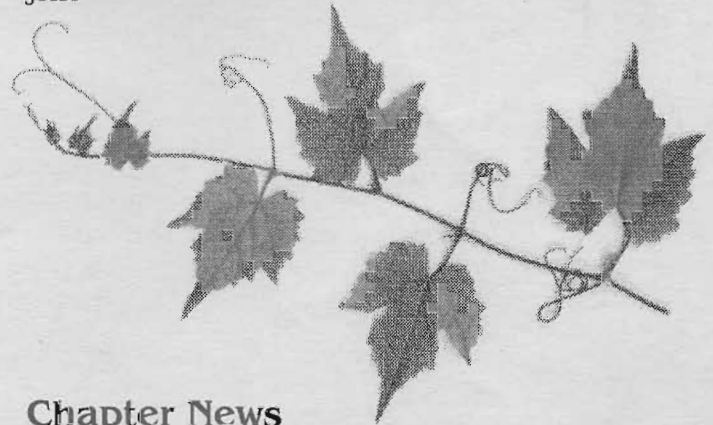
### FOR OUR NATURAL HERITAGE — CARA PASSES IN THE HOUSE!

Many, many thanks to all who communicated with their US House of Representatives delegate and asked them to support the CARA (Teaming with Wildlife) legislation.

On 11 May 2000 the House of Representatives passed the Conservation and Reinvestment Act by a vote of 315-102. Now the struggle moves to the US Senate.

For more information on this issue please visit: <http://www.teaming.com/>

Thanks again — Our native flora appreciates your efforts.  
JHH



## Chapter News

### Kansas City — Election results:

President — Daniel Rice  
Vice-President — David Alburty  
Secretary — Carol Pranulis  
Treasurer — Edmund O'Donnell  
Chapter Representative — Daniel Rice  
Newsletter Editor — George Scheil

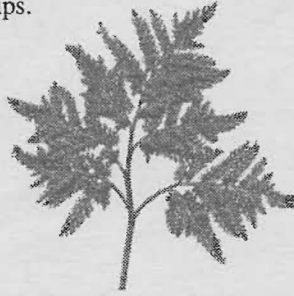
### Osage Plains — Election results:

President — David Lindell  
Vice President — Gary Baldwin  
Secretary/Treasurer — Ruth Maynhart  
Chapter Representative — Marlene Miller

## 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.

Steve DeWall, Bethalto, IL  
Heather Parker, Springfield  
Rachel Penn, Ash Grove  
Betty Struckhoff, Des Peres  
Sue Vanderbilt, O'Fallon



## Publications of Interest

### A NEW PUBLICATION IN THE YEAR 2000 I

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has distributed the first issue of the "Missouri Natural Areas Newsletter." The purpose of the newsletter is to network and share ideas among those interested in the field of natural areas stewardship. Many members of the Missouri Native Plant Society (MONPS) schedule frequent field trips to these highest quality habitats (by definition: Natural Areas) of our State. We recommend that members call or write MDC, Attn: Carol Davit, Editor, Natural History Division, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO, 65102-0180 // 573-751-4115 ext. 3874 and ask to be placed on the mailing list. While you're at it, ask for a copy of the "Directory of Missouri Natural Areas."

### BIODIVERSITY ACTIVITIES REPORT - 1999

Missouri Department of Conservation. 8.5 x 11 inches, 70 pages. Prepared by Carol Davit, Natural History Special Projects Coordinator.

A synopsis of Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) programs and activities related to stewardship of our natural communities and natural resources planning. Major categories reported include, e.g., (1) Restoration and Recovery, (2) Research, (3) Surveys, Monitoring, (4) Planning and Progress, (5) Land Acquisition, (6) Natural Areas and Natural Areas Inventory, (7) Data Management/Public Information, (8) Highlights of Field Biology, plus various tables such as Species of Conservation Concern, et al.

A copy may be obtained by request to MDC, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO, 65102-0180 // 573-751-4115.

## Congratulations Bruce!

Bruce Schuette, a member of the MONPS board of directors, has received the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Natural Areas Stewardship Award for the year 2000. Bruce is the Park Naturalist at Cuivre River State Park.

## Audubon Web Site

by Janis Londe

This new nature portal offers online searchable field guides to over 4,800 plant and animal species. Derived from 35 different Audubon Society Field Guides, Regional Guides, and Nature Guides, the database is keyword-searchable by group (mammals, amphibians, fishes, trees, wildflowers, etc.) or browseable within subheadings for each group. The field guide entries include a large thumbnail image, description, and varying additional information. Users can also conduct an advanced search by size, color, habitat, region, and other options within each group. Registered members (its free) can add selected plants or animals to their "Life List," which is saved at the site, along with notes or comments. While the field guides alone make the site worth a visit, there is more, including an Ask an Expert message board, Habitat Guides, news features, tips for teachers, and in the future, a comprehensive Outdoor Planner.  
<http://www.enature.com>

## 'The Biology of Small Populations

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15,

2000 CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN, GLENCOE, IL

Many plant populations are rapidly dwindling in size due to habitat loss, fragmentation, over-harvesting, and competition with exotic species. These factors tend to reduce population size further and ultimately can drive the population to extinction.

To be added to the mailing list for the Janet Meakin Poor Research Symposium, please contact:  
Kayri Havens, Manager, Endangered Plant Research  
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### INFORMATION ON JOINING MISSOURI NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

#### SOCIETY DUES

(Chapter dues additional)  
Student ..... \$5.00  
Regular ..... \$10.00  
Contributing ..... \$20.00  
Life ..... \$200.00

#### CHAPTER DUES

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St. Louis ..... \$5.00

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- Election Results
- CARA Passes in the House!
- Position Available

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