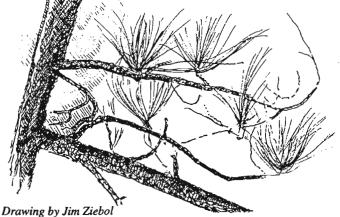


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1	Due date for material for March – April Petal Pusher. Please send meeting and field trip information and articles by this date by e-mail to: pharris@stlnet.com. Or typed, double-spaced, by mail before this date.	
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For Your Convenience: Dues Envelope Enclosed.

2001 MONPS Meeting & Field Trip Schedule

Mark your calendars now! The quarterly MONPS Board Meeting have been scheduled for 2001. Join other native plant enthusiasts for some exciting field trips in these areas.

April 20-22	Spring flowers at the new Hart Creek
	Conservation Area. Meeting in Columbia.
June 8-10	The Nature Conservancy's Dunn Ranch
	prairie. Meeting in Bethany.

Kansas City area. Possible sites are the Jerry Smith Farm, Blue River Parkway and

the Blue River Glade.

Sept. 21-23

Columbia. This is an all day business December 1 meeting. Plans will be made for 2002.

Nominations Sought for MONPS Awards

President Jack H. Harris has appointed an Awards Committee to receive nominations for 2001 from members of the Society for the five major awards, which are:

- 1. Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award. To be awarded to an individual who, through teaching, writing, or other form, has significantly conveyed to others an appreciation and knowledge of Missouri's native flora. This award may be presented annually if merited.
- 2. Arthur Christ Research Award. To be awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution toward furthering the knowledge of Missouri flora. This award may be presented annually if merited for accomplishments made during the award year.
- 3. Plant Stewardship Award. To be awarded to an individual or organization for preservation of important elements of Missouri's flora through purchase, registry, and/or management practice. This award may be presented annually if merited.
- 4. The John E. Wylie Service Award. To recognize individuals who have provided exceptional service to the Society.
- 5. Julian A. Steyermark Award. The Society's highest award to be presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to any or all aspects of Missouri botany. This award is to be given as merited for superior achievement.

Recipients need not be members of the Society.

The Committee will consider those nominations received by April 15. Committee members are George Yatskievych (Chair) St. Louis; Robin Kennedy, Columbia; and Tim Smith, Jefferson City. Please send nominations to George Yatskievych at the Missouri Botanical Garden, P.O. Box 299, St. Louis, MO 63166, setting forth the contributions of the individual or organization. Awards will be presented at the June Annual Meeting.

Nominations for MONPS Board Requested

The Society will be conducting elections between now and the annual meeting in June. The open positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two board members. The two board members whose terms expire June 30, 2001 are: Bruce Schuette and Steven L. Timme.

The Nominating Committee members are: Jim Bogler, St. Louis (Chair), (see back page); Larry R. Morrison, O'Fallon, IL; Bill Summers, St. Louis; Ed O'Donnell, Kansas City.

If you are interested in being a candidate for any of the open positions or would like to nominate someone to fill a position, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee by January 30, 2001. A slate of candidates will be published in the next edition of the Petal Pusher. Members will have at least 20 additional days following that publication to nominate candidates. (See page 6, Article VII in Petal Pusher, Vol. 15, No. 1.)

Please take this opportunity to give your suggestions for our future leadership

MONPS Becomes Friend of CPC

By Kim McCue

During the December 2, 2000 MONPS Board Meeting, Board members voted unanimously to make a show of support for plant conservation efforts by enrolling the Society as a "Friend of CPC." The CPC, short for Center for Plant Conservation, is a national organization, headquartered at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG), whose mission is: "to conserve and restore the rare native plants of the United States." The mission is being carried out by botanical gardens across the country, including MBG. By conducting conservation programs in horticulture, research, awareness, and information exchange, the CPC network is striving to save America's rarest plants from being lost forever. Several of the plants that the CPC is focusing on are natives of Missouri. These include, Geocarpon minimum, Lindera melissifolia, Lesquerella filiformis, Callirhoe bushii, and Trifolium stoloniferum.

If you would like to learn more about the work of CPC you can visit their website at: http://www.mobot.org/CPC/. You may also contact Kim McCue (kimberlie.mccue@mobot.org) at the Missouri Botanical Garden and she will be happy to send copies of the CPC newsletter, "Plant Conservation" and other materials regarding CPC to you.

Lowe's Now Knows

By Tim Smith

Earlier this year I heard from a couple of sources that Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse in Columbia, Missouri was selling some wildflowers such as Trillium spp. that are not typically available unless they have been dug from wild populations. The reason that these wildflowers are not usually nursery grown is that they require up to seven years of growth to begin flowering. For a nursery to grow them from seed for seven years would require that they charge a high price for the plants. Reasonably priced plants of these species are likely to have been dug from the wild.

I agreed at a MONPS board meeting to contact Lowe's about their source of plants. My e-mail query to their Customer Care Section was answered promptly. Lowe's contacted the vendor from which the plants were obtained – C.I.P. Nursery, Inc. of Thurmond, North Carolina. I received a response as did Lowe's from C.I.P. Nursery that included the following statements:

"Our nursery has spent many years studying native plants and learning about their requirements. By doing so, we have learned to cultivate some varieties, found propagated sources for others through various state research facilities, and purchased land to maintain self-sustaining populations of others. Thus we have not, at any time, harmed or desecrated any wildflower populations."

I responded back to Lowe's that I would like to know more about C.I.P. Nursery's maintenance of wild populations on the property that they manage for production. I questioned whether the response from C.I.P. Nursery would put our members minds at ease. Neither Lowe's nor C.I.P. Nursery has followed up any further on my reply.

Where does this leave MONPS members who do not wish to support detrimental wild harvest of plants for the nursery trade? It is certainly possible for a nursery to purchase suitable habitat and to harvest wildflowers in a sustainable manner. At the same time, it is probably beyond our capabilities to determine if a particular out-of-state supplier is truly acting responsibly. I submit that we should continue to raise awareness of this issue by asking the right questions when we see these difficult-to-propagate wildflowers being sold.

As a result of my recent query on behalf of MONPS, we now have a Customer Care Representative and a Live Nursery Merchandising Manager at Lowe's headquarters and a manager at C.I.P Nursery aware that there is at least one group of potential customers for their products who will not tolerate the detrimental harvest of wildflowers. I encourage all MONPS members to help bring this issue to the attention of the nursery industry as opportunities arise. By educating plant merchandisers, we may influence their future selection of vendors and protect some native wildflower populations.

2001 Society Dues

By Donna Kennedy

It is the time of the year to think about dues. Membership dues are \$10.00 for a regular member. We are asking for new information this year. The new form provides each member the option of having their listing removed from the Society membership list that is printed in the Petal Pusher every other year. The list is printed to facilitate communication among members who may wish to discuss mutual interests.

It is the policy of the Board to deny sale, rent, or loan of this list. The people who have access to this list are the President, Treasurer and Membership Chair. The staff associated with our publications distribution receive printed mailing labels and do not have access to an automated, comprehensive file. The files are kept off-line. If you are sending in your dues please mark your preference. An envelope for dues submission is enclosed in this Petal Pusher. If you want to amend your official record in the membership database and are already paid up for the year 2001, please fill in the form with the updated information and mail to:

Donna Kennedy, 816 Samone Ct. Ballwin, MO 63021

Or you can find the form on line at djksales.com/ form.htm. Copy the form, paste into your email and indicate the changes.

A New Appellation

The Missouri Botanical Garden Board of Trustees voted to change the name of the Arboretum to the Shaw Nature Reserve, approving the recommendation of the Arboretum Committee.

The recommendation was based on an extensive study of the Arboretum's recognition in the region and the acceptance of suggested names more reflective of the nearly 2,500 acres of land in Gray Summit that the Garden has operated since 1925. John Behrer and his staff, and the staff of the Education Division working there have done a wonderful job of creating a national model for reestablishing natural communities and preserving biodiversity. An arboretum, as many of you know, is an arranged planting of trees and shrubs for educational and scientific purposes. Ours is not. Hence, from this time forward, it is the Shaw Nature Reserve.

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David Paddock, Marietta, GA
Laurie Peterson, Creve Coeur
Allena Volskay, Columbia
Lois Wyman, St. Charles

Chapter News

Hawthorn Chapter — There were two field trips in October. One to Rock Bridge State Park and the other to Painted Rock State Forest. Robin Kennedy invited us on a field trip to the Dunn-Palmer Herbarium in December. She took us on a tour and gave an explanation on Herbarium curation. The participants mounted approximately 40 plant specimens.

The program at the November meeting was Frank Thompson. He spoke to us about National Resources Conservation Service constructed wetlands.

In December, there was a Holiday Gathering where wine, cheese and conversation was enjoyed at the home of Joann & Jim Whitley.

The Hawthorn Chapter holds meetings on the 2nd Monday of odd numbered months. Field trips are held in even numbered months. Dates vary.

Jefferson City Chapter — Jefferson City chapter member, Jean Stanford came up with a solution to planning meetings-having the members sign up and be responsible for a month's program. The schedule so far has been an interesting mixture of programs, workshops and field trips. September was a well-attended field trip to the Prairie Garden Trust to see the plantings there as well as a garden featuring native prairie plants. In October, Robert Reisemy shared his knowledge of Native American uses of native plants. Carol Young hosted a natural decorative materials workshop in November, where members were treated to the newly refurbished water feature outside their home.

December was our always delightful joint meeting with the Audubon River Bluffs Chapter. A special dinner was presented by Popp's Catering. The evening also included the annual silent auction. Our excellent speaker was Dr. Mark Ryan, Associate Professor of Wildlife at Missouri University, Columbia. He presented "Piping Plovers in the Great Plains." The Piping Plover is an endangered bird rarely seen.

We look forward to welcoming members and visitors in the New Year 2001.

Kansas City Chapter — We ended the year with a great guest lecturer at the November meeting. Betsy Betros from the Idalia Society of Kansas spoke about the ecology of the various prairie types found in the state of Kansas, and about the butterfly and moth species found on them. It was an excellent presentation with slides and great narration. Our next meeting will be in January. This is a field trip planning session, as well as the time we establish our slate of officers for the 2001 election. Everyone in the Kansas City area is invited to attend. If you have any further questions, contact Daniel R. Rice at 1-816-461-0206.

Osage Plains Chapter — For our October meeting there were 16 members present. Our guest speaker was Dave Pearson from Warrensburg who gave a slide presentation on the development of Powell Gardens. There was a drawing for 2 free tickets which were won by the Maynharts.

The walnut picker mentioned last month was successfully

tested. Cathy Cooper at the Conservation Department is the person to contact if anyone is interested in the Quail's Unlimited Program also mentioned last month.

Our next meeting was in November at the Henry County Museum. The new Director, Chris Gordon was the speaker. He gave us a little background on the museum, its programs, and needs. Preservation of native plants is not the only preservation going on in Henry County! It was very interesting.

We discussed programming for next year. We will not meet in December or January. In February Cathy Cooper will be the speaker. We have a tentative speaker set for March but not yet verified. Our meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the basement of the Henry County Courthouse unless otherwise announced.

St. Louis Chapter — Shorter days and dropping temperatures send some folks into premature dormancy. Not the hardy perennials of the St. Louis chapter. We may allow portions of our foliage (such as my hair) to die back to the ground but we continue to grow and prosper in an "underground" fashion hoping for a rebirth with the return of the warm weather next spring. Our November and December meetings are preempted by National holidays and last minute shopping trips are a poor substitute for botany field trips. However, a few hardy souls continue to venture out on a weekly basis thanks to the Webster Groves Nature Study Society Botany group and Jack Harris' e-mail hot-line.

Before the hiatus, we had meetings in September and October. September's meeting was one of the highlights of the year for me. Besides getting to present the Erna A. Eisendrath Memorial Education award to my dear friend Jan Phillips, we also were treated to a continuation of last year's



Asteraceae seminar organized by Nels Holmberg and Pat Grace. Our meeting room was filled with flowering specimens which we were encouraged to identify and debate about to our heart's content. Experts were everywhere, and it was a real education for a novice like me to hear Father Sullivan, Bill Summers, James Trager, and others point out subtle differences among the familiar and not-sofamiliar examples on display. I would love this kind of "hands-on" opportunity on a regular basis! The annual Show and Tell slide extravaganza in October is also an educational (albeit humbling) experience wherein we can relive the field trips and, vicariously, the vacations of our members through their beautiful photography.

Also in October, Jack Harris and Donna Kennedy staffed the MONPS booth at the 27th Annual Natural Areas Conference. And Jack Harris, Larry Morrison and Jim Bogler operated a booth at the 47th Annual Systematics Symposium. Enjoy the holidays and join us for our next meeting, January 24, 2001 in the Ridgway Bldg. at the MO Botanical Garden.

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Call For Artwork

The Missouri Native Plant Society is calling for submissions for art work suitable for use in fund raising projects.

The Missouri Native Plant Society (MONPS) invites creative and innovative artists to join in our effort to promote the enjoyment, preservation, conservation and education of the public about the values and beauty of our native flora to the general public.

The proposals should consider, but not necessarily be strictly limited to, one or more of the following themes:

- (1) Raise awareness of the general population about the beauty, diversity and environmental importance of indigenous vegetation.
- (2) Encourage individuals/groups to participate in the enjoyment, preservation, conservation, restoration, and study of the flora native to Missouri.
- (3) Raise awareness about the threats to the survival of species of conservation concern via habitat destruction, exotic species, hybridization, etc.

MONPS is open to new ideas and concepts.

Specifications: The central theme imagery should be adaptable to various presentations, e.g., t-shirts, tote bags, badges, printed items such as cups, posters, etc.

> Original size of the draft art should be at a maximum of 12" X 14". The artwork draft can be produced either digitally or through optical/mechanical means. If produced digitally the program and its version should be stated in the reply. Photography can be used as part or for the entire graphic.

> The draft will be a sketch of the graphic and its typographic callouts and headlines. Also include a brief narrative describing the central theme/concept. The artist retains ownership of the concept until and if the submission should be selected for MONPS usage. The subject for the topic will be in keeping with the purpose of the MONPS (see above). MONPS will notify the designer of the winning submission within (4) four months of the submission deadline which is 10 April 2001.

> Final art products are to be produced and submitted within a time frame mutually agreeable to both parties. Submissions should include information such as: subject of the graphic, titles and callouts, program and version used if digital, amount charged, and whether the graphic is designed to print 4-color process or line color. Also indicate how involved you want to be in the process of color separations and proofing of the film, plates and end product, ownership conditions of the art, usage permitted and a proposed schedule needed for the production of the artwork.

MONPS prefers (but may negotiate limited variant conditions) that the final art and appropriate products used in producing the products, e.g., t-shirt color separations, to be ultimately owned by the MONPS and usage to be unlimited in perpetuity. Artwork may be used by the artist to include in their portfolios with the written consent of the board of directors.

Send drafts to:

Donna Kennedy, Treasurer of MONPS, PO Box 20073, St. Louis, MO 63144-0073

or arrange to meet with Donna Kennedy by calling 636-256-7578.

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