

Missouri Native Plant Society

May

- 3 & 4** Fri. & Sat. **Annual Plant Sale at Powell Gardens.** Volunteers needed. For more information, call Sue Hollis, 816-561-9419.
- 4** Sat., 9:30 AM **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
Clinton
- 4** Sat., 1:00 PM **Paris Fork Hike** led by Ann Wakeman. Meet at MDC's Fish & Wildlife Research Center, 1110 S College Ave. For more info call Ann 573-642-6927 or mike-ann@socket.net
Columbia
- 4** Sat., 9:30 AM **Field Botany: Washington State Park** to look for *Nemastylis geminiflora*, led by Jack & Pat Harris. Meet at the Visitors Center/Gift Shop parking lot at 9:30 AM. Bring water & snack or lunch. For more info, see back page for phone number.
St. Louis
- 5** Sun., 11:00-4:00 **Watershed-Friendly Lawn Field Day** at Rock Bridge State Park near the Hickam log cabin. Rain date is May 11.
Columbia
- 11** Sat., Noon **Field Botany: Winn Prairie/Tickwood Prairie** led by Larry Rizzo. Meet in the southwest corner of the Hypermart parking lot, go east from 87th St. off I-435, then south on Hillcrest Road. Bring water and lunch.
Kansas City
- 11** Sat., 9:00-noon **Shaw Nature Reserve: Wildflower Workshop Class** trip. For info call Nels Holmberg. See back page for phone number.
St. Louis
- 15** Wed., 7:00 PM **Chapter Meeting.** Held at the Loose Park Garden Center, 52 & Wornall. Program TBD.
Kansas City
- 18** Sat., 9:30 AM **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
Clinton
- 18-19** Sat. - Sun. **Biodiversity Days** held at Shaw Nature Reserve. See page 3 for more information.
St. Louis
- 20** Mon., 7:00 PM **Chapter Meeting.** Held in the basement of the Henry County Courthouse in Clinton. Program to be determined.
Clinton
- 22** Wed., 7:30 PM **Memories of Madagascar** presented by Karen S. Haller. Enjoy the magnificent plants and animals seen on this unique island. Chapter meeting at MO Botanical Garden, Ridgway Bldg.
St. Louis
- 25** Sat. **Field Botany: Shannon County** to see showy lady's slipper orchids. Details at April meeting.
St. Louis

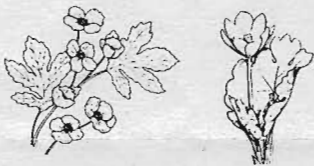
June

- 1** **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. Send e-mail to: paharris@mac.com

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Dues Are Due — 1 July 2002

- 1 Sat., 9:30 AM Clinton **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
- 1 Sat., 10:00 AM Kansas City **Field Botany: Kill Creek Park** led by George Scheil. This is a new park on the Kansas side off K-10. Meet in the southwest corner of the Hypermart parking lot, go east from 87th St. off I-435, then south on Hillcrest Road. Bring water & lunch. For more info, call George 816-356-7475.
- 1 Sat., 9:30 AM St. Louis **Field Botany: St. Joe State Park** to look for *Spigelia marilandica*, led by Jack & Pat Harris. Meet at the north parking area/bicycle & hiking trail on Pimville Road at 9:30 AM. Bring water & snack or lunch. For more info, see back page for phone number.
- 7-9 Fri.-Sun. **Annual & Summer Board Meetings & Field Botany Trips.** See page 3 for details.
- 15 Sat., 9:30 AM Clinton **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
- 15 Sat., 9:00-5:00 PM Columbia **Field Day at Sandra Kubal's.** Birdwatching and flower walks. Bring a lunch and stay the day.
- 15 Sat. Kansas City **WildLands BioBlitz** led by Larry Rizzo. A survey, probably at Swope Park, with representatives from many groups all on the same day to get a snapshot of multiple things happening on a site.
- 17 Mon., 7:00 PM Clinton **Chapter meeting.** Held in the basement of the Henry County Courthouse in Clinton. Program to be determined.
- 26 Wed., 6:00 PM St. Louis **Midsummer's Eve Walk** at Rockwood Reservation. Meet at the Lime Kiln trailhead (along the main road). **NO meeting this month. Note time change.**



H. Stanton Hudson — In Memoriam



by George Yatskievych

H. Stanton Hudson, a longtime MONPS member from Poplar Bluff died peacefully on 1 March 2002 from complications following kidney failure and a stroke. He was 82 years old. He liked to tell how he was one of the first naturalists in the Missouri state park system, around the time he finished high school. He studied biology at the University of Missouri in Columbia, where he met his wife, Wanda (who passed away several years ago). He then worked for 25 years as a fisheries biologist at Ozark Fisheries, in Stoutland MO, and retired to Poplar Bluff.

Stan liked to balance interests in conservation, birding and plants. He was a longtime member of both the Audubon Society and The Nature Conservancy. He was one of the most prolific contributors to the Missouri Breeding Bird Atlas project and for many years was TNC's volunteer steward at their pondberry preserve in Ripley County. Stan's interest in plants focused mainly on the flora of Butler County and surrounding areas. He soon became an expert on the plant life of this part of the state, often locating samples of particular species for researchers or leading visiting botanists to see various species in the field. He collected about 2,000 herbarium specimens, which he donated to the Missouri Botanical Garden's herbarium. Among these were numerous county records and several new state records, including *Aeschynomene rudis*, *Ammoselinum butleri*, *Arum italicum*,

Erianthus giganteus, *Eupatorium rotundifolium*, *Paspalum distichum*, *Poncirus trifoliata*, and *Sphenoclea zeylanica*. These finds were meticulously documented and reported in articles published in *Missouriensis*. In 2000, MONPS presented Stan with the Arthur Christ Memorial Research Award for his outstanding work on the southeastern Missouri flora. His botanical and ornithological projects were also recognized through a Natural History Award from the Missouri Department of Conservation. He also received awards from the Three Rivers Audubon Society and the Missouri Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in recognition of his volunteer efforts.

In 2000, Stan began to develop physical infirmities and was forced to move to Altus, OK, to be closer to his daughter, Patty, and her family. He spoke of dearly missing springtime in Missouri and had hoped to return this year for a visit. While in the hospital before he passed away, Stan and Patty discussed the idea of establishing a scholarship fund in his memory through MONPS to benefit students working on projects involving Missouri flora. The MONPS Board will be discussing details of this fund at its spring meeting. Those who wish to donate to the Stan Hudson Memorial Scholarship fund may send checks to the Society at: MONPS, P.O. Box 20073, St. Louis, MO 63144-0073. Please indicate that donations are to be deposited into the account for this fund.

Summer 2002 Field Botany Trips & Board Meeting

JUNE 7 – 9 WARRENSBURG, MO

Knob Noster State Park is a mixture of prairie, savanna restoration areas and forest, with over 3,500 acres lying along both sides of meandering Clearfork Creek.

Powell Gardens is a 915 acre, not-for-profit, botanical garden. Major garden developments include a 2.5 acre Rock & Waterfall Garden and a Wildflower Meadow.

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- 7 June Fri., 7:00 PM **Evening get-together.** Theresa Ramsey, Knob Noster State Park Naturalist, will present a slide program on the history, plants and animals of the park. Held at the park Visitors Center.
- 8 June Sat., 8:00 AM **Field Botany Trip.** Leave from Super 8 parking lot for Knob Noster State Park. Park Naturalist Theresa Ramsey will be our guide to the Clearfork Savanna Management Area for the morning.
Lunch. On your own.
Sat., 1:00 PM **Tour of Powell Gardens.** Admission – \$5.50/adults, \$4.50/seniors.
Dinner. On your own.
Sat., 6:30 PM **MONPS Annual & Summer Board Meetings.** Held on the Central MO State Univ. campus in the science/math building, WC Morris Hall, at the corner of South and Holden Streets. Park in the lot at the SE corner of this intersection. WCM is the building next to the greenhouse.
- 9 June Sun. **Own your own.** Optional botany trip to Paint Brush Prairie Conservation Area. More information will be provided at the Board Meeting on Saturday night.

LODGING

Super 8 1-800-800-8000
Rooms at \$41.00 and up.

Holiday Inn Express 1-800-465-4329
Rooms at \$65.00 and up.

Since Whiteman Air Force Base is having an activity that weekend, we suggest you make your reservations early.

Knob Noster State Park is approximately 7 miles east of Warrensburg on Hwy 50, then south on Hwy 23 to park entrance. Follow signs to Visitors Center.

Powell Gardens is approximately 15 miles west of Warrensburg on Hwy 50.

MONPS Election Status

George Yatskievych, Chairman, MONPS Nominating Committee, reports that there were no "at-large" nominations received from the Society membership. As there has not been more than one candidate identified for each vacant position on the Board of Directors, the Ballot Committee will not prepare a ballot this year. (Article VII, Section 6; MONPS by-laws.) For list of current candidates see page 2, *Petal Pusher*, March-April 2002/Vol. 17-No. 2.



Biodiversity Days

Shaw Nature Reserve – May 18 & 19

The Biodiversity Days at Missouri Botanical Garden's Shaw Nature Reserve will focus on observation of biodiversity and hands-on examination of the environment, specific habitats, and plant/animal interactions. Events will include monitoring water quality and stream habitats in the Meramec River which passes through the Shaw Nature Reserve and observation of pollinators in the wetland and glade communities. A general biodiversity census of plants in bloom and animals encountered in these habitats will also be taken during the event. This will be a fun way to learn how to do inventories and we would like your help.

The activities are free and open to the public. Picnic lunches are welcome at the Trail House, which has water, tables and restrooms.

For more information call Shaw Nature Reserve, 636-451-3512.

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Each event will depart from the Trail House at the Nature Reserve and will last about two hours.

Saturday, May 18

- 8:00 AM Bird walk
- 8:00 AM Mushroom foray
- 9:00 AM Pond life
- 10:00 AM Butterflies of the prairie
- 10:00 AM Wildflowers in the sun
- 1:00 PM Butterflies of the river bottom
- 2:00 PM Monitoring stream life
- 3:00 PM Ants in the forest
- 3:00 PM Stalking the lichens

Sunday, May 19

- 8:00 AM Bird walk
- 9:00 AM Dragonflies of the Reserve
- 10:00 AM Butterflies of the glades
- 10:00 AM Pollinators in action
- 1:00 AM Insects of forests and meadows
- 1:00 PM Butterflies of the wetlands
- 2:00 PM Trees of hills and bottoms
- 3:00 PM Wildflowers in the shade



Anyone interested in helping to lead a walk should contact George Yatskievych at 314-577-9522 (days).

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