

Missouri Native Plant Society

July

- 8 Mon., 7:00 PM **Chapter Meeting** held at MDC's Research Center, 1110 S. College (NE corner of College & Stadium. Topic to be announced.
Columbia
- 13 Sat., 9:30 AM **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
Clinton
- 24 Wed., 7:30 PM **Lichens** presented by David Bruns, Missouri Department of Conservation. Chapter meeting at MO Botanical Garden, Ridgway Bldg.
St. Louis
- 27 Sat. **Prairie Hike.** Site to be determined.
Columbia
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Clinton

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. Send e-mail to: paharris@mac.com
- 10 Sat., 9:30 AM **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
Clinton
- 24 Sat., 9:30 AM **Field Botany Trip.** Meet at Clinton Public Library parking lot. Destination to be determined.
Clinton
- 28 Wed., 7:30 PM **Chapter Meeting** at MO Botanical Garden, Ridgway Bldg. Program to be determined.
St. Louis



2002 Annual Meeting & Awards

The Annual Meeting was held on 8 June preceding the quarterly board meeting. Jack H. Harris presiding.

Three of the five Missouri Native Plant Society awards were conferred by the Awards Committee this year.

Leo A. Drey – St. Louis, MO, received the Plant Stewardship Award for his exemplary individual and business leadership in the fields of land management and environmentally sustainable forestry, and for preserving outstanding examples of Missouri's natural heritage through the L.A.D. Foundation.

Dr. Carroll F. Eaglesfield – Clinton, MO, received the Julian A. Steyermark Award for his many contributions to

our knowledge of Missouri botany and for his service as founder, mentor, and inspiration to the Osage Plains Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society.

Dr. Paul L. Redfearn, Jr. – Springfield, MO received the John E. Wylie Award of Service for his initiative and dedication in organizing and managing the project recovery and completion of the "Atlas of Missouri Vascular Plants" both online and printed form.

ELECTION RESULTS

Since there wasn't more than one nominee per position for the Board, Pam Haverland and Robin Kennedy, both from Columbia, MO, were reelected by acclamation as Board members.

Quarterly Board Meeting Highlights

APRIL 27, 2002

President Jack Harris, 14 board members and 1 guest met at the Searcy Building in Montauk State Park.

Treasurer's Report: Jack Harris distributed an interim report showing a balance of \$15,195.29 as of 26 April 2002. There are several outstanding bills. It was the consensus of the Board of Directors (BoD) that all Society publications which contain an address for mailing dues, contributions, etc., should in the future contain only the official Society P.O. Box mailing address.

It was moved, seconded & carried (MSC) that for purposes of the upcoming dues renewal period (1 July 2002 - 30 June 2003), the Society should mail reminder notices to all members containing the P.O. Box address and the option to indicate their preference on publication of their mailing address. And it was MSC that an expenditure of up to \$100.00 was authorized for this purpose.

Membership: Ann Earley reported that the article about MONPS in the *Missouri Conservationist* generated about 25 inquiries. Another eight requests have come in for our plant supplier list.

Jim Bogler Memorial: Jack Harris reported that he had sent a check for \$1000.00 to the Shaw Nature Reserve. There is now a James L. Bogler Memorial chinquapin oak tree near the NW corner of the Bascom House.

Special Stan Hudson Memorial: Contributions are being received in response to the notice in the *Petal Pusher*. It was MSC that in principle the Society would consider adopting a policy to manage a special long term memorial account. In this regard, it was MSC that an exploratory committee (Paul McKenzie and Jay Raveill) be established which would advise the BoD of options available and make recommendations concerning the ramifications for the Society.

State Parks/Wild Area Policy: The Society has received an invitation from the Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources to send a representative to a meeting regarding policy planning for the State Parks Wild Areas program. It was MSC that the Society should participate. It was also MSC that the representative be instructed to support native biodiversity and a wild area management paradigm which includes process as well as form.

Media & Publications

Petal Pusher: Pat Harris stated that as of June 2003 she would retire as editor of the *Petal Pusher*. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact an officer or board member.

Missouriensis: George Yatskievych reported that the upcoming issue has been sent to the printer. He is collecting articles for the next issue.

Web Site: Robin Kennedy reported that the By-laws have been added and will be accessed when one clicks the "mission statement." The Calendar information has also been updated.

Chapter News

Hawthorn Chapter — Election results:

President – Nadia Navarrete
Vice President – Christine Angelo
Secretary – Cindy Becker
Treasurer – Laura Ellifrit
Chapter Representative – Pam Haverland

Paula Peters is field trip committee chair and Jean Graebner & Marge McDermott are program committee chairs.

Meeting location has changed to the Missouri Department of Conservation's Research Center, 1110 S. College. Meetings are the 2nd Monday evening at 7:00 PM in odd numbered months.

In January, Tom Vernon of Smart Growth Coalition made a presentation and asked for help in identifying natural areas in Boone Co. Tami Brunk made a presentation on the tree planting projects of Bonne Femme Watershed Partnership. We had helped in the past and helped again in March. Pam Haverland showed various native plant web sites along with the Hawthorn Chapter and Society web sites. In February, Ann Wakeman led her seed propagation workshop. Those attending the meeting left with pots of seeds ready for germination. The newest MDC video Missouri's Tallgrass Prairies: An American Original was shown in March. In May, Don Day, University of MO Outreach & Extension gave a program on using the Internet to find information about gardening issues and problems.

The April hike to see shooting stars in a newly acquired area of Three Creeks was fabulous. The 80 acre tract had not been grazed for many years. In May we went to Paris Fork Access in Cedar Creek State Forest.

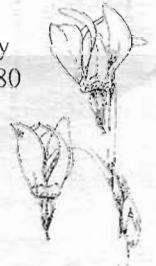
The Chapter had our annual April Earth Day booth in downtown Columbia. In May, at the Watershed-Friendly Field Day held at Rock Bridge State Park we sold books and plants from our booth.

Linden Trial, former Hawthorn Chapter president and Life Member in MONPS underwent major surgery in mid May. She is recuperating at home and will soon begin six weeks of chemotherapy.

Kansas City — Election results:

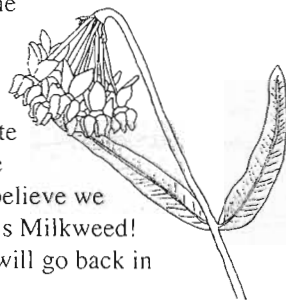
President – Sue Hollis
Vice President – Dave Alburty
Secretary – Carol Pranullis
Treasurer – Ed O'Donnell
Chapter Representative – Dan Rice

We shared a booth with Lakeside Nature Center during the Home and Garden Show in March selling native plants and handing out literature. In April, we had two booths. One at the Shawnee Mission East Earth Day Celebration, and the other at the Lakeside Nature Center Earth Day event. Our April field trip was to Cliff Drive, recently designated a state scenic byway. Along the way we saw many of the natural springs that the city of Kansas City was founded around.



The momentum of April spilled over into May. At the annual Springfest at Powell Gardens, several members manned a booth and sold native plants from the Missouri Wildflower Nursery (thanks Merv!). This is our Chapter's main money-making project, and is a fun time for all (especially when the weather cooperates). Our May field trip was to the Winn Property in Cass County. Many of you saw this remarkable bit of prairie during last year's Fall Board Meeting. The Winn's have become active members in our chapter, so we have been invited to make several trips to the property at different times of the year. Our guest speaker had to cancel again in May, but we did establish dates and places for our Fall field trips.

In June our field trip was to a very new park in Johnson County Kansas named Kill Creek. We had heard rumors of Mead's Milkweed being located there, so we had to search for it! After crossing a very disturbed field and following a short deer trail through the trees, we located a very nice 30-acre prairie. Lots of Leadplant, Spider Milkweed, Coneflower, Foxglove Penstemon, Prairie Delphinium, White and Purple Prairie Clover, and Purple Milkweed were there. And, yes, we believe we located 11 vegetative stems of Mead's Milkweed! This is a great place to visit, and we will go back in the future!



Osage Plains — Election results

- President & Chapter Representative – Elizabeth Walker
- Secretary and Treasurer – Donna Sauer
- Programs Coordinator – Jerry Payne

In February, our speaker was Dr. Wayne Morton of Osceola, Mo. and a member of the Board of Directors of the Prairie Foundation. He informed us of the purpose and objectives of the Prairie Foundation. In March, Judy Allmon, Executive Director of the "Grow Native Program" was our guest speaker. The April program was "Controlled Burns of Native Grasses" presented by Vicki Crawford, a forester and wildfire expert of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Also at the April meeting, David Lindell discussed a newly completed videotape that has 170 slides of plant specimens comparing ten plant families. These slides were presented by Carrol Eaglesfield at the November meeting. This academic presentation is useful for all interested in plant

taxonomy and includes plant specimens from Missouri, Washington State and Nigeria. There are several copies available which can be borrowed. Running time is 55 minutes. A CD format is being created by Van Wallace.

Our April field trip was a visit to the northern part of Clinton County to see blood root and Virginia bluebells. In early May we went to Lichen Glen Conservation Area.

St. Louis — Rick Clinbell presented his research results on the pollination biology of Onagraceae at our January meeting. In February, Fr. James Sullivan conducted a winter twig identification workshop. Bill Summers got up off the sick bed in March to present a travelogue on his trip to Bolivia, covering both waterfalls and orchids. "Missouri's Tallgrass Prairies: An American Original" video was viewed in April. Karen Haller's Memories of Madagascar in May showed the magnificent plants & animals of this unique island.

We participated in the Earth Day celebration at the St. Charles County Government Center. A booth displaying photos of the "Ten Most Unwanted Plants" (exotics honey-suckle, multiflora rose, etc.) along with Society literature, T-shirts and bandannas. Curious onlookers made frequent inquiries about "exotic species."

The mid April botany trip to Sunset Park in Florissant succumbed to meeting time confusion and the reported white trilliums remained un-viewed. Additional trips included one in May to Washington State Park in search of the *Nemastylis geminiflora* (prairie iris). We missed the peak of the flowering stage but observed a healthy colony of plants with shriveled petal remnants. A trip on Memorial Day weekend to the Noblet Lake area came up with a six-orchid day. Only the *Liparis liliifolia* (large twayblade) was at its peak, but the *Cypripedium reginae* (showy lady's slipper) was at the barely emerging white stage, while the remaining evidence of the other orchids was only leaves and/or seed pods. And in June, a trip to St. Joe State Park with better timing revealed the *Spigelia marilandica* (pinkroot) showing its deep scarlet and bright yellow for all to see.



The Identification and Ecology of Spring Wildflower class organized by MONPS at Meramec Community College filled to capacity. There were field trips to Emmenegger Park for early spring flowers; a rainy slog through the wet woods of Engelmann Woods Natural Area; and to the glades of Shaw Nature Reserve. (Instructor Nels Holmberg)

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