

Missouri Native Plant Society

November

- 6 (*) **Mon., 7:00^{P.M.}** **Columbia**
(*) **Change of Date** **Jean Everett, Ph.D.** (forest ecology and botany), Department of Biology, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina will present "Fundamentals of Plant Identification", at the regular Hawthorn Chapter meeting, Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. For more information contact Paula Peters at 573-474-4225.
- 16 **Thurs., 7:00^{P.M.}** **Kansas City**
George Yatskievych will speak on his new book at the regular Kansas City Chapter meeting at the Discovery Center, between KFC and Brush Creek at 4750 Troost, Kansas City, MO. Books will be available to purchase at a discount, and George will autograph them.
- 20 **Mon., 7:00^{P.M.}** **Clinton**
Osage Plains Chapter regular meeting along with fall and holiday wreath making. The meeting will be held at the Missouri Department of Conservation, Clinton Office. Refreshments will be served. Contact Emily Horner 660-885-6981 for more details.
- 30 **Thurs., 11:30^{A.M.}** **Columbia**
Hawthorn Chapter Lunch with Native Plant Enthusiasts! at the Uprise Bakery, 816 Broadway. All are invited. For more information contact Paula Peters at 573-474-4225.

December

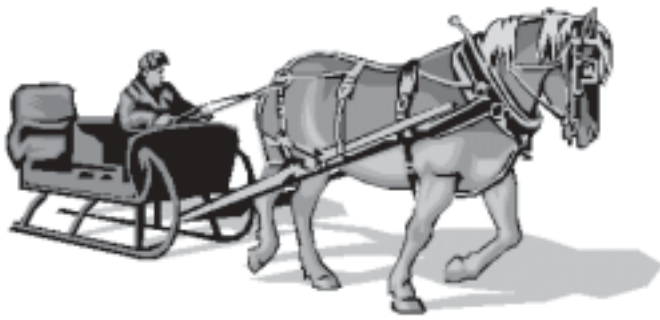
- 1 **Deadline for the January-February 2007 *Petal Pusher*.** Please send information, articles, photographs and graphics to Betty Walters, MONPS Newsletter Editor, <bettyluvsinsects@yahoo.com> by this date.
- 2 **Sat., 9:00^{A.M.}** **Columbia**
Winter State Board Meeting, Dunn-Palmer Herbarium, Columbia, Missouri (See Page 2 for details.)
- TBA **Hawthorn Chapter Christmas party, Columbia.** For more information contact Paula Peters at 573-474-4225.

PLEASE NOTE: **Osage Plains Chapter** has no meetings scheduled for December 2006 or January 2007. **St. Louis Chapter** does not schedule meetings during November and December.



Give A Gift of Nature,
A MONPS Membership!





Winter State Board Meeting Set COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, DECEMBER 2, 2006

All Missouri Native Plant Society members and friends are invited to attend the Winter MONPS State Board Meeting. If you want to have a voice in your Society, now is your chance. This is a business meeting, so plan to stay all day. The meeting begins at 9:00^{AM} and will end no later than 4:00^{PM}. We will be meeting at the Dunn-Palmer Herbarium (see directions).

We will be ordering lunch in, or you may bring a lunch if desired. We will be planning the field trips associated with the quarterly board meetings. If you have a favorite site you would like to visit with the Society, join us in Columbia, or contact an officer or board member before the meeting with your ideas.

DIRECTIONS TO DUNN-PALMER HERBARIUM

From the east: drive west on I-70 to U.S. Hwy 63 South (Exit 128); head south towards Jefferson City to the Stadium Blvd. exit; turn right (west) and go to the 4th traffic light (street at this intersection is called College Ave. to the north and Rock Quarry Road to the south); turn left (south) and go ~1/8 mi. on Rock Quarry Road; turn right into the driveway of the Museum Support Center (parking in front or along side driveway).

From the west: drive east on I-70 to Stadium Blvd. exit (Exit 124); turn right (south); stay on Stadium Blvd. as it goes south and then turns east, past the MU football stadium and the Hearnes basketball arena; turn right (south) on Rock Quarry Road (stoplight here); drive south ~1/8 mile, turn right into the

Mead's Milkweed Mini-Symposium Will Focus on Research, Conservation

By Paul McKenzie

The Mead's milkweed "mini-symposium" will be held November 27th and 28th at the University of Kansas, in Lawrence. The event will start at 9:00^{AM} on the 27th.

It is open to anyone interested in the species, and the purpose of the event is to focus on research/conservation/management/modeling of Mead's milkweed.

For more information contact Helen M. Alexander <halexander@ku.edu>, 785-864-3221, FAX 785-864-5321, University of Kansas Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Haworth Hall, 1200 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045-7534.

Where Is Your Favorite Destination?

By Rex Hill, President

One of the major purposes for the Winter Board Meeting, to be held December 2, in Columbia, is to plan the field trips for the next year. I am writing this short note to ask that any of our members, who have ideas about where they would like the MONPS field trips to take place in 2007, please let us know.

In the past, the suggestions of the board members along with those of a few of the regular field trip attendees get filtered into selections for the three field trips, Spring, Summer, and Fall. There are only a few considerations.

We try to schedule the trips for reasonable weather times and times that coincide with something of interest, usually flowering periods, i.e. Spring – April, Summer – June, and Fall – September. We do try to spread the locations across the state, so that no one chapter is burdened unduly with travel time or expense for all trips. The only other consideration is that we avoid the weekends when some major local event will prevent some of our chapter members from one area or another from attending the field trip. It is, of course, impossible to avoid all events, and we do what we can. Remembering that 'Variety is the Spice of Life', I've enclosed a list of some of our recent field trips (see below).

Please submit both your suggestions for field trip locations in 2007, and any dates you would like us to avoid to:

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1992-2006 Spring, Summer & Fall Sites

- 1992** Steelville (Reis Biological Station), Lake of the Ozarks SP, Blue Springs [1]
- 1993** Pickle Springs, Fulton (Prairie Garden Trust), St. Louis [2]
- 1994** Cassville (Roaring River SP), St. Joseph, Joplin
- 1995** Van Buren, Chillicothe, Springfield
- 1996** Salem (Montauk SP), Cape Girardeau [3], Clinton
- 1997** Cuivre River State Park, Stockton Lake State Park, Poplar Bluff
- 1998** Columbia, Bethany [4], Kirksville
- 1999** Cassville (Roaring River SP), Houston, Ironton
- 2000** West Plains, Carthage, Salem (Presley Ed Center)
- 2001** Columbia, Bethany, Kansas City
- 2002** Montauk State Park, Warrensburg, Kahoka
- 2003** Springfield, Clinton, Cape Girardeau
- 2004** Caney Mtn, West Plains, St. Joe
- 2005** Pere Marquette [5], Kirksville, Prairie SP
- 2006** Cassville (Roaring River SP), Peck Ranch CA, Dexter (Mingo NWR, Crowley's Ridge)

[1] Joint Meeting with the Kansas Wildflower Society, [2] Joint Meeting with the Eastern Native Plant Alliance, [3] Joint Meeting with the Illinois Native Plant Society, [4] Joint Meeting with the Iowa Native Plant Society, [5] Joint Meeting with the Illinois Native Plant Society.

MONPS 2006 Fall Field Trip & Board Meeting – Dexter, MO – Mingo NWR

“Rain, rain, go away.”



Missouri Native Plant Society field trippers at the Monopoly Marsh Overlook, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge on 23 September 2006 viewing the big picture of swamp habitat and plotting the days relentless pursuit of botanical explorations (pooh on the rain). **Photo by Jack H. Harris.**

By Rex Hill, President

Upwards of 11 inches of rain fell in the southeastern part of the state for the first two days of our weekend, and our Friday meeting was interrupted by tornado warnings in the area. Fortunately, we were already in a basement meeting room, and we had many copies of the new Steyermark – Volume II, along with the author to interpret it for us if we were trapped amidst tornado rubble for any significant period.

Thus, began the weekend of September 22nd to 24th, where we held our fall field trip and board meeting in southeastern Missouri. We stayed in Dexter which is located between the sites of two of our fieldtrips, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge and Holly Ridge Conservation Area. In spite of the dire warnings, the Friday meeting was held and Rick Speer, the assistant manager at Mingo, gave an interesting presentation on the history and current management practices at the refuge.

On Saturday, prudence dictated that we not attempt our planned canoe trip in the pouring rain. Instead, we made an auto tour of Mingo where our assortment of raingear had us resembling penguins when we emerged from our vehicles periodically, scurrying about looking at plants and then, retiring to our cars in various degrees of wetness depending on the quality of the raingear. Fortunately, the Manager of the Refuge had given us a key to gates that are only open to the public at certain times of the year, and we were able to explore less traveled areas. In return, we were asked to note the plants that we observed, and we will be providing them with a list of almost 300 species.

Because of the rain, our auto tour of Mingo was prolonged, and we did not make it to Holly Ridge on Saturday afternoon. However, the weather cleared on Sunday, and one group of members did make it to Holly Ridge.

Another group decided to take an abbreviated canoe trip in the morning. Others made stops at Sand Prairie Conservation Area and Trail of Tears State Park.

The weekend was a wonderful example of making do with what we were given. Something useful, fun, and valuable can always be salvaged from a weekend such as this when with a group of like-minded persons who have a keen interest in the state, its varied habitats, and the plants that grow there. The weekend was well attended and several new faces were among those present. As always, I encourage any members to consider attending these field trips. We will be planning next year's trips in December, and I am asking for your input in this planning.

Ten years ago, in order to learn more about the Missouri Natural Areas program, Martha and I wandered into a St. Louis Chapter meeting of MONPS where a presentation was to be made that evening by Rick Thom of the Department of Conservation. We were not members at the time, but were greeted warmly at the door by Pat and Jack Harris and made to feel that this group had no other agenda than to enjoy all aspects of native plants. This initiated a relationship with Pat and Jack and with MONPS that we treasure.

This introduction to the people in the Society and their interests was one of the things that inspired us to return to school to take the courses in the natural sciences that had not been part of our education.

Since Martha and I left our jobs 10 years ago, we have done work for DNR, MOBOT, TNC, MDC, FNA, and USDA (a veritable alphabet soup of agencies). We have met so many bright, interesting, and dedicated persons in these organizations, and we have come away the better for it.

When I was installed as President of the Society, I commented that: “You should always be kind to those you meet at MONPS functions. You never know which one of them will take the job as your next President.” I believe this and have encouraged young men in the Scouting program, where I have been active for many years, to particularly honor four points in the middle of the Scout Law – **Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, and Kind.**

The quarterly field trips, and your chapter meetings and activities, offer a real opportunity to practice these values. You can benefit both yourself and the Society by your actions.

There is nothing in the world more beautiful than the forest clothed to its very hollows in snow. It is the still ecstasy of nature, wherein every spray, every blade of grass, every spire of reed, every intricacy of twig, is clad with radiance.” ~William Sharp

Farewell, Dear Friend

Submitted by David Lindell

Carrol F. Eaglesfield, age 90 of Clinton, died Thursday, August 3, 2006 at Golden Valley Memorial Hospital. Memorial services were held 11:00^{A.M.}, Thursday, August 10, 2006 at the Clinton Christian Church. Carrol's wishes were that his ashes be scattered on a conservation tract of tall-grass prairie in western Missouri.



Carrol Eaglesfield

Photo provided by David Eaglesfield.

Carrol was born in Garden City, Kansas. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1933, went on to college at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Missouri; Texas Christian College, and graduated for the University of Missouri. He married Pauline (Polly) Gadberry in 1937, and 10 weeks ago they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary.

In 1945 he and Polly moved to Nigeria in West Africa and were missionaries there until 1965. After returning to the states, Carrol taught biology at both the high school and collegiate levels for the next 20 years. He lived in Washington State and finally moved back to Clinton 12 years ago.

In every town in which he settled, he joined the Native Plant Society, often playing a leadership role in the local chapter. He went on his last field trip in early July of this year.

Carrol was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Marjory DeLozier and one daughter, Ann Criner. He is survived by his wife, Pauline (Polly) Eaglesfield of the home; two sons, David Eaglesfield and wife, Dr. Ann Butler and one grandson, Mark Eaglesfield, all of Provincetown, Massachusetts and Fred Eaglesfield of the home and one nephew, John DeLozier and wife, Joy, of Clinton.

Carrol was presented the Julian A. Steyermark Award at the June 2002 meeting of the Osage Plains Chapter of the Missouri Native Plant Society. (This Chapter was formed by Carrol.) This is the highest award to be presented by the Missouri Native Plant Society to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to any or all aspects of Missouri botany. This award is given as merited for superior achievement.

After returning to Clinton, he had contributed continuously to the educational effort of the Missouri Native Plant Society.

When working on a special project with the Washington State Forest Service, he located and provided over 500 plant species mounts for their herbarium in addition to a large number of photographs and slides of native plants.

In Missouri, Carrol has prepared and delivered over 300 plant mounts of native species collected in West Central Missouri to Dr. Robin Kennedy, Curator of the University of Missouri-Columbia Herbarium.

Summary: Cooperative Conservation Session Organized by the Department of Interior, USDA, and EPA

Submitted by Jim Whitley, Hawthorn Chapter

Of the 100 who attended the August 28th session in Jefferson City, there were about 40 who gave 2½ minute statements. These were made by representatives of several Home Builders Associations, farmers, Missouri Farm Bureau, Partnership of the West (PoW - oil and gas concerns) and river barge operators. They opposed the Endangered Species Act and Federal Clean Water Regulations. The Home Builders Association had four or five statements especially against storm water runoff rules in housing developments. They claimed the rules were too complicated and that energy efficient "Green" Houses were too expensive and do not sell. MO Farm Bureau supported all land should be in private ownership. PoW does not like the restrictions of ESA and Designated Critical Habitats.

Conservation oriented presenters asked for reauthorization of the Endangered Species Act with full funding and strengthening of the Clean Water Act. They recommended restoration and preservation of diverse native plant communities and ecosystems. They were also opposed to the sale of Forest Service Land. Environmentalists agreed that there needs to be cooperative policies in place for public land management. One possible scenario: The Missouri River is possibly the most underutilized resource in our State; it could be a World Tourist Corridor. Under this designation, the people who use the river for economy can develop environmental initiatives to enhance the river for the tourist industry.

More good comments are needed to promote our goals! I want to encourage you to submit yours to this website. Written comments can be submitted through:

[<http://cooperativeconservation.gov>]

Click on Contact Us. The U. S. Department of the Interior suggests that you address the following questions when making your comments.

- How can the federal government enhance wildlife habitat, species protection, and other conservation outcomes through regulatory and voluntary conservation programs?
- How can the federal government enhance cooperation among federal agencies and with states, tribes, and local communities in the application of environmental protection and conservation laws?
- How can the federal government work with states, tribes, and other public and private-sector partners to improve science used in environmental protection and conservation?
- How can the federal government work cooperatively with business and landowners to protect the environment and promote conservation?
- How can the federal government better respect the interest of people with ownership in land, water, and other natural resources?

(Remember: Corporations are considered the same as individuals in the eyes of the law. So people may also mean corporations even though that is not mentioned.)



Members of the St. Louis Community College-Meramec workshop, Missouri's Wetland Wildflowers, on the field trip to Marais Temps Clair Conservation Area, St. Charles County, MO, 30 September 2006. Instructor was Nels Holmberg. Photo by Jack H. Harris

Welcome to New Members

We are happy to welcome these new and returning members to the Missouri Native Plant Society. We hope you will join us soon at our upcoming meetings and field botany trips.

Jackie Gant,

Leslie

Rhonda Tumbleson,

Beaufort

Allison Vaughn,

East Prairie

Steve Turner,

Labadie

Laura Ruman,

Columbia

Catharine Mouton,

Columbia

Lea Langdon,

Columbia

Sarah Scanlon,

Columbia

Wes Bailey,

Columbia

Courtney Kerns,

Columbia

Malissa Underwood,

Holts Summit

Jennifer Lynn Picker,

Cape Girardeau

Michael Kinney,

Columbia

Erica Wheeler,

Columbia



PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

Submitted by Jack H. Harris

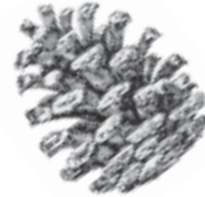
The Shaw Nature Reserve and the GrowNative! folks are collaborating on producing a series of how-to pamphlets focusing on native plant landscapes, large and small.

The first one, entitled "CHAPTER ONE: RECONSTRUCTING A TALLGRASS PRAIRIE," is now available.

The slick paper, 8½" x 11", 30 page document is loaded with illustrations, step-by-step procedures, seed mix lists, a handy list of nursery sources and locations of high quality sites where such procedures have already succeeded.

Recommended for review and consideration for a space on the shelf (fits into a file cabinet too!).

Copies may be obtained at Shaw Nature Reserve for \$5.00, or an on-line version may be viewed at [www.shawnature.org]. Click on Native Landscaping; then, click on Native Landscaping Manual.



MONPS Websites

KANSASCITY

www.angelfire.com/mo2/kcmonps/

COLUMBIA

<http://columbianativeplants.missouri.org>

SITES FOR MISSOURI BOTANY

Flora of Missouri Project

<http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/mobot/missouri/>

Atlas of Missouri Vascular Plants

http://biology.missouristate.edu/herbarium/atlas/atlas_of_missouri_vascular_plant.htm

READER'S SITES OF INTEREST

GrowNative! Plant ID

<http://mdc.mo.gov/grownative/plantID>

KCWildlands

www.kcwildlands.org

GrowNative!

www.grownative.org

National Plant Conservation Campaign

www.cnps.org/NPCC

Native Plant School

www.shawnature.org/nativeland/NativePlantSchool.aspx

GARDEN CLUBS

Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.

www.federatedgardenclubsofmissouri.org

Mid-Central District

www.midcentralmo.com

Hawthorn Chapter Activities for July, August and September 2006

Submitted by Judy Turner, Chapter Representative

July Activities - The Hawthorn Chapter had the pleasure of presenting the Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award to Randal Clark at our regular July meeting. Randal was quite honored and humbled to have received state recognition for his wonderful "stories", as he calls his plant and history talks. (As a side note: Wallace Weber, the 2003 Julian A. Steyermark award recipient was Randal's botany professor!) Also at that meeting Frank Gordon the Storm Water Outreach Coordinator discussed several items of interest. The first was the joint plan for Phase 2 of the EPA's storm water run off, erosion control, and education for Boone County, the City of Columbia and the University of Missouri. Few details are available at this time, but at least they are talking. Frank also discussed the Show-Me Yards & Neighbors project. He would like our assistance with answering questions regarding native plants during next spring's tour of yards. Some interesting facts from Frank: yards are the 5th largest crop in the US comprising about 27 million acres (about the size of Pennsylvania); homeowners use 10 times more chemicals per acre than farmers, using 67 million pounds of synthetic pesticides. Sounds like some great reasons for going NATIVE!

Our chapter had a field trip to the Prairie Garden Trust site in Callaway County to see the prairie and wetland restorations in progress. We all know that it is never finished!

Several members traveled to Kearney, Nebraska for the North American Prairie Conference.

August Activities - Our main field trip was to Otto Fajen's to see his on-going restoration of a former strip mine site. With the assistance from Jim Whitley, Otto has done an outstanding job of creating ponds from the mine pits and creating a system for controlling their water levels in order to manage their plant communities. As a result, he has wonderful stands of Cardinal flowers and water lilies (both pink and white). It were in full bloom for our visit.

The US Dept of the Interior held a listening session of "Cooperative Conservation" in Jefferson City in late August. Several of our members were in attendance. Jim Whitley reported a good number of the 40 people, who made verbal presentations, were from representatives of home builders associations, farmers, MO Farm Bureau, oil and gas concerns, and river barge operators. Folks from these categories generally spoke against storm water runoff rules in housing developments, that all land should be in private ownership, and that ESA and Designated Critical Habitats restrictions should be lifted.

To make our voices heard go to [<http://cooperativeconservation.gov>] and select "Contact Us" to make written comments. You must also use "Listening Session Comments" as the subject line in your e-mail. We seriously urge everyone to comment as soon as possible.

September Activities - September has been a very busy month for our chapter. Our first activity was an impromptu field trip to the Marshall Diggs CA. We had planned to go in June, but rain cancelled the trip. The main things blooming were *liatris aspera* and *goldenrod sp.*; however, many prairie species seeds were ready to drop and continue the cycle.

Our regular chapter meeting was an outstanding gathering of native plant enthusiasts (not all members) to hear George Yatskiyevych present his "**Reflections on the Flora of Missouri.**" George was also kind enough to autograph copies of "**Flora.**" Thanks for you visit George and all the work you've done! Prior to the chapter meeting, many members gathered to add mainly prairie plants to the landscape of the Universalist Unitarian Church, which provides us with meeting space. As many of you know, our chapter is selling Vol. 2 across the state. If you have not purchased your copy, our chapter will have additional copies available soon; however, we **cannot** ship books. You must arrange to pick them up in Columbia, or at a state board meeting.

Other activities this month included our annual dinner get-together. This year we had a picnic hosted by Marge McDermott on her lovely deck overlooking the Missouri River near Rocheport.

That same day we participated in the inaugural South Farm Showcase hosted by the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources and the Missouri Agricultural Experiment Station. As usual, our wonderful display board of native species drew lots of questions from visitors. We also sold some books.

Osage Plains Chapter Report

Submitted by Emily Horner, Chapter President

After a month off in August, the Osage Plains Chapter held their September meeting at the home of Bud and Carolyn Henzlik, Appleton City.

Bud, Carolyn and their family opened their farm to us on a beautiful fall evening to enjoy the weather and great food, as well as their gardens and collection of farm, home and blacksmith antiques. Hops, figs, pecan trees were intermingled with gourds, blackberry canes, grapes and walnuts throughout their gardens; while pumpkins, bittersweet and fall blooms adorned the barn where we held our meeting and enjoyed a potluck of casseroles and cakes. Blacksmith tools, cider presses, and a collection of metal skillets (to name a few unique and historical items) led to numerous stories and thoughts of days gone by.

Our meeting ended with a demonstration of walnut and pecan harvesters by Earl Williams. With these roller harvesters the gathering of nuts in the fall no longer requires a backache. This invention was designed in Georgia and is available in Missouri. Just ask Earl for information.

A field trip to see late summer and early fall blooms around Truman Lake also occurred in September. Many plants were identified including: rosinweed, round headed bush clover, numerous warm season grasses, and compass plant. And now, we wait until next spring and the early blooms of bloodroot, indian paintbrush and trilliums.

The chapter has purchased the Flora of Missouri Volume 2 as a memorial for the late Carrol Eaglesfield, the founding member of the Osage Plains Chapter. Carrol, his knowledge, and his passion for all things biological will be missed. The book will be donated to the Henry County Library. May this book help inspire the next generation of botanists in the Osage Plains.

Kansas City Chapter Report

Submitted by Sue Hollis, Chapter Representative

The City of Kansas City paid off on the plants gotten at our BioBlitz plant sale and gave us an additional \$75 for the principal of the Hudson fund. That makes a total of \$192 for our contribution this year.

We have discussed the Hudson Fund and agree that we want to continue contributing to it, but are very unhappy that our contributions to principal through 2005 were spent and not added to the principal. If that practice continues, we will stop contributing.

We had one field trip to Hidden Valley Park in Clay County where we found Goldie's fern and one of the very few populations of Marcantia in the Kansas City area.

We had a meeting at the MDC Discovery Center September 21 and appointed a nominating committee to produce a slate of officers for our January election.

A representative of the Land Institute gave a presentation on their purpose and activities. The Land Institute is doing a lot of research into ways to make food production less destructive to the land. One of their major products is developing perennial food crops such as wheat that will require less tilling and fertilizer.

Society President Rex Hill's comments on this Kansas City Chapter Report:

Earmarked contributions indeed add to the Hudson Fund, but to date have not offset the amounts awarded.

The original money was invested in Certificates of Deposit. With lower rates in the last few years, interest alone has not provided sufficient funds to grant the awards voted on by the board. The original CD investment has grown from \$13,255 to \$13,991 in three years, a gain of \$736, while \$1,500 in awards have been made.

Fortunately, contributions such as those made by the Kansas City Chapter, \$500 made by Stan Hudson's daughter, and generous contributions from individual members have offset most of any deficit, and the board determined that it was best to not cash the CDs early with a loss of interest penalty, but to continue to roll them over. As interest rates increase, as they are now, it seems that the fund will generate sufficient money to cover future awards.

Additional contributions will only add to the value of the fund and perhaps, allow more significant awards to be made in the future.



Ozark's Native Plant Society Chapter Report

Submitted by Patricia French, Chapter Representative

The Ozark's Chapter of MONPS last met August 15th. Wendy Ziegler, part-time naturalist with MDC, presented a program on "Cave, Springs and Sinkhole Plant Communities." Grand Gulf State Park near Thayer has many examples of these plants. The Ozarks Region abounds in springs that have unique plant communities. Wendy brought slides of our surrounding area that included the park and several springs.

An extensive discussion was held on ideas to draw more members and increase attendance. One challenge is that while there is interest in the chapter, the Ozark's area is very rural, and it is difficult for people to have the time to travel to one central location for meetings. Members were urged to come up with new ideas.

Some suggestions were to explore changing the meeting date and times. Other suggestions were to bring in speakers from wider base and to have projects that more people can be involved in.

Also, the group plans to have a native plant sale in the spring to generate interest. Other suggestions were to have a more visible presence at some local events and more field trips. Everyone was asked for input so that we can keep our organization alive and vital. Any suggestions from other chapters is welcome.

The West Plains Elementary School has received a grant for a butterfly garden. Melanie Jessen will inquire about NPS helping with this project.

The fall planting project at the MDC Ozark Regional Office in West Plains will begin soon. More planting will be done in the spring. The planting area is in the wooded areas outreaching from the Whippoorwill trail paths.

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 Regular \$10.00
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 Life \$200.00

CHAPTER DUES

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 Kansas City \$5.00
 Osage Plains \$5.00
 St. Louis \$5.00
 Ozark's Native Plant ... \$5.00

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