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Missouri Native Plant Society

Calendar of Events

Statewide

Friday-Sunday, June 1-3: Quarterly field trip and Society Annual Meeting, Mingo National Wildlife Refuge – see details inside this issue, page 3.

Hawthorn Chapter (Columbia, MO)

Saturday, May 6: A trip to the “Mayan Ruins” on Silver Fork Creek, in Boone Co., to see the Bluebells. We will stop for lunch at Heuer’s Country Store. Depart at 10:00 am from the MDC parking lot.

Saturday, May 12?: Tentative date for a trip to see Jim and Andrea Kennedy’s Lady Slipper Orchids in Callaway Co. We will go when they reach peak bloom, which varies from year to year. If interested call Paula at 573-474-4225 or email at ppeters@aol.com. I will send out an email, or call when they are ready.

Monday, May 14: Regular Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd. Speaker and topic to be announced.

Sunday, May 27: A field trip to Spring Creek Gap in Maries Co., to see the glade plants. Depart from the MDC parking lot at 8:00 am.

Saturday, June 2: Trailside Expo at Forum Nature Area 9:00 – 12:00 Sponsored by Columbia Parks and Recreation Dept.

Thursday, June 21: Native Plant Field Day at Bradford Farm. 4 – 7:00. Please plan to help with our booth.

Kansas City Chapter

Friday-Sunday, May 4-6: Powell Gardens Spring Festival and Plant Sale. We will again be selling plants from Missouri Wildflowers Nursery. This is a fun weekend, open to the public all day Saturday and Sunday. We also need people to help sell plants as this is where most of our budget comes from. Contact Sue Hollis, 816-561-9419, ferngro@att.net

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am: Hidden Valley to look for Goldie’s Fern, Glade Fern and Maiden Hair Fern. This should be a great outing for fern enthusiasts and others wanting to learn more about the interesting and beautiful plants. From I-435 in Missouri, take Parvin Road exit and turn left/west onto Parvin Road. Turn left/south onto Bennington Road and then right/west onto Russell Road. The parking lot is a couple of blocks.

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Please submit articles and news for the July-August
Petal Pusher to rexhill@earthlink.net by June 1.



Time for getting out to see those
Spring Wildflowers

Kansas City Chapter

Saturday, June 2, 9:00 am: We are once again in need of volunteers to help with inventory of Mead's Milkweed at Southfork Prairie. Novice Mead's detectives are welcome! Many of last year's plants were spotted by volunteers who had never seen the plant before that day. Please join us to hunt for this elusive endangered species, and to enjoy the many beautiful prairie plants that will be blooming at that time. Contact info and meeting time: Contact David or Kathy Winn at phone and e-mail on back of newsletter for directions, if needed. If you don't want to find your way alone, meet in the southwest corner of the Walmart parking lot across from Bannister Mall on Hillcrest Road at 9:00.

Osage Plains Chapter (Clinton, MO)

May – date to be announced – Plant native flowers and grasses at the Henry County Museum in Clinton.

Saturday, May 12: Field trip in Deepwater area. Meet at Henry County Library in Clinton at 9:30.

Monday, May 21: Chapter meeting. Presentation on Preserving Plant Specimens. 7:00 P.M. at the Clinton Missouri Conservation Department Office. Contact Emily Horner for details. 660-885-6981.

Saturday, May 26: Wah' Kon-Tah Prairie – Mead's milkweed monitoring with the Greater Ozarks Audubon Chapter and The Nature Conservancy. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at the WKT headquarters. Contact Emily Horner for details. 660-885-6981.

Saturday, June 9: Prairie Days at Wah' Kon-Tah Prairie. Begins at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, June 18: Chapter meeting and discussion on Identifying and Deciphering Desmodiums and Lespedezas by Dr. Jay Raveill, University of Central Missouri. 7:00 P.M. at the Clinton Missouri Conservation Department Office. Contact Emily Horner for details. 660-885-6981.

Saturday, June 30: Field trip to Connor O. Fewell. Meet at Henry County Library in Clinton at 9:30.

Ozark's Native Plant Society Chapter (West Plains, MO)

Saturday, May 5: Field trip.

Tuesday, May 15: Chapter meeting: Nels Holmberg will present a program on sunflowers. Attendees are invited to bring specimens for identification.

Wednesday, May 16: Field trip.

Tuesday, June 19: Chapter meeting.

Chapter meetings: The meeting schedule for the Ozarks Chapter has been changed slightly and meetings are now held on a monthly basis. Meeting times have also changed and the business meeting will now begin at 6:30 p.m. with programs/regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are normally held at MDC's Ozark Regional Office, 551 Joe Jones Blvd, West Plains.

Field trips: Participants will meet at MDC's Ozark Regional Office in West Plains at 9:30 a.m. for all field trips. Further field trip dates are scheduled for May 5th, and May 16th with focus areas and other dates yet to be decided. Participants are advised to wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water.

St. Louis Chapter

Saturday, May 12: Annual Native Plant Sale - Shaw Nature Reserve.

Wednesday, May 23: Come and celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Missouri Natural Areas Program. Bruce Schuette, Cuivre River State Park Naturalist will talk about the significance of this program with emphasis on Natural Areas at his park and Graham Cave State Park. Meet at the MDC Powder Valley Nature Center, 11715 Cragwold Road, Kirkwood (off Geyer Rd., between Watson and Big Bend).

Wednesday, June 27: Annual twilight walk in lieu of a chapter meeting. Location to be announced.

MONPS Annual Mtg. and Field Trips – June 1 – 3, 2007 Dexter, MO and vicinity

Friday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker in meeting room at Oak Tree Inn, Dexter, MO. Andy West, MDC Wildlife Biologist will speak to us about Duck Creek Conservation Area, a site for Saturday's field trips.

Saturday, June 2, 8:00 a.m. – Meet in parking lot at Oak Tree Inn to carpool to Mingo NWR or Duck Creek C.A. We will have groups going to both sites. Andy West will lead the trip to Duck Creek C.A. Bring your own picnic lunch. Bring personal canoes and accessories if interested in canoeing on Mingo NWR.

Saturday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. – Annual meeting and presentation of annual awards in meeting room at Oak Tree Inn followed by quarterly board meeting in same room. All members welcome and we have a few door prizes for the "lucky" ones in attendance.

Sunday, June 3, 8:00 a.m. – Meet in parking lot at Oak Tree Inn to carpool to Otter Slough C.A. Otter Slough is ca. 10 mi (by roads) southwest of Dexter. We will walk a loop trail of ca. 1 1/4 mi length through bottomland forest and marsh habitats.

LODGING

Oak Tree Inn
1608 U.S. Hwy 60, Dexter, MO
573/624-5800

rooms for two persons around \$62.00 plus tax (ask for MONPS rate)

Country Hearth Inn
913 S. Outer Rd.
Dexter, MO
573/624-7400

rooms for two persons in \$50.00 to \$55.00 range



For some entertaining and really great wildflower photographs, you might want to try John Oliver's website at:
Community.webshots.com/user/oliverjcomo

Plant Hunters:

Please keep an eye out for this plant during your summer (July or later flowering) field work. Although the Missouri distribution map makes it appear common, it has been seldom located in recent years. Of the 60 records in the Flora of Missouri Database, only 5 are less than 25 years old. The extant records are from Boone, Lincoln, Texas and Montgomery counties. It probably most closely resembles *Sida spinosa* but has narrower leaves with fewer teeth and has 2-3 narrow bractlets at the base of the calyx. Yellow or orange petals are barely longer than the inflated calyx or may be absent. Habitats range from rocky prairies to limestone, dolomite or sandstone glades, bluffs, alluvial ground in valleys and even gravel bars. It would be good to know if it has declined or if we are just missing it. We track now as S3 but it might be an S2 if it's as rare as current records indicate. Please collect a voucher specimen if population size allows.

Specimens can be sent to Tim Smith at MDC or George Yatskievych at MOBOT.

Hispid Falsemallow *Malvastrum hispidum* **Family:** Malvaceae

MO SRANK = S3
GRANK = G3G5

Flowers July – Sept.



Officer and Board Member Nominations Slate for 2007

The following slate of candidates has been submitted by the Nominating Committee for 2007.

Rex Hill - President
Tim Smith - Vice President
Bob Siemer - Treasurer
Ann Schuette - Secretary
John Oliver - Board Member (3 years)
Bruce Schuette - Board Member (3 years)

Congratulations to Kim McCue on her new position with Vanderbilt University. She originally agreed to serve as secretary once more, but will be unable to do so while living in Nashville. Fortunately, Ann Schuette has accepted the nomination. We are grateful to Kim for her years of service, and to Ann for stepping in.



Coneflower Awards

Congratulations to Marlene Miller, our Representative for the Osage Plains Chapter of Clinton, Missouri for completing the requirements for the MONPS Coneflower Badge. Marlene is the third person from that chapter to receive the award this year. Tim Smith, MDC State Botanist who reviews these applications wrote to me:

“Dear Rex,

I reviewed Marlene Miller’s application for the MONPS coneflower badge. She did an excellent job of meeting the requirements for the award. In several categories, she exceeded the program requirements. I was most impressed by her accurate use of botanical terminology in her descriptions of flower types in step one. She has a good grasp of the differences between flowers and heads of flowers and she doesn’t call ray flowers “petals” like many people do.

Without reservation, I recommend that Marlene be presented with the Society’s coneflower badge. Her application materials are enclosed.”

Great work Marlene!



Proposed Plant Legislation in 2007 MO General Assembly

by Tim Smith

Two bills have been introduced in the 94th Missouri General Assembly that may be of interest to MONPS members.

House Bill No. 680 is sponsored by Representative Bob May (R – Rolla) and several co-sponsors. It would designate big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) as the official grass of the state of Missouri. This is the fourth straight year that the bill has been introduced. Although it hasn’t garnered any apparent opposition, it has repeatedly failed to get through the process to become a law. Each year, a fourth-grade class in Rolla takes on the effort as a class project. The students visit the capitol and testify before committees, providing information on the species and why they think it should be designated. Hopefully, their efforts will eventually be rewarded.

House Bill No. 244 is sponsored by Representative Don Wells (R – Cabool) and several co-sponsors. It would designate spotted knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) as a Missouri noxious weed and require that landowners control the species. A similar bill failed to pass during the 2004 session but, again, not due to any opposition as far as I know.

Progress and scheduled hearings on these bills can be tracked at:

<http://www.house.state.mo.us/jointsearch/>

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.

Sylvia Forbes, Fayette
Tim Dale St. Louis
Lynne Johnson, Columbia
Christine Williams, Mountain View
Mike Leahy and Carol Davit, Jefferson City
Jennifer Grabner, Ashland
Jean Burns, St. Louis
Diane Meyer, St. Louis
Ron Griffith Jamestown



Tragic Loss of a Missouri Botanist

Daniel Edward Tenaglia was born in central Florida on October 24, 1969. He learned to love the outdoors early in life, which eventually led him to the University of South Florida, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1998. Dan also spent time guiding botanical boat tours and working as a keeper and educator at various zoos. He honed his botanical talents on a variety of plant surveys for the National Park Service and other state and federal agencies. He also was a skilled custom furniture maker, a trade that he learned from his father, Alfredo. Among his other passions were bicycling and hiking, as well as nature photography.

In 2001, Dan took a summer job working for the Missouri Department of Conservation as a member of the botany summer field crew for the Missouri Forest Ecosystem Project. That summer he met Karen Luepke, who was working on the MOFEP herpetology field crew. Love soon blossomed and led to their marriage. In 2003, when it was time for Karen to attend graduate school, the couple moved to Alabama. While Karen attended Auburn University, Dan built furniture and photographed plants. On February 11, 2007, while riding their bicycles along U.S. Highway 280 near their home, a juvenile driver in a white 1993 Nissan lost control of his vehicle and ran into Dan and Karen. Karen sustained only minor physical injuries, but Dan never recovered. He was declared dead two days later.

While serving as Program Coordinator for the Haw River Program, an environmental education camp in Brown Summit, North Carolina, Dan began designing a web site to document the wildflowers of that state. This was the forerunner of the Missouri Plants web site (www.missouriflora.com), which Dan started in 1999. Dan started photographing plants in the late 1990s using a simple point-and-shoot camera, then graduated to a 35 mm SLR and eventually to a digital camera. Dan's Missouri site eventually grew to include detailed photographs and commentary of an astounding 1,085 species, and by May, 2006, the site was receiving about 1.2 million hits a month.

As word got out, numerous other web sites and publications received Dan's kind permission to reprint his wonderful images. In 2004, the Missouri Native Plant Society awarded Dan the Erna R. Eisendrath Memorial Education Award in recognition of his achievements. After moving to Alabama, Dan was beginning to develop a similar site for that state, and accumulated some 350 sets of species images. His two sites show that updates were made on February 8, just 3 days before the accident.

A memorial service for this remarkable individual was held on February 20, in Winter Haven, Florida, and a celebration of his life for family and friends occurred on February 24 in Opelika, Alabama. Dan's family and friends have established the Dan Tenaglia Foundation for the Preservation of Natural Areas to honor his memory and his passion for nature. Those who wish to do so may send checks made out to the "Dan Tenaglia Foundation" to: P.O. Box 4281, Opelika, Alabama 36803-4281.

One description of Dan on the web states, "Look for Dan hanging off a rock face, crouched down on the side of the road, or dangling from a tree limb taking plant pictures, you never know where he'll show up next." During my own travels in Missouri, I ran into Dan occasionally, and his passion for the plants he was studying and photographing was always a pleasure and an inspiration. We would occasionally meet when he was in St. Louis, but distance and time made e-mail our most frequent way of chatting. In 2002, when Dan discovered a mustard species new to Missouri (*Thlaspi alliaceum*), we published a paper on it together in Missouriensis. Dan could always be counted on for interesting and useful firsthand observations of his favorite plant species, and he was always eager to learn more about the flora. He was energetic, an eternal optimist, and a great champion for preserving nature. Thirty-seven years are way too short a time to complete a life. Dan will be sorely missed by all whose good fortune it was to cross paths with him.

George Yatskievych

Footnote: The Missouri Native Plant Society has pledged \$500 to the Dan Tenaglia Foundation for the Preservation of Natural Areas.

New MONPS Website Address

The Missouri Native Plant Society has a new website address. Thanks to Robin Kennedy and the University of Missouri Herbarium, we no longer need squiggles to get to the MONPS website. If you use the old website address, you will be transported to the Herbarium web page where you can then click the highlighted MONPS word at the bottom of the page.

Note the new MONPS Website address:

<http://herbarium.missouri.edu/monps>

The old website:

www.missouri.edu/~umo_herb/monps

can be used throughout 2007.

Kansas City Chapter Report

Submitted by Daniel Rice, Chapter Representative

The Kansas City Chapter's March meeting was very informative, and kind of sexy, too. Sue Hollis gave a very good presentation on the life cycle of ferns. She explained how the fern we all know is actually only one half of the total cycle. The other half is small enough that it is easily overlooked. This is the gametophyte, and it is where all the real action takes place. It is at the gametophyte phase that sexual reproduction occurs.

Sue's talk also included some history in that until the gametophyte was actually discovered, it was thought that ferns reproduced by invisible "seeds", and if you found some of these "seeds", they would make you invisible! Sue brought along part of her personal herbarium, showing examples of ferns, as well as a portion of her extensive library of fern books. Daniel Rice also assisted by bringing living examples of both the sporophyte and gametophyte stages of ferns.

While on the topic of ferns, several members attended a seminar and workshop on fern propagation given by Judith Jones of Fancy Fronds Nursery in Gold Bar, WA. The seminar was very interesting, with Judith showing slides of her favorite ferns, discussing how to propagate them, their needs as far as soil and temperature, and giving a little synopsis on how she started working with ferns. The workshop was good, but several of us were a bit disappointed when Judith discussed mostly how to divide ferns, rather than growing them from spore.

We have several up-coming events, starting with our annual plant sale at Powell Gardens near Kingsville, MO. We will be selling plants from Missouri Wildflower Nursery, so if anyone is in the area, please stop by and shop! Our second field trip of the year will be to Hidden Valley Park, searching for the Goldie's Fern, Glade Fern, and Maidenhair Fern. This should be a great outing; everyone is welcome to join us! We also have an outing planned for June 2nd to Dave and Kathy Winn's property. This will be the annual Mead's Milkweed count at one of the few know sites in the state for this endangered species. Again, all are welcome to attend!

For further information on the above events, feel free to contact me at drice95875@aol.com or 816-461-0206.

St. Louis Chapter Report

Submitted by Martha Hill, Chapter Representative

The St. Louis Chapter held its February meeting on Wednesday the 28th with a presentation by John Atwood entitled "Common Missouri Mosses and a Newly Discovered Species from the St. Louis Region." John is a graduate student at University of Missouri-St. Louis, working toward his degree through a mutual program with the Missouri Botanical Garden. He is the 2006 Hudson Award recipient and brought in a large crowd of moss and plant enthusiasts with his presentation on his graduate work.

On Saturday, March 24th, the Webster Groves Nature Study Society (WGNSS) and MONPS St. Louis Chapter held

a joint walk at Hilda Young Conservation Area. Several people attended and enjoyed seeing some of the newly opened buds of ephemerals such as Bloodroot, Dutchman's Breeches, Toothwort, and Hepatica, just to name a few.

Our March meeting was a joint meeting with WGNSS and was held on the 28th, with Dr. Shirley Graham presenting a talk on "Crime-Solving Plants." She discussed how lumber from a ladder used in the Lindberg kidnapping was instrumental in solving the crime. Dr. Graham retired from Kent State University and she and her husband, who collects pollen slides (has over 25,000 so far), moved here to spend time on their specialties at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Shirley is a Lythraceae expert in addition to her expertise in forensic botany.

On May 7th, MONPS, along with other nature groups in the St. Louis area, has been invited to participate in a field botany trip to Pelican Island in North St. Louis County as part of a 'River Camp 07' event sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Access to the island is by boat only and participants will be treated to a camp social and dinner. Anyone who wants to look at information on this can access it on the internet at www.riverrelief.org.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the Shaw Nature Reserve Plant Sale, which is scheduled for May 12th. The St. Louis Chapter will also host a MONPS booth at this event.

Hawthorn Chapter Report

Submitted by Judy Turner, Chapter Representative

The Missouri Department of Transportation has approved our plan for our Wildflower Restoration Project along Stadium Blvd. in Columbia and we have received the appropriate permits. The first part of the project is currently underway with cutting and treating the weedy woody vegetation. If you have any interest in helping with this project contact Becky Erickson, project director at beckyerick@socket.net.

At our regular meeting in March Paula Peters was elected treasurer. All other officers remain as before. For our program Sybill Amelon, research wildlife biologist, with the Northern Research Station of the U.S. Forestry Service, presented an enlightening program on the diversity and ecological roles of bats. Chapter members were treated to close-up encounters with the four Brown Bats who were the stars of the program. Bats have been maligned for centuries as evil and vampires. This, of course, is not true. They play a vital role in our environment, eating insects, pollinating flowers (just like bees), and dispersing seeds (just like birds). Additionally, they are the world's best and only true flying mammals. If you have a pond and don't like mosquitoes, put up a bat house. A single brown bat can eat up to 1,200 mosquito and similar insects in just one hour!

April and May will be full of many educational activities for our chapter members and will be reported on next month. In the meantime, enjoy Spring!

Osage Plains Chapter Report

Submitted by Marlene Miller, Chapter Representative

It was good to resume our meetings after our winter hiatus February 19 at 7:00 PM at the Clinton office of the Missouri Conservation Department. Emily welcomed the 25 members and guests. George Yatskievych presented an illustrated program on Reflections of "The Flora of Missouri". The project began in 1987 and includes all new plates. We truly enjoyed the information presented and had several questions answered. We donated a volume II to the Henry County Library. He also encouraged us to participate in a 5-10 year period of county by county canvassing for specimens to update the present information on the native plants in Missouri.

After refreshments, the Harlans were congratulated on the completion and awarding of their coneflower badges. We worked on ideas for meetings and field trips for the year.

Marlene and Sherry gave the state report. We agreed to help with a workday at the museum to do a native planting with labels. Finally we discussed nominations for state awards.

On March 19, 12 of us again gathered at the Clinton office of the Missouri Conservation Department. After a welcome from Sherry Leis (standing in for Emily) the presentation this night was given by Neal Young on Wetlands and Waterbirds. He spoke about the various wetlands across the state and then those in the 4 Rivers Area where we are located. We learned that it takes wetland soils, hydrology, and wetland plants to make an area a wetland. The 3 types of wetlands are emergent marsh, moist soil units and opportunistic units. He went on to discuss plants and birds in each of these areas as well as problem plants and all was illustrated with pictures.

After refreshments, the meeting was called to order. The treasurer's report showed an ending balance of \$96.52. We discussed the open program dates and decided on the topics and then discussed possible speakers. We decided to donate another "Flora of Missouri Volume II" to the St. Clair County Library. We will have a table at the Wah' Kon Tah Prairie Days and different people volunteered for specific jobs. James Harlan reviewed the upcoming field trips through July and we added one for August.

If you live near us, please come join us. You will be welcome.

Ozark's Chapter Report

Submitted by Patricia French, Chapter Representative

The meeting schedule for the Ozarks Chapter has been changed slightly and meetings are now held on a monthly basis. Meeting times have also changed and the business meeting will now begin at 6:30 p.m. with programs/regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are normally held at MDC's Ozark Regional Office, 551 Joe Jones Blvd, West Plains.

Spring is in the air and the chapter is looking forward to a busy spring and summer. Upcoming projects, plans and interests include:

-A member will be making contact to check on the possibility of assisting the local post office with planting native plants in their regular planting areas.

-The chapter will assist Howell Valley Elementary School with the planting of a butterfly garden beginning April 10th.

-Tim Smith will present a program on Missouri's Most Threatened Plants at the chapter's April 17th meeting.

-Nels Holmberg will present a program on sunflowers at the chapter's May 15th meeting. Attendees are invited to bring specimens for identification.

-Bill Summers will be leading 2 field trips per month during the growing season. The first was on March 21st with a visit to a local farm and observation of spring wildflowers and of a glade restoration in progress. The next trip will be April 7th at MDC's Tingler Prairie Natural Area to see the Ozark Wake Robin and other spring wildflowers in bloom. Participants will meet at MDC's Ozark Regional Office in West Plains at 9:30 a.m. for all field trips. Further field trip dates are scheduled for April 18th, May 5th, and May 16th with focus areas and other dates yet to be decided. Participants are advised to wear comfortable shoes and bring drinking water.

-The chapter will donate a field guide to the West Plains Public Library in the next few weeks and will assist them with planning a native plant garden on the library grounds.

INFORMATION ON JOINING MISSOURI NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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