OUR NEXT MEETING:

Annual Chapter Potluck Picnic & Archery Lessons!

Thursday, June 11th
6:30 PM
@ Sally and Bobb Swanson’s House
9250 East Highway WW (see driving directions below)

Please bring a dish of your choice to the potluck, and don’t forget to bring a plate/cup/utensils, and a lawn chair if you have one!

The Swanson’s will provide tea and lemonade; if you’d like something else to drink, please BYOB. Also, please bring your own table service and maybe a lawn chair. Meat will be provided, but donations to cover the cost would be appreciated.

This year we will have a special guest at our potluck – Brian Flowers, Outdoor Skills Specialist in the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Outreach & Education Division. Brian will be providing a FREE archery lesson to interested attendees! Fun times! P.S. Thanks to Suzanne Wright (Class of 2005) for setting this up!

Also note that Sally will have a few dinner sets ($30) and mugs ($10) for sale at the potluck!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: 9250 E. HWY WW. Drive east on Broadway, which becomes WW. Cross HWY 63 and go about 7 miles. As you cross Rangeline, pay close attention as you will need to turn into the second driveway on the right. If you get lost, please call 573-442-1007. Hope to see you there!
It’s usually around this time of year that I start to see red foxes in my yard. I haven’t seen one yet this year, but I’ve been looking for them, so I decided to share some information about them. Red foxes prefer the borders of forested areas and adjacent open lands, avoiding dense and extensive forests. During most of the year, red foxes sleep on the ground in a convenient, sheltered spot. During the breeding season, though, they provide a den for the young. Mating may occur from late December to March, but January and February are the usual months. Litters generally are born in March or April. Most litters contain 4–7 kits. The kits begin to come out of the nest when they are about a month old, and at about 10 weeks, they leave the den area for the first time to accompany their parents on hunting trips. The family disperses in the fall. Foxes are chiefly nocturnal but may come out during day, especially at dawn and dusk. Rabbits, rats and mice form the bulk of the diet of foxes. Additional items include other small mammalian species, wild birds, insects and only a small amount of plant material. In the last three decades, the population in Missouri has declined and remained at a low level. Because of increased demand for long-haired fur, there has been heavy trapping pressure on foxes, especially the red fox.

In Native American lore, fox animal symbolism deals with two interpretations. One perspective (Northern tribes) observes the fox as a wise and noble messenger. The other (Plains tribes) views the fox as a trickster playing pranks, or worse - luring one to demise.

Be sure and attend the potluck dinner!

-Robbie Scholes, President, Boone's Lick Master Naturalists

Information taken from Missouri Department of Conservation website.
DID YOU KNOW? You can sign up to receive a FREE subscription to Missouri Resources Magazine here. The magazine is published quarterly by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to inform readers about important natural resource issues and how they are being addressed. Free to Missouri residents!

MASTER NATURALISTS PRESENT PROGRAM ABOUT MONARCH BUTTERFLIES AT SONGBIRD STATION

On Sunday May 31st, Stacy Barr (Class of 2010) and Robbie Scholes (Class of 2013) gave a presentation to explain the plight of the Monarch Butterfly and what we can do to help restore their numbers in our areas. They also shared tips to make yards more butterfly-friendly. If you would like advice on raising monarchs and/or creating butterfly-friendly spaces, both Stacy and Robbie can help you!

HELP MISSOURI RIVER RELIEF REFURBISH THEIR FLEET!

Missouri River Relief is raising money to purchase new vans, a truck, and other equipment. Their current trucks and vans have driven more than 1.5 million miles! This group hauls both volunteers and equipment thousands of miles each year to river clean-up events from Omaha to Saint Louis. By donating, you are investing in the future health of North America’s longest river system as well as supporting new opportunities to introduce people to the Big Muddy. Please visit Refurbish Our Fleet Campaign to donate!

RE-POST: LEARN HOW TO COMPOST!

Spring is here, and with it comes the season to plant your vegetable gardens and flower beds. Many organic materials you generate at home such as lawn clippings, landscape trimmings, kitchen scraps, leaves, and untreated cardboard can be managed through composting. They can be recycled into compost which then can be used in your gardening efforts as a soil conditioner.
If you are interested in learning how to compost in your own backyard, the city offers free composting workshops. Attendees are eligible to receive a free basic compost bin or a deluxe bin for $20. Registration is preferred.

**The following is the 2015 workshop schedule:** Saturday 6/13 at 10am, Tuesday 07/07 at 6pm, Thursday 8/06 at 10am, Saturday 9/12 at 10am, Saturday 10/24 at 10am, or Saturday, 11/14 at 10am.

Please visit this [webpage](#) for additional information such as registration details, directions, etc. If you are a proficient composter and interested in instructing a workshop or acting as a classroom aide, this is an incredible volunteer opportunity. Please call (573) 874-6271 or email [pw-volunteer@gocolumniamo.com](mailto:pw-volunteer@gocolumniamo.com) for details.

*If you would like to request that this event be approved as Advanced Training, please complete an Advanced Training Approval Form in advance, you can find the form here.*

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

![Volunteer Opportunities](image)

**SERVICE PIN FOR 2015: THE PROTHONOTARY WARBLER**

For updated information on volunteer opportunities, please see the [online calendar](#) on the chapter website. Please contact the person indicated for more detailed information on any of the projects. To submit a project for consideration for service hours, fill out a [Volunteer Opportunity Approval Form](#), and email it to [MMNVolOpps@gmail.com](mailto:MMNVolOpps@gmail.com) for consideration.

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**ASSIST WITH NATIVE PRAIRIE SEED COLLECTION**

There are many opportunities to assist with native seed collection throughout this summer and fall. It’s an excellent way to learn new species of plants while assisting with prairie restoration in Missouri. See below for a tentative
schedule -- locations and times are TBD. Volunteers will travel to different locations within about 45 minutes of Columbia to gather seed for prairie restoration at Prairie Fork Conservation Area. MDC will provide limited transportation; carpooling is encouraged. Chris Newbold will send an email a week or so before each trip. Please email Chris Newbold to be added to Prairie Seed Collection email list.

- **Thursday Evening June 25th:** Prairie Fork or Auxvasse Glade
- **Tuesday Evening July 7th:** Tucker Prairie
- **Thursday Evening July 23rd:** Tucker Prairie
- **Tuesday Evening August 11th:** Prairie Fork
- **Saturday August 29th:** Tucker Prairie
- **Tuesday Evening September 8th:** Auxvasse Glade
- **Saturday September 26th:** Diggs Area
- **Saturday October 10th:** Rocky Fork CA
- **Sunday October 11th:** Prairie Fork or Auxvasse Glade

**CONTACT:** Email Chris Newbold at chris.newbold@mdc.mo.gov

**Opportunity Code for Timesheets:** PRFORK

**Photo Credit:** Suzanne Wright (Class of 2005) – Seed Collecting at Tucker Prairie

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**ATTENTION BIRDERS:** Presenters Needed for Assisted-Living Center Program about Local Birds/Birdwatching

Some residents at a Columbia-area assisted-living facility have requested a short program on birds and bird-watching. If you can help, please email Robbie Scholes. Thanks!

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**Additional VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for June 2015**

- **Saturday June 6th from 8-10am or 10am-noon:** Volunteer to assist at the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility at the Grissum Building (1313 Lakeview), email volunteer@gocolumbiamo.com to sign up to help, learn more [here](#). (Timesheet Code COC)
- **Every Wednesday in June (10th, 17th, and 24th) from 7:30am to 4pm, Destination TBA, meet at SW Corner of Parkade Center parking lot:** Birding Trip Hosted by Bill Clark, call Bill at 573-474-4510 to RSVP. (Timesheet Code CAS)
- **Friday June 12th (Backup Date June 19th):** Frog Survey at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, meet at the Grasslands Trail parking lot at sundown, email Glenn Pickett to RSVP. (Timesheet Code RBMSP)
- **Saturday June 13th from 10am-12pm:** Work Party with the Wild Ones at Epple Field (off of Providence near MU, check calendar for directions), RSVP by email to Lea Langdon or call 573-864-7647 (Timesheet Code WO)
- **Saturday June 20th from 8-10am or 10am-noon:** Volunteer to assist at the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility at the Grissum Building (1313 Lakeview), email volunteer@gocolumbiamo.com to sign up to help, learn more [here](#). (Timesheet Code COC)
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**Check out the online Chapter calendar for more details about the above volunteer opportunities and to RSVP to volunteer!**

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**ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

For updated information on advanced training opportunities, please see the [online Chapter calendar](#). To submit an opportunity for advanced training consideration, use the form on the chapter website and email it to MMNATrain@gmail.com.

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**Learn more about trees at the MidMo Taproot Series!**

The Missouri Community Forestry Council and Columbia’s Tree Task Force are proud to offer a series of seminars aimed at educating the general public about a variety of tree related topics. These sessions will be a great way for you to come out and meet local Certified Arborists that are passionate about helping to teach you about the many benefits of trees. There will be door prizes and additional fun events planned at each event. There will be subject matter experts presenting in a variety of formats on specific subjects about trees that should be timely and informative.

**Wed July 15\textsuperscript{th} at 6pm (Shakespeare’s Pizza South)** - Summer Tree Care: With the summer in full swing our trees will be under constant pressure from insects, diseases, weather, and other abiotic stresses. This session will discuss how to care for your trees during the summer months.

**Wed Sept 16\textsuperscript{th} at 6pm (Shakespeare’s Pizza South)** - How to Prune Fruit Trees: With the onset of fall weather our attention will focus on how to prune and care for fruit trees going into the winter months. While this session will have dedicated information about fruit tree pruning there will be additional information about pruning your other trees.

Register to attend [here](http://midmotaproot.bpt.me/) (it’s FREE for no food/drink, or $10 if you get 2 slices and a drink):

Advanced training does not require a timesheet code – only volunteer hours require you to enter a timesheet code.

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**NOTEWORTHY**

See an interesting video or article online? Please share your link via email to mmndragonflyer@gmail.com, and it could end up in the next issue of the Dragonflyer!
It’s Gonna Get LOUD: 2 Broods of Cicadas Make Mating History in Missouri

Bear Loose Near Fulton Missouri Homes

Migrating Songbirds are in Trouble

What To Do if you get Bitten by a Snake

An MU Student and Columbia Police Officers Rescue 13 Baby Ducks on Grindstone Parkway

Bats Released in Hannibal MO After Successful Treatment for White-Nose Syndrome!

Millions of Spiders Rain Down on Australia

Most Polluted Bird on Record Found in Vancouver

Unlikely Friendship: Fox and Hound

Recycling One of the Most Common Kinds of Litter in the World (= Cigarette Butts)

This Mama Owl Takes on a Snake – and wins!

Baby Bison is Illinois’ First in Nearly Two Centuries

Beautiful Time-Lapse Explores the Journey of a Great Plains River

Found: The First Warm-Blooded Fish

This Wild Boar Fell Through The Ceiling

Good News! NASA Scientists Say Big Ozone Holes Headed for Extinction by 2040

Fascinating Facts About Ravens -- Be Sure to Watch #5 Video!

Intimate Portraits of Bees

Icelandic Public TV Network Airs 24 Hours of Sheep Birthing

Burrowing Owl Live Cam!

Newly Discovered Frog Looks Like Kermit

Amazing Video of Caterpillar Becoming a Moth

Baby Elephants Frolic in a Muddy Waterhole

Eagle Photo Touches Hearts
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**MU EXTENSION BUILDING**

*Look for more information about our next meeting in the July Dragonflyer!*

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