NEXT MEETING
Thursday, June 13
6:30 PM
CHAPTER POTLUCK PICNIC!!

Hosted by Sally and Bobb Swanson, 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 442-1007.

Sally will provide tea and lemonade; if you’d like something else to drink, please BYOB. Also bring your own table service and maybe a lawn chair. Meat will be provided, but donations to cover the cost would be appreciated. Here’s the breakdown for the rest of the meal, based on last name initial:
A-G, salad; H-N, dessert; O-U, sides; V-Z, fresh veggies

NOTEWORTHY

Stunning photos of Yosemite

Monster hurricane on Saturn
http://www.foxnews.com/science/2013/04/30/monster-hurricane-on-saturn-nasa/

Giant solar wave erupts from the sun

Cause for bee disappearance

Ducks get an assist from police
http://www.theatlanticcities.com/neighborhoods/2013/05/portland-police-running-over-ducklings-not-going-fare-well-agency/5621/

Natural pest control around the house
http://homes.yahoo.com/photos/pests-gone-10-natural-ways-slideshow/
Saturn

Volunteers

Mars mountain

Non-stop lightning

Ice tsunamis

Glowing plants

Gray Whale off Namibia

Enormous Python killed In Florida a state record

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New Insect Species Identified on Mizzou Campus

![New Insect Species](image)

*Photo credit: Randy Mertens*

Learn more about this insect, considered a new species of aphid because of its physical characteristics, at:
Congratulations to the Boone's Lick MMN Class of 2013!

Twenty-eight graduates celebrated completion of their training at Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area Headquarters on Tuesday, May 14. Graduates include: Nancy Bedan, Mike Bostwick, Patti Brown, Mike Bushmann, Lottie Bushmann, Justin Clarke, Jan Collins, Jill Edwards, Carolyn Flynn, Betsy Garrett, Jon Gering, Tamara Gonzalez-Oberbeck, Robert Hemmelgarn, Anna Holdorf, Ruth Horner, Heidi Hyland, Janet Lindstrom, Jan Martin, Gerald Meyr, Sarah Myers, Denny O’Brien, Michael Poehlman, Bill Pohlman, Corinne Remeika, Joy Rushing, Robbie Scholes, Jenn Sieradzki and Brian Smith. Welcome to the BL chapter!

The graduates were treated to carrot cake to help celebrate their accomplishment. Suzanne Wright says she took the leftovers (?) to Columbia Fire Station 7, where the firefighters assured her they would be happy to take care of it for her. Suzanne says she heard other firefighters murmuring, “Carrot cake!” as word spread...well, like fire...throughout the station.
MEMBERS’ CORNER

I took this picture of an opossum at the extension office right before the March meeting. I think he hangs out there a lot. Surprisingly, not everyone thinks opossums are horrible; I think they have an important place in the ecosystem. Average lifespan of an opossum is only 2 years. Unlike raccoons (who are evil creatures but get away with their wicked ways because some people think they are cute), opossum numbers are in decline. There should be an official “Appreciate An Opossum” week. Just look into those beady little eyes and tell me that isn’t a cute little critter.  

Suzanne Wright

Editor’s note: The opossum is North America’s only known marsupial. Although many of us call them “possums,” a true possum is a separate species indigenous to New Guinea, Australia, Indonesia and other Pacific Islands. Info source: National Geographic.
MU Bobwhite Quail/Native Pollinator Field Day

Thursday, June 20, 1-7 p.m., MU Bradford Research Center. 4968 Rangeline Road. Free. 1-3 p.m., Quail Management Demonstrations, including drill calibration for seeding, herbicide application, dog training and prescribed burning. 3-4 p.m., landowner discussion and Q&A. 4:15-7 p.m., Quail Ecology, Habitat Management and Concurring Native Plants and Pollinators. **NOTE!! Advanced training approval is pending! Please check the chapter calendar to see whether the event is approved.** For more information about the field day, please contact Tim Reinbott at reinbottt@missouri.edu or Bob Pierce, piercer@missouri.edu.

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

For updated information on advanced training opportunities, please see the online Chapter calendar at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia. To submit an opportunity for advanced training consideration, use the form on the chapter website and email it to MMNATrain@gmail.com.

Big Muddy Speaker Series

For directions to the meeting place, check the website: http://www.riverrelief.org/updates/entry/big-muddy-speaker-series-rocheport/.

June 11, 2013 - "Prehistory of Lower Missouri River" - Joe Harl, St. Louis Archeological Research Center

Lincoln University Native Plant Program

Thursday, June 6, 2pm – 5pm. Martin Community Center and Nicholas Beazley Aviation Museum, 1985 S. Odell, Marshall, MO 65340. [http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=Martin%20Community%20Center%20%20Nicholas%20Beazley%20Aviation%20Museum%2C%20Marshall%2C%20MO%2065340](http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=Martin%20Community%20Center%20%20Nicholas%20Beazley%20Aviation%20Museum%2C%20Marshall%2C%20MO%2065340). Create and install a garden with native plants using designs developed by participants. Teams will take turns watering while plants get established. Cost is $5. For more information, contact Dr. Nadia Navarrete-Tindall at Navarrete-TindallN@LincolnU.edu

STATEWIDE ADVANCED TRAINING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Missouri Master Naturalist state website periodically posts advanced training and volunteer opportunities offered throughout the state and open to all MMNs. To view these postings, go to the state website at [http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist](http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist) and click on the link “For Volunteers.” State Advanced Training is also posted on our chapter calendar.
For updated information on volunteer opportunities, please see the online calendar on the chapter website at: http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/. 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 Service Project Form (available at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/Projectapproval.htm) and email it to MMNVolOpps@gmail.com for consideration. You will be notified via email if there are any questions about the project or notified of its approval. Once approval is granted for any person, it is approved for everyone, so it is only necessary to submit one form per project.

Columbia Crawdads Stream Team Cleanup (code COC)

Saturday, June 8, 8am – 11am  Location TBD
Lend a hand to make Columbia cleaner by picking up litter at these events held the 2nd Saturday morning of each month. Beforehand, staff will identify the area to be cleaned, the place to meet and the start time. A fellow volunteer will lead you and will bring the supplies you’ll need! If interested, contact Lisa Rohmiller, 874-7499, or email her at volunteer@gocolumbiamo.com to get on the contact list.

Outdoor Classroom (Code COCP)

Tuesday, June 11, 9-noon, Russell School, 1800 W. Rollins. Behind the school. You can use the west parking lot for Kiwanis Park and take the very short trail to the school grounds. Also, if anyone is interested in helping plan for care of the Russell Outdoor Classroom, you are welcome to join the committee, which meets monthly. Please contact Lea Langdon, langtrea@gmail.com or 864-7647.

Prairie Seed Collection (Code MDC)

Locations and times are TBD, although this tentative schedule may hold. 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. To be included on the list, contact him at chris.newbold@mdc.mo.gov.

June 13 - Thursday evening – Prairie Fork
June 27 – Thursday evening – Tucker Prairie or Auxvasse Glade
July 25 – Thursday evening – Prairie Fork
August 8 – Thursday evening – Prairie Fork
August 24 – Saturday – Tucker Prairie
Sept. 28 - Saturday – Diggs Area
October 12 – Saturday – Rocky Fork CA
October 13 – Sunday– Prairie Fork or Auxvasse Glade

Mill Creek Watershed BioBlitz (Code MDC for data collection, DNR for stream cleanup)

Saturday, June 15, Phelps County near Newburg, MO, 8-3. Volunteers will form small teams to assist scientists in gathering data to evaluate diversity and quality of biodiversity in the Mill Creek Watershed. A stream clean-up is also part of the effort. Lunch is provided. If interested, please contact Jim Morrison, Mill Creek Watershed Coalition, at 636-233-2513 or iffftrout@gmail.com.
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### NEXT MEETING

**Thursday, July 11**  
**6:30 PM**  
**MU Extension Bldg.**

Program to be announced.  
Watch for more details in the July Dragonflyer.

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