



NOVEMBER MEETING

Submitted by Vanessa Melton

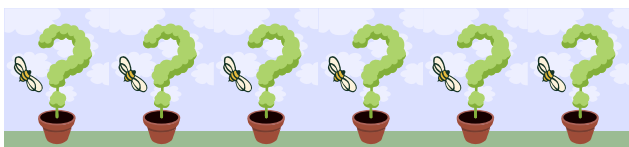
The programmed speakers have withdrawn for November, so the program is currently TBD. The business portion of the meeting will follow the presentation, and as always snacks will be included! Hope to see you all there!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our December meeting will be on Thursday, the 13th, 6:30 – 8:30. We will have elections and a potluck party – please bring family and friends! If you have photos to share, please email them to Don by December 1st for inclusion in his montage.

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINES

Because of the advance notice requirements for the elections at the December meeting, the newsletter must be out by November 27th. Therefore, please have all advanced training and volunteer opportunities information to Mary Jane and Troy by November 14, articles and other submissions to Rachel by the 19th. Thank you for accommodating this change in the publication schedule.



PRESIDENTIAL PONDERINGS

Suzanne Wright

Stick-Tight

Everything I come into contact with these days has a stick-tight attached. This includes my home, my clothes, my car, my husband, my dogs and even my desk chair at work. I recently spent almost an hour picking millet seeds out of my favorite pair of socks. I kept wondering if I should save them for planting somewhere or if they could be cooked and eaten.

Last Sunday at the Boone's Lick Chapter's October meeting/field trip, Jane, Carolyn, Cheryl, Phil, Sally, Steffanie and I spent several hours collecting seeds at the Prairie Garden Trust. The seeds will be used to plant a new area there this winter. We kept Chris Newbold busy running back and forth across the field identifying different seed pods as we fanned out over an older planted area. The techniques were varied. Some concentrated on only one plant and placed them in separate labeled bags; others picked randomly and deposited them in the large vinyl collecting bags that hung from our waists. The latter group could be divided into the pod collecting group and those that attempted to remove as many of the seeds as possible before putting them sans pods into the collection receptacles. We did a little bird watching, spider inspection and all of us enjoyed the weather on what was an exceptionally beautiful autumn day.

Fall has begun to have new portent for me. Now it doesn't signal the end of the growing season but rather the beginning. Many of the native seeds start their process now. Whether blown by the wind, ingested by birds or animals, or trod underfoot by grazing beasts, they make their way to earth. Most require very little soil cover and rely on the freezing and thawing process that occurs over the

winter to help work themselves in the ground. Some will need the introduction of fire to break down the surface of the seed to allow germination. Those seeds that manage to germinate will spend their first year subsisting. They will do the hard work of establishing themselves and developing their root systems. Most will not flower until the second year or later. You have to know what to look for to recognize them in this early stage as the mature plant they will become.

People often speak of going back to their roots. What roots could be deeper than practicing the same gathering techniques as our ancient ancestors? Where our goal was to re-establish some of the native forbs and grasses, theirs was a quest for survival. I found myself thinking about my own great-grandparents and their lives as pioneers. I also contemplate “the seed” for its own sake. After all, the grains of wheat that sustained my forbearers were seeds. And it’s good to remember that the stick-tights in all their varied forms, that now decorate my world, are seeds too.

I think the tranquility of the day as we collected seeds made many of us introspective. Sally recalled a story her father had told about his experience in the navy during World War II. At one point the mission of his ship was to help evacuate Chinese refugees. He told Sally of watching a woman who carried a child on her back, stopping to pick up grains of rice one at a time as she walked along the beach, and after softening them in her own mouth she would give them to her child.

The week before the field trip my husband and I were visiting our property in Chariton County. I was walking an area that we had burned in the spring of '06. When I crested the hill, I looked down on five large aster plants in full bloom. It was an unexpected surprise. I had never seen asters anywhere on the property before and I certainly hadn't noticed the plants the year before.

What an amazing thing is the simple seed - and to plant a seed is to be forever hopeful.



MEETING MINUTES

Boone's Lick Chapter Missouri Master Naturalist Meeting October 14, 2007

Submitted by Suzanne Wright

The Boone's Lick Chapter of the Missouri Master Naturalist met at the Prairie Garden Trust outside of Fulton on Sunday, October 14th, at 1:00pm.. The purpose of the field trip was to collect seeds that would be used by PGT to plant a new area during the coming winter and to learn about native forbs and grasses. Chris Newbold was on hand to explain some of the characteristics of native plants and help with the identification of the plants and seeds. Those in attendance were: Jane Fore, Carolyn Doyle, Steffanie Able, Sally Swanson, Phil Knocke and Suzanne Wright.

At 3:30 a short business meeting was conducted. The president read a thank you note from Celeste to the Chapter for the copy of *Butterflies of Cascadia* that was waiting for her in Oregon. Suzanne will re-read the letter at the November meeting. A quick run through of the October Agenda alerted those in attendance of upcoming events which included the CACHE work dates, the Boonville Envirothon, the Greenbelt Land Trust Work Day on the 20th of October and the Xeriscaping program which will be presented by the United States Green Building Council on November 2nd. Snacks and drinks provided by Suzanne and Sally.

There were no reports regarding newly approved volunteer opportunities or newly approved advanced training items. The November 8th meeting will be held at the Extension Office on UU at 6:30pm

**And now from the state of Oregon....A
THANK YOU FROM CELESTE**

I wanted to express a mighty “thank you” to all of the Boone’s Lick-ns for y’all’s generous gift. *Butterflies of Cascadia* is pure Lepidopteran porn - amazing photography and a tremendous compendium of information. It will aid me tremendously in making the transition from, “Well, if I were back in Missouri I’d say that was a Lesser Freckled Upstart”, to actually knowing what the heck I’m looking at. And what a fine piece of synchronicity that the author ... the founder of the Xerces Society! happened to be on hand to sign it for me.

I look forward to heading out with my net (if the rains ever end)....I’ll think of the Missouri Master Naturalists with each new identification!

With profound entomological geekiness,
Celeste

State Advisory Council Election

Troy had contacted Suzanne on Saturday, October 13th regarding the need to nominate and elect a new State Advisory Committee representative at the October meeting. The State Advisory Committee (SAC) representative has a two year term. There are two representatives from each region, but since the Boone’s Lick Chapter is currently the only chapter in this region it has two representatives. Troy Gordon’s term as a SAC representative is coming to an end and it is his position which we need to fill. Cheryl Hardy is our other representative and she has one year remaining on her term (she is also the Vice-Chairperson of the SAC). SAC meets several times a year, and so far all of their meetings have been in Jefferson City except the meeting at the annual conference last May. Meetings typically have been held mid-morning on a Saturday and have ended by mid-afternoon; the date is scheduled based on people’s calendars.

SAC is the committee responsible for communicating issues and problems to our state advisors at MDC and University Extension, reviewing issues and making recommendations for policy. The

representative also serves as the liaison for the Chapter, reporting on decisions and state issues to local members.

The President decided to delay the election for this position until the November meeting when more of the Chapter members will be in attendance. However, Suzanne was nominated for the position and the nomination was seconded. We will take additional nominations from the floor at the November meeting, at which time we will vote and announce the results. Anyone with specific questions about this position may contact Troy for more information.

There were a few announcements which were covered in the October Agenda and included the upcoming election of officers and Pot Luck Dinner at the December 13th meeting.

People were reminded to submit their articles to Rachel Pia for the Dragonflyer, and Troy Gordon for Volunteer Opportunities by the 22nd of October. Agenda items should be sent to Suzanne by October 25th. A request was made for Suzanne’s chopped apple cake recipe, which follows.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 4:00pm.

Suzanne’s Great Grandmother Holtby’s Recipe for Chopped Apple Cake

2 C. Sugar
2/3 C. shortening/oil/butter (your choice)
2 eggs
2 C. flour
2 t. soda
½ t. nutmeg
2 t. cinnamon
½ t. salt
4 C. cored chopped apples (skin left on / tart apples are best)
1 C. raisins (your choice of regular or golden)
½ to 1 C. pecans (or walnuts)

Bake in a Lady Baltimore pan. It makes a lot but the appetites determine how many it serves.

- 1) Grease your pan; turn on the oven (350 degrees).
- 2) Core and chop the apples. Have your raisins and nuts measured and handy.
- 3) Measure flour, soda, nutmeg, cinnamon, and salt into a sifter or tea strainer and sift to blend (or put in a bowl and stir with a whip).
- 4) Cream sugar and shortening, add eggs, beat a bit.
- 5) Dump in the dry ingredients and combine.
- 6) A strong arm is needed to stir in apples, raisins and nuts. Don't worry if it seems dry, the moisture will come from the apples as they bake. Press into the pan. Bake 1 hour.

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

State Advisory Committee (SAC) met on Saturday, September 22nd at the Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City. Several issues of discussion of general interest included:

1. How to count service hours when a volunteer is a member of several volunteer groups. The decision regarding this issue was: When reporting service hours for individual certification or individual volunteer incentives or when meeting the required hours to stay in a program the hours should only be reported to one program.

For example, Treekeepers doesn't have certification and neither does CARP (and neither have a minimum number of hours needed per year), however, MN does certify. I can count an activity for all three groups because only one is using it for certification. I can't double-dip Master Naturalist hours and Master Gardener hours (i.e. report same hours to each group for an activity) because both certify. I can choose which group I will count

those specific activity hours towards my certification with that group.

2. SAC Committee elections for 2008:
 - o In Sept.: nominations from chapters
 - § Nominees have certification and willingness to serve a 2 yr. term
 - o In Oct.: chapters vote on newest SAC member and submit name to Syd Hime (each chapter has a SAC member who is continuing to serve on SAC for an additional year)
 - o In Nov/Dec.: outgoing member of each chapter mentors incoming member
 - o In Jan.: start new term
 - § In late Jan/Feb SAC first face-to-face meeting, with election of new SAC officers
 - § MN State Conference will be the 2nd face-to-face meeting.

3. 2008 MN Conference – May 16, 17 and 18th Clarion Hotel and Springfield Nature Center. 2009 MN Conference hosted by Ozark Chapter in West Plains.

Upcoming Elections

Submitted by Don Day

I was recently reviewing the guidelines for elections from the by-laws of the Master Naturalist program. Following is what is contained in them:

- “2. Election Process
 - a. Nomination. The Nominating Committee, chaired by the past-president with two additional ad-hoc members who are selected by the president with board approval, shall submit a slate of candidates for officers and publish the slate to the membership in writing fifteen days prior to the last General Membership meeting before the end of the calendar year.
 - b. Nominations from the Floor. Nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor prior to the election at the last

General Membership meeting before the end of each calendar year.

c. Election. The election shall take place by secret ballot at the last General Membership meeting before the end of each calendar year and winners determined by a simple majority.

d. Voice Vote. If only one candidate is nominated for an office, that candidate may be elected by voice vote.

e. Assumption of Office. The new Board of Directors shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the last General Membership meeting before the end of each calendar year.”

Because of this, we wanted to let you know that we are in the process of establishing a nominating committee and they will be developing a slate of nominations for officers of the group. The election takes place at the December meeting of the chapter. Since the notification of nominees must be made fifteen days before the meeting, the newsletter will likely be going out the last week of November. Please be sure you have articles to Rachel in time to meet that deadline.

If anyone is interested in having their name submitted for nomination for an office, please contact me.

CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Submitted by Troy Gordon

There have been a few questions about certification lately and a change in policy, so this is an attempt to tell you everything you ever wanted to know about your Missouri Master Naturalist certification.

To be certified as a Missouri Master Naturalist, you must successfully complete your basic class training, a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects (which may include your capstone), and a minimum of 8 hours of advanced training beyond your basic class training. You have fifteen months to complete this certification after the first class (i.e., if your class started in February 2007, you must complete your certification by the end of

April 2008). Once you are certified, you receive a name badge, a state award of certification, and a color dragonfly pin.

After your initial certification, to retain the title of Certified Missouri Master Naturalist, you must recertify each calendar year by completing an additional minimum of 40 hours of volunteer service on approved projects and a minimum of 8 hours of advanced training. Every year that you successfully recertify, you receive a specially designed pin that is available for that year only (2007 is the Dogwood pin, 2008 will be the Great Blue Heron pin). The service hours and the training hours must all be done in that calendar year.

The change in policy involves those people without other lives who have their training classes early in the year and complete their initial certification within a few months. If they remain super-motivated and go ahead and complete the requirements for recertification in that same calendar year, they can certify and recertify the same year. For example, if Donnie took the spring 2007 class (he did), then completed his certification by early summer by taking 8 hours or more of advanced training and performing 40 hours or more of volunteer service (he did), and then in the fall does another 8 or more hours of advanced training and another 40 hours or more of volunteer service (I think he did, but tune in at the awards night in December to find out for sure), then he would have gotten his color dragonfly pin in the summer and would get the Dogwood in December.

So, if you want to be certified, recertified, and otherwise classed as one of those Certified (certifiable??) Missouri Master Naturalists, remember to log your service and advanced training hours, then be sure to come to our December meeting and reap the pins that you so richly deserve!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2 - Xeriscaping:

Landscaping program presented by the United States Green Building Council / Midwest Heartland Chapter, Friday, November 2nd, 12:00n to 1:00pm, at MU. There is no charge, lunch is not provided but you may bring lunch if you like. Contact Suzanne for details.

Greenbelt Land Trust Work Day, Nov. 3

When: Nov 2, 10am – 12pm
Where: Hinkson Nature Preserve at Rock Quarry Rd.
Bring: Gloves, loppers, clippers, small bow saw if you have one.
Activity: Cut or pull bush honeysuckle; treat stumps with herbicide.
Questions: Fred Young, 443-2154 or fred_young_3@yahoo.com
Details: Park at Capen Park or along Rock Quarry Rd. (be careful!). Targeted area is the edge of the bottomland forest. If you walk the trail from Capen Park, turn left after you pass under RQ Rd.

We're trying to turn these areas into showcases of ecological restoration, to encourage future land and easement donations. We welcome your help and company at any or all of these dates.

MEET A MASTER NATURALIST

Bill Lauer, Class of 2007

Bill and JaJuan Lauer retired from their federal government positions in Kansas City, after 30-plus years, in 2005. Since their daughter, Megan, was going to school and working in Columbia, they purchased a new home in their favorite Missouri city. They both were members of our 2007 class. The Dragonflyer editor caught up with Bill at their farm, near Hermann, to ask him some questions about being a Master Naturalist.

What is the reason you became a Master Naturalist?

JaJuan and I were fortunate enough to inherit a farm that had been in her family for one hundred years. As much as we love Columbia, the farm is the most peaceful part of our existence. We have over a hundred acres of hillside forest, surrounding a valley of cropland. The diversity of the flora and fauna is incredible. When we found out about the MN program, it seemed like a great opportunity to learn about managing and conserving our own property in a responsible way and to become advocates for all the organizations that share our views about the ecologies that make Missouri a great place to live and visit.”

What is the most amazing, bizarre, disgusting, odd, or awe-inspiring thing you have experienced in the course of Master Naturalist activities?

It's only been a year, but I can think of a number of activities that would qualify under that definition. Our class spent a St. Patrick's Day in a blizzard learning forestry, touring the Mighty Missouri River on a windy and icy day, and wading knee-deep in the strong currents of an underground stream; so all would qualify as adventurous. Many of our fellows have shown me unique talents and interests. A few events immediately come to mind. During a night moth capture at Overland Bottoms, Donnie and Troy lured every flying creature from ten miles to a white sheet illuminated by a black light. Despite standing in the center of a churning “bug soup”, they giddily examined and plucked unique specimens off the sheet. Other experiences that fall into those adjectives would be Celeste proudly expounding on the virtues of the large wood roach crawling up and down her arm and the experience of catching, banding, and release of Troy's hummingbirds. We're looking forward to the surprises of 2008.

What's been your favorite service project, so far?

Both of us spent the majority of our volunteer hours catching, pinning, and identifying butterflies and moths from the Big Muddy area. It was a lot of fun swinging those nets! The public must be amazed to view our exhibit and realize what's really out there.

What's your favorite Missouri native?

I have so many, but it's hard to beat arriving at our farm in the spring when the dogwoods and redbuds are in bloom in the forest surrounding our house.

What is something folks would never guess about you?

My dirty little Master Naturalist secret is that, in the late 60's and early 70's, I worked counter to what are currently Missouri River priorities.... *i.e.* letting the River branch and slow, in order to maintain aquatic species and bring back the plants and animals that once lived near it. I was then a river construction surveyor, working under the direction of the Corps of Engineers, setting the locations of pilings and rock that made the River straighter, the current faster, and the channel deeper and more navigable for commerce. My college roommate (now in Kansas City's 2008 MN class) and I joked for years that we would make the Missouri River a canal between Kansas City and St. Louis. Now in our 50's, we are (at last) enlightened."

**NOVEMBER ADVANCED
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

No new advanced training opportunities at this time.

**NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Volunteer Opportunities

Below are the volunteer opportunities for November and ongoing projects, as well as announcements of other events. Additional information on each project is at: <http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/VolunteerOpportunities/November%20volunteer%20opportunities.pdf>. Please contact the person indicated for more detailed information on any of the projects. Note that if a project is listed as "not yet approved," you will need to fill out a Service Project Form

(available at <http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/Projectapproval.htm>). You will be notified via e-mail of the project's approval or if there are any questions. Once approval is granted for any person, it is approved for everyone, so it is only necessary to submit one form per project.

November Volunteer Opportunities

**Tree Planting at Overton Bottoms North:
Saturday, November 3rd, 9:00am**

Sponsored by the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, Friends of Big Muddy, and Missouri River Relief

We will be planting 150 bottomland hardwood trees and another 100 shrubs. Jeans and sturdy shoes are suggested, and warm clothes to match the weather forecast. We will have work gloves, but feel free to bring a favored pair if you like. We will have some shovels, but a few extra will help if you have one (but be sure it is marked with your name). Bring a water bottle. We will provide lunch. See: http://www.friendsofbigmuddy.org/next_outing.htm for more information. Contact Troy Gordon at friends@friendsofbigmuddy.org or call 573-424-9051. Project is approved.

**CACHE Birding Trips: Wednesday,
November 7th; Wednesday, November 14th;
Wednesday, November 21st, and
Wednesday, November 28th**

Sponsored by The Columbia Audubon Society, Missouri Department of Conservation, and The Audubon Society of Missouri.

These are birding trips with Bill Clark. Meet at 7:30am (don't be late) at the southwest corner of the Parkade Center parking lot. The destination will be decided the day of the trip. Contact Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vandawn@hotmail.com. Project is approved.

**Hunter Information Tables at Units of the
Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife
Refuge
Saturday, November 10th and Sunday,
November 11th, any hours between 5:00am
and 6: 30pm**

Sponsored by Friends of Big Muddy and the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
Volunteers are needed to staff an information table for deer hunters using refuge units. Volunteers should dress warmly, as they will be outside sitting for the entire period. Volunteers can pick whatever hours they wish to work during the two days, although we prefer a minimum of a two-hour commitment. Opportunities are available at all the refuge units. Contact Troy Gordon at friends@friendsofbigmuddy.org or 573-424-9051. Project is approved.

Work Day at Wild Haven: Saturday, November 24th

Sponsored by The Columbia Audubon Society.
This is a work day at one of the Columbia Audubon Society's properties. We will be seeding the newly created savannah area. Contact Vanessa Melton at 573-864-3905 or vanndawn@hotmail.com. Project is approved.

Ongoing Opportunities

Butterfly Display Board Creation: Weekdays as needed

Sponsored by the Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge
One or two people are needed with artistic flair/decorating/display savvy to arrange the butterflies and moths that have been collected into a good display for the public. Volunteers need to be able to work weekday daytime hours. Contact Wedge Watkins at Wedge_Watkins@fws.gov or 573-441-2788. Project is approved.

Project Seeds- Students, the Environment, and Endangered Species

Ongoing starting in the fall with training this summer

Sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Columbia Office
Volunteers will lead presentations on Boone County endangered species in Columbia schools (5th grades). They will also follow up presentations with installing and maintaining an aquarium in the school and hosting a book fair

to purchase wildlife books for the school libraries.

Contact Becky_Clearwater@fws.gov or Charlie Scott at Charlie_scott@fws.gov Phone: 573-234-2132. Project is approved.

Prairie Seed Collection for Prairie Restoration at the Charles Green Conservation Area Ongoing May through November, each year for 6-10 years

Sponsored by Missouri Department of Conservation. Volunteers maintain and collect seed from established forb plots at Charles A. Green Conservation Area (little guesswork, as plants are in rows). They can also collect on other areas of choice, if species and/or area have been approved. Contact: John George at John.George@mdc.mo.gov or 573-882-8388 ext 224. You may also contact Jody Stotsky at 573-874-0642 to learn about her work on the forb plots at the Green Area in summer and fall of 2006. Project is approved.

Columbia Fishery Resources Office, Ongoing, typically weekdays throughout the year

Sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Volunteers join fishery staff for day-long trips to the field where they will collect, tag, and measure fish, and assess fish habitat quality. Volunteers may also work in the lab to aid in fish identification analysis of field data. Contact: Joanne Grady at Joanne_Grady@fws.gov or 573-234-2132, ext. 101. Project is not yet approved.

Bulletin Board Update at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, Flexible scheduling

Volunteers are needed to drive to the park's four bulletin boards, open and close them with a power drill and add/remove flyers and posters. Work can be done on your own time if you have your own power drill and vehicle or between 8am and 4:30pm if you need to use park equipment/vehicle. Updates usually needed 2-3 times per month during busy seasons (April-October), and once a month during slower seasons (November-March). Contact: Kathryn DiFoxfire at rock.bridge.memorial.state.park@dnr.mo.gov

or Roxie Campbell at roxie.campbell@dnr.mo.gov 573-449-7402. Project is approved.

Raptor Rehabilitation Project, Ongoing
Sponsored by Raptor Rehabilitation Project. Care for sick or injured raptors; feed and provide activities to captive, wild animals; create, improve and deliver presentations. Contact: Erin West, President, at eedw76@mizzou.edu for details and training. Project is approved.

Prescribed Burns at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, Select weekdays between 8am and 3:30pm (call for specific dates)
Volunteers assist in prescribed burns in restored native grassland or woodland units within park. Exact dates are determined by weather, wind direction and staff and volunteer availability. Contact: Kathryn DiFoxfire at rock.bridge.memorial.state.park@dnr.mo.gov or Roxie Campbell at roxie.campbell@dnr.mo.gov 573-449-7402. Project is approved.

Prairie Fork Conservation Area Field Trip Naturalists
Sponsored by Missouri Dept. of Conservation, University of Missouri, Prairie Fork Trust. Prairie Fork CA needs naturalists to staff environmental education stations during field trips for school students. Most programs take place M - F from ~ 9am to 2pm. Most programs involve 3 small group activities from 9am till noon with children rotating through stations and one large group activity after lunch. Help is most needed during morning activities. Contact: Benedict Nagy at (573)254-3262, or benedict62@yahoo.com. Project is approved.

Friends of Rock Bridge Memorial State Park Explore Rock Bridge, 3rd Saturday of each month
Sponsored by Friends of Rock Bride Memorial State Park. Explore Rock Bridge provides opportunities for the public to explore different park resources and participate in service projects. Volunteers needed to assist trip leader with hike each month and to plan future

programs. Contact: Meredith Donaldson at Mjdonlson@aol.com or 815-9255. Project is approved.

Landowner Contacts Database, Flexible hours until completed.
Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Volunteer will log landowner contact folders by location. Files date back to the 1940s and recording assistance provided on specific properties in the past will provide an account of historical management allowing MDC to better assess property needs. Location: Fulton. Contact Josh Stevens at Josh.Stevens@mdc.mo.gov or 573-592-1412. Project is approved.

Friends of Big Muddy Activities, Ongoing dates throughout the year.
Sponsored by Friends of Big Muddy. Most opportunities are on units of the Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge. Check <http://www.friendsofbigmuddy.org> for current opportunities or sign up for list serve announcements of activities by e-mailing FriendsOfBigMuddy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Contact Troy Gordon at friends@friendsofbigmuddy.org or call 573-424-9051. Projects are approved.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Have you read a great book lately? Found a cool online resource? Discovered a tool that is making your outdoor life easier? Please send your comments and reviews to Rachel.Pia@gmail.com for inclusion in the newsletter.

“Those who dwell, as scientists or laymen, among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life.

Rachel Carson

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NEXT MEETING

Refreshments: Suzanne Wright will send reminders to those who signed up for November. Please bring anything needed to serve and consume your dish or drink.

Reminder: December meeting will be elections and a potluck on the 13th. Families and friends are invited!



*To promote awareness and citizen
stewardship of natural resources
through science-based education and
community service*