



Nature Notes

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New Meeting Places and Times this Fall

Pat McCormick

This fall, WGNSS celebrates the legacy of Henry Shaw with two events:

October 4, at 7 PM

Oak Bend Branch of

St. Louis County Library

James F. Scott presents

"Henry Shaw: Living Legacy"

The October 4 meeting is co-sponsored by WGNSS and the Oak Bend Branch of St. L. Co. Library. James F. Scott, cultural historian, will present the program portraying Henry Shaw, "as a creative entrepreneur, a generous philanthropist and a far-sighted visionary." This program is based on a PBS documentary on Shaw's life. The Oak Bend Branch of St. L. Co. Library is located at 842 S. Holmes in Oakland—between Kirkwood and Webster. Holmes is one block east of I-44, off Big Bend Blvd. Follow Big Bend to Holmes and turn north at the gas stations. The library is only 1/2 block north of Big Bend. Note the early meeting time of 7 PM. **Also note that though we usually meet on the second Friday of the month, our Oct. meeting is on the first.**

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November 8, at 6:30 PM

Monsanto Center at

Missouri Botanic Garden

tour of MBG Library and Herbarium

The second event at the November 8 general meeting presents WGNSS members with a rare opportunity to visit the library and herbarium at the Monsanto Center at Missouri Botanical Garden. The library contains a collection of botanical books of great historical value, some of which will be displayed. The herbarium will display some of its unique collection of preserved plants. Center staff will serve as tour guides. Each guide can comfortably take a dozen people through each area, allowing time for discussion and questions. Therefore the number of guest must be limited to 50. Please make a reservation by signing up at a WGNSS meeting or by phoning Pat McCormick at 636-225-0264. We can assemble in the lobby of the Monsanto Center at 6:30 PM.

Directions: Follow I-44 to the Vandeventer exit and turn south. The building is located one block south of I-44 at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer. Turn into the parking lot from Shaw. Note the early starting time of 6:30 PM. We hope many members can enjoy these 2 new events! ☼

New Faces On The Board

Yvonne Homeyer, President
Please welcome Jim Adams and Ann Earley to your Board of Directors. Jim will serve as Secretary, completing a term that expires in May. Ann is a Member at Large and replaces Mark Peters, whose term expired. Jim Adams, a retired Monsanto chemical engineer, has been a WGNSS member for many years. He has been active in the Boy Scouts of America for 42 years and has served as Secretary for other organizations.

When Ann Earley moved to St. Louis 11 years ago, WGNSS was the first nature organization she joined. She has served on the board of the Missouri Native Plant Society and is currently on the board of NABA-St. Louis (North American Butterfly Association). Thank you, Jim and Ann, for graciously volunteering to serve on our Board.

We would like to recognize Doug Corbett for the five years he served as 1st Vice President planning our monthly programs. Doug is also our outgoing president. Thank you, Doug, for all you have done for WGNSS in your various Board capacities. Mike Flieg is our new 1st Vice President, at the same time serving as the Environmental Education chairperson. We would also like to thank Mark Peters for his valuable service to WGNSS as a Member at Large.

Weekend Bird & Botany Walks

In September, in addition to the Thursday Botany walks, Thursday bird trips, and Saturday bird trips, we have added three weekend field trips—a Sunday Bird Walk, a Saturday Botany Walk, and a Hawk Watch. Beginners are welcome at all these activities.

Sun. 9/22 Hawk Watch: Mark Peters, leader. Thousands of hawks migrate through our area about this time every year. Watch starts at 8:30 AM, at Mark's 6-acre restored prairie in Jefferson Co. Bring a chair (optional); water, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, and of course binoculars! A short butterfly walks will be included.

Directions to Mark Peters': 5435 Lions Den Spur, Imperial, MO. From I-270 and Hwy. 21 (Tesson Ferry), go south on Tesson Ferry. Cross the Meramec R and take the 2nd exit—Old Hwy. 21—bearing right as you enter. Go 2.6 miles till you come to Lions Den Rd. and turn left. In 1 mile, cross the bridge and keep a sharp lookout for 2 unpaved, unmarked roads on right about 100 yards past the bridge. At the second of these, turn right. The correct turn has a mailbox on the right marked "5435." Also, there is a house and barn at the intersection and a sign: "Keep Out." Go in anyway. You can only turn right. This road ends at a creek in about 1/2 mile. Mark's driveway is to the left. Park along the road—do not drive across the creek. Walk across the creek to the prairie.

In October, we have one Saturday Botany Walk and two Sunday Bird Walks scheduled. On Sunday, Oct. 6, 8 AM, Kent Lannert, Connie Alwood, and Tom Bormann will lead a bird walk at Busch Wildlife. Take 40 west toward St. Charles Co., left on 94, right on D, follow signs to Busch Headquarters. Meet at HQ, near the Butterfly Garden.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 AM, Father Sullivan will lead a Botany Walk at St. Stanislaus Conservation Area in north county. Beginners welcome. Bring water, insect repellent, all-weather gear. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Aubuchon and Charbonier. From MO-370, exit at Earth City Expressway and go north for 3.5 miles; this becomes Aubuchon. For more info, call Fr. Sullivan 314-441-4554.

Frank Holmes will lead a bird walk at Horseshoe Lake on Sunday, October 20, 8 AM. Take I-55/70 east to Hwy 111 exit. Turn left onto Hwy 111 and follow road to the entrance of the park on the left. We will meet at the causeway.

We hope to offer more weekend activities as the year progresses. If you have questions, please contact Yvonne Homeyer at (314) 963-7750 or homeyer@earthlink.net



WGNSS Wish List

your friends on the WGNSS board. Some businesses are already displaying Christmas merchandise, so why don't we start our Wish List? Webster Groves Nature Study Society has been a good organization and so we'd like to ask our members for:

- ✎ volunteers to help with membership—call Dianne Benjamin 314-997-2419
- ✎ volunteers to help with public relations—notifying newspapers, etc., about our events—call Pat McCormick 636-225-0264
- ✎ a driver to transport *Nature Notes* to the printer, and from the printer to the mailing committee—call Anne McCormack 314-965-8091
- ✎ a lavalier microphone for speakers—call Mike Flieg 314-645-3356
- ✎ a projection screen for meetings—call Mike Flieg 314-645-3356
- ✎ a photographer for people at WGNSS events—just bring your camera!
- ✎ coordinator for WGNSS bird and butterfly gardens—call Dennis Bozzay 314-968-2714 ☺

Viola Bucholtz Memorial Fund

John Loomis

A memorial fund has been started for Viola Bucholtz. We hope to have a bench put in the Gaddy Bird Garden, across from the bubbler, in Tower Grove Park's north-west corner.

Viola spent many happy hours birding there.

She left her collection of birding books and videos to WGNSS. These will be on display at some future meeting. Please send contributions to Randy Korotev, 800 Oakbrook Ln., St. Louis MO 63132.

Tyson Nature Line

Call 314-935-8432 for a summary of the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area. Please report any unusual birds to Connie Alwood, 314-524-8111 ☺

Dorothy Heinze To Receive Posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award

Yvonne Homeyer

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has unanimously selected Dorothy Heinze as the posthumous recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award at our May 2003 Annual Banquet. Dorothy, who was a charter member of WGNSS in 1920 and a good friend of the Satterthwaits, passed away at the age of 91 in July. She is survived by her husband, Albert Heinze, two daughters, Shirley Shideler and Pamela Miner, and many other family members. A lifelong environmental activities and nature enthusiast, Dorothy is well-known for her efforts in creating Mastodon State Park, acquiring and saving Victoria Glade, and opposing a casino in Kimmswick. An informative and inspiring autobiographical sketch appeared in the Nov. 2001 issue of *Nature Notes*. In a letter dated to WGNSS dated May 1, 2002, Dorothy asked for WGNSS's help in saving the largest glade remaining in Jefferson County. "I cannot sit by and not try to salvage 800 acres of pristine Jefferson County glade. Will you help? I cannot do it alone at age 91, but I'll try." Unfortunately, Dorothy was not able to complete this task, but we in WGNSS can carry on for her and in her memory. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by WGNSS as well as Dorothy's family. If you would like to make a contribution to the Dorothy Heinze Memorial Fund, please send it to our Treasurer, Randy Korotev, 800 Oakbrook, St. Louis, MO 63132 ☺

National Public Lands Day

Dianne Benjamin

WGNSS is being asked to participate in National Public Lands Day on Saturday, September 28, at Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area (REDA) from 9-1. We need leaders for an early morning bird watch and hosts at our display table. Contact Dianne Benjamin, WGNSS Membership Chair, via phone 314-997-2419 or e-mail MaryKBenjamin@webtv.net ☺

Our Little Neck Of The Woods

Margy Terpstra

Six years ago, we were close to becoming empty-nesters that had run out of projects, and had that itch to find a home with a bigger lot and more trees. We began searching. As soon as we walked through this house and onto the deck, I turned to Dan and whispered, "The *birds!*" We just knew the wooded area behind us would be a natural little migrant trap, and we were both excited when we learned that we got the house.

We're situated on a corner lot in NW Kirkwood, 2/3 of an acre in size. Our lot sits at the bottom of the hill, the neighbor behind us being a bit lower. The wooded area is fairly dense behind the lowest four houses, dense enough that it is difficult to see our neighbor's house when the trees have fully leafed out. We have a mixture of mostly deciduous trees, shrubs and vines—White, Black, Shingle and Pin Oaks, ash, hickory, maples, Black Cherry, a single Bald Cypress, and a few small American Elms, along with too much honeysuckle, Blackhaw Viburnum, Gray Dogwoods, Mayapple, Woodbine, Trumpet Creeper, and of course, Poison Ivy. The Bald Cypress does well because the lowest area is very wet in spring, a vernal wetland/marsh with some cattails and grapevine, too.

Now that we had the house, we had a new list of projects. One we were anxious to get to was the building of a water feature to attract more birds. As all birders know, providing food, shelter, and water will bring birds into your yard and into your view. Probably fifteen years ago, I found one of the original birdbath misters, and have always run that in the warm weather. Many species have used it, including the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds and Black-throated Green Warblers. We keep a small recirculating fountain going on the deck for chickadees and Titmice among others, that prefer the higher perch our deck affords. (The Downy Woodpeckers have learned to hang on the copper bowl and drink!) But, now we wanted to provide water that would attract warblers

and other migrants, and bring them down from the treetops and into better view.

The bubbler at Tower Grove Park was the original inspiration, but we knew that idea would need modification for our site. Then, we read Randy Korotev's article back in the February 1999 issue of *Nature Notes*, "A Cheap Recirculating Bird Bath." We decided to try a combination of both ideas. Now, it was just a matter of finding the right rock. And, there it was. It was April of 2000—the foundation was being dug for our breakfast-room addition, and the perfect rock was unearthed. It was smooth enough, large enough, and had a very nice groove in it that ran off to one side—just right for a waterfall effect. It was October when we began the installation.

During the remodeling, Dan had an extra electrical line run out to the approximate area where we would be putting the pond in, for the pump and heater. We moved the rock to the desired position by the caveman method, with 2x4s and rocks. Then, Dan mounted a post and box for the wiring. We purchased a 100-gallon preformed pond by MacCourt, the "Madeira." Dan worked like a Trojan, digging the hole and getting it all leveled up. We then rented a large drill with a masonry bit that was 16" long to drill through the rock. We purchased a recirculating pump and a mechanical/biological filtration setup, and filled the pond. The water runs into the pump, then out through the tubing where we put in a "T." This allows half the water to pump up through the rock and bubble up, then trickle down the "waterfall groove." The other half recirculates in the pond. We let it sit about a week, then added some feeder goldfish. We also bought a floating heater to use through the winter to keep the surface from icing over. Then, we watched the fun begin!

October 25, 2000, the bubbler was finally running. I set the stage early in the morning, hosing off the rocks, and sprinkling the Blackhaw Viburnum leaves. It seems to add to the invitation to come, drink and bathe! In



the first few days, there were 6-8 American Goldfinches there at a time, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, House Finches, White-throated Sparrows, Robins, Cedar Waxwings, and the list just kept growing. In the winter, with light snow, a juvenile Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Northern Flicker, White and Red-breasted Nuthatches came and drank. In spring, Hermit and Swainson's Thrushes gave way to the warblers: Black-throated Green, Yellow-rumped, Nashville, Tennessee, Black and White, Palm, Blackpoll, Prothonotary, Canada, Wilson's. I soon discovered how beautiful a Tennessee Warbler can be when you are looking down at him! There were birds that just came and looked at the bubbler, then went over to the marsh area, like the Common Yellowthroat, N. Parula, Blue-winged, Blackburnian and Mourning Warblers, or the Black-billed Cuckoo, who just stayed a while to eat tent caterpillars in the cherry tree. But...they came down where we could get a better look at them! They obviously heard the water moving, and were checking it out.

More warblers, like the Chestnut-sided, Bay-breasted, American Redstarts, Magnolias, often would come in flurries of birds for 45 minutes or more. Once one bird gets the idea and gets brave, more come and watch, and then take their turn, claiming, "My bubbler." Did I forget to mention the Red-eyed, White-eyed, Blue-headed, Warbling and Philadelphia Vireos? The Baltimore Orioles and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, the Ruby-throated Hummingbirds, Scarlet and Summer Tanagers—what a thrill it is to see all of these birds, attracted by the gurgling of the water to our back yard. New birds this year were Yellow and Golden-winged Warblers, Louisiana Waterthrush, Pine Siskin, and Summer Tanager and Eastern Towhee. And just today, September 5th, a Yellow-bellied Flycatcher swooped over the bubbler and again over the pond to get a drink. It makes it hard to want to do anything else or bird anywhere else! I sure don't want to miss anything!

The marsh area has its attraction too, with its still water in spring. One of the special

moments this year came when I heard a wren making quite a racket at the base of the Bald Cypress, below the pond and bubbler. I finally realized this was not a wren I'd heard here before, it was a Marsh Wren! Fortunately, six other people got to see him during his two-day stay.

Yes, our little neck of the woods does seem to be a pretty special place, even though it may look like a diamond in the rough. There is still honeysuckle to be removed and native plants to be planted. The yard list tally is at 118 species, and the bubbler list is now at 67 species, which may sound impressive. Even more important to me, is the feeling that I get when I walk outside to fill a feeder or hose off the rock, and realize the birds are watching me, too. They seem to sense that I'd never harm them, and somehow understand that we want to provide a sanctuary for them, as well as for ourselves ♡

October 2002 Conservation Report

Yvonne Homeyer

Proposed cement plant: The National Audubon Society, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Sierra Club, Environmental Defense, and other organizations have jointly signed a letter sent to top agency officials at US EPA and US Fish & Wildlife Service in Washington, D.C., urging the agencies to elevate the matter from the regional to the national level. According to the EPA, in a letter it wrote to the Corps of Engineers, the proposed cement plant site contains 6 of the 10 most critical ecosystems in Missouri: karst habitat, Ozark Plateau, non-jurisdictional wetlands, unimpounded major rivers and streams, big rivers, and glades. At the state level, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources has a deadline of Oct. 17 to make a decision on the application of Holcim (formerly Holnam) for a 401 water quality certification, which would pave the way for the destruction of wetlands and floodplain along the Mississippi River at the border between Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve Counties. The Land Reclamation Department (Mining), another division of DNR, is

in the process of scheduling a formal hearing in front of an administrative hearing officer to determine whether to allow open-pit limestone quarrying over a 100-year period. Sensitive habitat areas such as Wolf Hollow would be destroyed. We will keep you advised of the date and place of this hearing.

Little Creve Coeur Lake: Mike Flieg, WGNSS's representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee, attended the first meeting in August. Torrey Berger will represent us at the September meeting. Thanks to both of them for keeping on top of this issue for us. Little Creve Coeur Lake, a natural wetlands, is a favorite spot for WGNSS birders and the Botany Group.

Glade: WGNSS is exploring the possibility of raising funds to acquire and preserve the largest remaining glade in Jefferson County. This was the last project that Dorothy Heinze was working on at the time of her death this summer at age 91. (Dorothy Heinze will be given a posthumous Lifetime Achievement Award at our May 2003 banquet – see p. 2.) If you are interested in contributing to this project, either as a volunteer or with a donation, please contact Yvonne Homeyer ☞

August 2002 Bird Report

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

BCA = Busch Wildlife Area

CL = Carlyle Lake

FP = Forest Park

HL = Horseshoe Lake

LVT = Lost Valley Trail

MTC = Marais Temps Clair

REDA = Riverlands Env. Demonstration Area

TGP = Tower Grove Park

Five pairs of Yellow-crowned Night Herons fledged 25 young this summer at Wilson Park, Granite City, IL. Last year, they abandoned their nests and no young were fledged. According to a New York Times article, 25% of feeders are being watched by hawks. For example, over the past 10 years, more Cooper's Hawks are breeding in urban and sub-

urban areas, including parks. Please report hawks, including Kestrels, at your feeders.

Sightings: Pied-billed Grebes and Am. Coots bred at Eagle Park (FH). On 8/8, Sherry McCowan found 6 immature Yellow-crowned Night Herons at Indian Lake—formerly Collinsville Golf Course. About 275 Great Egrets were seen at Mel Price Dam on 8/28 (FH). On 8/22, Missy Chouteau found a *Plegadis* ibis at REDA, which was later identified by Tom Bormann as a Glossy. Five hundred Blue-winged Teal were counted at HL on 8/20 (FH). Dave Rogles reported a Piping Plover, 2 Black-bellied Plovers, 5 Western Sandpipers, and 12 Stilt Sandpipers at REDA on 8/12. Six Black-bellied Plovers, 3 Wilson's Phalaropes, and 11 Sanderlings were found at Two Rivers on 8/10 (MB). On 8/12, Mary Ann Auer hotlined a Red Knot from HL (m. ob.) and on 8/16, 2 were found there (DK, FH). Another Red Knot was located at REDA on 8/30 (JU). Two Baird's Sandpipers and a Sanderling were seen at Chain of Rocks on 8/10 (CA, RW). A White-rumped Sandpiper was reported from HL on 8/17 (Michael Retter). On 8/4, an Upland Sandpiper and Buff-breasted Sandpipers were found at HL (J & CM). On 8/17, another Upland was found there (G&TB). Nineteen species of shorebirds were seen at Two Rivers on 8/3, including Avocet, Black-bellied Plover, and Wilson's Phalarope (MB). Dan Kassebaum found 22 species of shorebirds at CL on 8/18 and 2 Neotropic Cormorants. A King Rail with 4 young were seen at Prairie Slough (BS). Five Franklin's Gulls and a Peregrine Falcon were observed at REDA in early August (J&CM). Charlene also had a Laughing Gull there on 8/14. On 8/31, a first-year Laughing Gull was found by David Becher and the Saturday Group (m. ob.). A Herring Gull summered at REDA (DR, FH). Two Least Terns were seen at HL on 8/10 (CA, RW) and on 8/12, 4 adults and 2 juveniles were seen there (CM). The Malones found 9 Forster's Terns at Clarence Cannon on 8/11. Black Tern sightings included 12 at HL on 8/12 (SM), 30 at HL on 8/13 (FH), and 30 at HL on 8/18 (CM). Missis-



Missouri Kite sightings included 3 at TGP on 8/17 (SM), another on 8/25 (SM), and 1 in Webster Groves on 8/25 (SG, DRab).

Frank Holmes found a Sharp-shinned Hawk at HL on 8/18 and Cooper's Hawk was seen there on 8/17 (MT) and on 8/25 (FH). Nighthawks have been rather scarce this summer, but 45 were seen in Madison Co., IL, on 8/18 (FH). Hummingbirds have been reported in very good numbers, from mid-August on throughout the entire area. Six Western Kingbirds and 3 Bell's Vireos were found in East St. Louis on 8/8 (T Be). Mike Thelen reported Bell's Vireo there on 8/31. Torrey also reported that the Scissor-tailed Flycatchers nesting near Washington, MO produced a second brood. Sedge Wrens were observed at REDA on 8/20 (G&TB), on 8/28 at Prairie Slough (JJ, DH), on 8/29 at the end of Bend Road, HL (RG, D Bz), on 8/31 at Two Rivers (D Bz), and on 8/31 at REDA (MT). A singing Bell's Vireo was heard at Calvary Cemetery on 8/31 (KP). The fall songbird migration has been rather slow. Highlights include a Chat & N. Parula in TGP on 8/15 (JZ), a Nashville & 2 Black-and-whites at Castlewood on 8/17 (MB), 2 N. Waterthrush, a Palm, and a Black-throated Green on 8/25 at Stump Lake (MB), 2 Canada Warblers and an Ovenbird at TGP on 8/25 (SM), a Redstart and Wilson's Warbler on 8/25 (T Be). On 8/31, a Mourning Warbler, a Black-and-white, and a Redstart were found in TGP (MT, BR & class). On 8/11 and 8/25, Frank Holmes found 5 Blue Grosbeaks in the HL area.

A typical day at HL on 8/7 included 1,000+ Pecs, 3 Semi-palmated Plovers, 8 Greater Yellowlegs, 1 Stilt Sandpiper, 1 Sanderling, 1 W. Sandpiper, 20 Least Sandpipers, 2 Buff-breasted Sandpipers, and 1 Wilson's Phalarope (T Be). A typical day at Clarence Cannon on 8/28 included Sora, Least Bittern, 2 Black-bellied Plovers, 15 Solitary Sandpipers, 2 Greater Yellowlegs, 20 Lesser Yellowlegs, 30 Pecs, 1 White-rumped Sandpiper, and more (JJ, DH). A typical day at REDA on 8/31 included several Pelicans, Black-bellied Plover, Red Knot, Sanderling, Least Sandpiper,

Laughing Gull, 25+ Ring-billed Gulls, 2 Herring Gulls, and 2 Caspian Terns (D Bz, YH, BR, MT, G&TB).

Comments: On 8/25, Mark Mittelman observed a Turkey eating a sparrow. Turkeys could pose a threat to the breeding success of warblers with low nests or nests on the ground, such as Ovenbird, Worm-eating, Kentucky, Black-and-White, Common Yellowthroat and more. This could be especially problematic if there were too many Turkeys in one area and their preferred food supply was not sufficient for all. Anne McCormack heard a Kestrel calling as it flew repeatedly over her yard in Kirkwood; it is undoubtedly breeding nearby. Wilma Kennell observed a Catbird in her U. City yard on 8/27. Josh Uffman had a Cooper's Hawk perched in his yard in Ferguson.

Contributors: Mary Ann Auer, Connie Alwood, George & Terry Barker, David Becher, Torrey Berger, Tom Bormann, Dennis Bozzay, Mike Brady, Missy Chouteau, Ron Goetz, Sue Gustafson, Donald Hays, Yvonne Homeyer, Frank Holmes, Jim Jackson, Dan Kassebaum, Wilma Kennell, Jim & Charlene Malone, Anne McCormack, Sherry McCowan, Kraig Paradise, David Rabenau, Dave Rogles, Bill Rowe, Bruce Schuette, Mike Thelen, Josh Uffman, Rad Widmer, Jim Ziebol. An asterisk means "documented." Please submit sightings by the last day of the month to Jim Ziebol (314-781-7372) or Yvonne Homeyer (homeyer@earthlink.net) ☞

Tyson Nature Line

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Next Deadline: Oct. 11

Submissions—handwritten, typed, e-mail, IBM or Mac to: Anne McCormack, 587 Andrews, St. Louis MO 63122-5722 or amccormack@stjosephacad.com ☞

Science Seminars from St. Louis Zoo & Academy of Science

Free—making science accessible to all people. Co-sponsored by the Saint L. Zoo and the Academy of Science of St. Louis. All seminars will be held in the Living World (North side of Zoo, free parking in North Lot) Wednesday evenings, 7:30–9:00 PM

October 23 "Therapeutic Cloning, Human Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine."

Panel: Ronald Munson, Ph.D., Dept. of Philosophy, University of MO St. Louis. Steven L. Teitelbaum, M.D., Professor of Pathology and Immunology, Washington U School of Medicine. Jan A. Nolte, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Oncology, WU School of Medicine.

November 20 "From Jurassic Park to the Danforth Center," by Claude Fauquet, Ph.D., International Laboratory for Tropical Agricultural Biotechnology, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center ☼

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Green Center Offers Owl Class

Dianne Benjamin

John Solodar will teach "Build an Owl Box" this fall that the Green Center in University City, Thursday, October 10, 7–8 PM. You will learn how to develop a plan to attract owls to your yard over the winter. Blueprint and material list for owl box provided. To register, send \$10 by mail to Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Ave., St. Louis MO 63130. For a complete class schedule, see the website www.thegreencenter.org, or contact Dr. Dianne Benjamin, program director, 314-725-8314, or e-mail class@thegreencenter.org ☼

St. Louis Community Colleges Offer Nature Study Classes

The following 5 are offered through St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley
To register, contact Continuing Education, SLCC-Florissant Valley, 314-595-44, or FAX 314-595-4288.

Missouri River hike Biol 701 502

Sat. Oct. 12, 9–11 AM \$6

Meet at St. Stanislaus Conservation Area

Walk the Mississippi River Biol 701 502

Sat. Oct. 5, 9–11 AM \$6

Meet at the second entrance to N. Riverfront Park, Riverview at Scranton.

Missouri River Bluff Biol 704 501

Sat. Oct. 19, 8–10 AM \$6

Meet at the Nature Institute, Godfrey, Ill.

Mississippi Wetlands Walk Biol 704 502

Sat. Sept. 28, 9–11 AM \$6

Meet at Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area.

Family Full Moon Wolf Howl Biol 710 550

Thurs. and Sat. Oct. 10 & 12, 7–8 PM \$10

First session at Flo Valley, TC 202/204. Second session at Wild Canid Center, Eureka.

The following six are offered through St. Louis Community College-Meramec

To register, contact Continuing Education, SLCC -Meramec, 314-984-7777, or FAX 314-984-7960.

Local Butterflies Biol 720 600

Thurs. Sept. 12 & 19, 6:30–8:30 PM and Sat., Sept. 21, 10–noon. \$21

Evening sessions at Meramec Communications North, 201. Sat. walk at Busch Wildlife. Presented by North American Butterfly Association—St. Louis.

 **Yes, but it's a dry heat.** ☼

Fall Reptiles Biol 721 600

Wed. Sept. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6:30-10 PM and two field trips. \$70
Meramec Science South, 105. Sat. walk at Busch Wildlife. Presented by St. Louis Herpetological Society.

Missouri Prairies Biol 723 600

Tues. Oct. 28, 7-9:30 PM and 3 field trips, Oct. 12, 19, & 26. \$51
Meramec Science South, 105. Presented by MO Native Plant Society.

Intro to Fall Night Skies with Eyes & Binoculars Biol 726 600

Wed. Oct. 2 & 9, 7:30-9 PM and evening field trip, Nov. 1. \$28
Meramec Communication South, 209. Presented by St. L Astronomical Society.

Identification of Fall Migrant Birds Biol 722 600

Wed. Oct. 2 & 9, 7:30-9 PM & field trip, Oct. 12. \$42
Meramec Communication South, 205. Presented by St. Louis Audubon Society.

Beyond Backyard Birding Biol 726 601

Wed. Sept. 18 & 25, 6:30-8:30 PM and Sat. field trip, Sept. 28, 7 AM-noon. \$31
Meramec Communication South, 209. Presented by Webster Groves Nature Study Society ♡

Deadlines for *Nature Notes*'02

Marjorie Richardson

Mailing parties send out mail *Nature Notes* from 10 AM till noon at Oak Bend County Library. Your help is welcome!

Dates for NN in 2002

10 AM Oak Bend Library, 842 S. Holmes Kirkwood

<i>mailing party</i>	<i>deadline</i>
Oct. 21	Oct. 11
Nov. 18	Nov. 8
Dec. 16	Dec. 6



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Webster Groves Nature Study Society

The objectives of the society are: To stimulate interest in nature study on the part of adults and children to cooperate with other organizations in nature study to encourage amateur research in the natural sciences to promote conservation of wildlife and natural beauty. Open to all with an interest in nature. ♡

♡ Key to WGNSS Calendar

birding field trip

each Thurs: call Dottie Herweg 314-966-2274
most Sat. (not June or July): call David Becher 314-576-1146

summary of the latest bird sightings

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to report a bird sighting

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board meeting

1st Wed. 7 PM Sept.-May at Powder Valley Nature Center: Yvonne Homeyer 314-963-7750

botany field trip

each Thurs: call Fr. Sullivan 314-291-7885

conservation meeting

3rd Wed: call Yvonne Homeyer 314-963-7750

entomology meeting

last Sun: call Marshall Magner 314-961-4588

general meeting

2nd Fri. 7:30 PM: Mike Flieg 314-645-3356

mailing party for Nature Notes

3rd Mon. (not June/July) 10 AM:

call Margie Richardson 314-965-8974

spring banquet

Thursday May 8 at Hawken House Barn in

Webster. For more info contact Pat

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Nature Notes deadlines

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Usually 2nd Sat. of May

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Meetings

Wednesday Oct. 2

7 PM Board meeting at Powder Valley Nature Center. All members are welcome.

Friday Oct. 4

7 PM We will meet at the Oak Bend Branch of St. L. Co. Library, 842 Holmes, near I-44 and Big Bend. James F. Scott, cultural historian, will present the program portraying Henry Shaw. *Please note the change of time and date.*

Botany

Thursdays Sept–Oct.

Field trips usually meet 9:30 AM. Beginners welcome. Bring lunch, weather gear. Trip is usually 3–5 hr. plus travel time. Call Fr. Sullivan 291-7885 after 1 PM Wed for location. E-mail is sent every Wed. advising when and where the field trip is scheduled. To receive, send your e-mail address to Jack Harris jahar@mac.com

Saturday October 5

10 AM Botany walk with Fr. Sullivan—beginners welcome; at St. Stanislaus CA in N County. Bring water, insect repellent, all-weather gear. Meet at the parking lot at the corner of Aubuchon and Charbonier. From MO-370, exit at Earth City Expressway and go north for 3.5 miles; this becomes Aubuchon. More info, call Fr. S. 314-441-4554.

Entomology

Sunday October 27

7 PM at Magners', 516 Bacon Ave., Webster, 314-961-4588. John Ruprect, volunteer naturalist at Rockwoods Reservation, will present, "Aquatic Insects and Others."

Birding

Thursdays Sept.–Nov.

8:30 AM Des Peres Park on Ballas, one block n. of Manchester. Questions: call Dottie Herweg, 314-966-2274. No trip on Thanksgiving.

Saturdays Sept. 21, Oct. 11

8 AM WGNSS Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond. Bring lunch. D. Becher 314-576-1146

Saturdays Sept. 28, Oct. 19

8 AM WGNSS Tower Grove. Meet at first picnic site west of stables. Bring lunch. D. Becher 314-576-1146.

Sunday September 22

8:30 AM Hawk Watch at Mark Peter's prairie near Imperial MO. Bring a chair (optional); water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and binoculars. Directions p. 2. For more, call Mark, 636-296-9159.

Saturdays Oct. 5, 26

8 AM WGNSS "Where the Birds Are." Parking lot of HQ of Co. Library, Lindbergh, south of 40. Meet on N side. Bring lunch. David Becher 314-576-1146.

Sunday Oct. 6

8 AM Busch. Meet in the parking lot of Busch Wildlife HQ, down by the Butterfly Garden. Kent Lannert, Connie Alwood, & Tom Bormann.


Sunday Oct. 20

8 AM Bird walk at Horseshoe Lake, IL, Highway 111. Meet at the Causeway. Leader: Frank Holmes.

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