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Holiday Open House at the Green Center

Pat McCormick

December 7, 2003 1-4 PM

Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Ave.,
University City

The St. Louis Audubon Society and the Webster Groves Nature Study Society are invited to gather at the Green Center in University City to celebrate the holidays. The Center offers a congenial atmosphere of meeting rooms, complemented by a full kitchen. If weather permits, the Green Center staff will offer tours of their outdoor space. The Green Center serves its surrounding community as a natural laboratory and cultural gather in place with youth programs, nature workshops, and herb and prairie gardens in the heart of University City. Its mission is conservation, education, and enjoyment of the natural world.

Our memberships are enhanced by talented writers of nature-related books. All of our authors are invited to bring copies of their work to sell at the party. An autographed book makes a handsome holiday gift, a solution for your shopping dilemmas.

Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or a casserole to share. The Center's kitchen has an oven and microwave for warming food. Beverages will be provided.

Directions from Highway 40: Turn north on Hanley Rd. and continue to Delmar Blvd. Continue on Hanley to Blackberry Ave., the fourth street north of Delmar. Turn left (west) on Blackberry.

Parking is available in Kaufman Park parking lot next to the Center. ✨

Birds of SE Asia on Nov. 20

At our next meeting, Walter Liddell will present a program on "Birds of Southeast Asia. Walter is a wonderful photographer and will bring his bird photos. This program was originally scheduled last Jan., but was cancelled because of weather. We hope you can attend this time! We will meet at the St. Louis Co. Library Headquarters on Lindbergh in Frontenac at 7:00 PM on Thurs., Nov. 20. ✨

Nov. 9 is 5th Annual

"Free the Kennedy Woods"

Randy Korotev, for the Kennedy Woods Advisory Group

Once again, on November 9, a group of dedicated volunteer warriors will assemble in the Kennedy Forest of Forest Park to stop the onslaught of the dreaded foreign invader, bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*). Over the past four years our efforts have largely eliminated honeysuckle from the woods. This year is a cleanup year to get the stragglers and a few

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Welcome to New Members

Maxine Stone
Paul Brockland
John & Virginia McCall
Ron & Karen Goellner
Dr Vincent & Jane Perna
Joy Sandweiss

Dates for '03 Meetings

- ✦ Thurs., Nov. 20, St. L. Co. L-HQ 7:00 PM
- ✦ Sun., December 7, Green Center 1-4 PM
8025 Blackberry Ave., University City

A Note From The President

Yvonne Homeyer

As you can tell from our newsletter, WGNSS is a busy organization offering many kinds of activities, all thanks to the generous volunteer spirit of our members, because without our volunteers, these activities would not exist! Every Thursday throughout the year, you can go on a Botany Walk with Father Sullivan and Jack & Pat Harris, who will take you to an amazing variety of places within the St. Louis area. To get on Jack's Wednesday email list announcing the location of the following day's walk, contact him at: jahar@mac.com. If you're not out botanizing, maybe you would like to join Jackie Chain for the Thursday bird walk. And we're just as busy on the weekend. Every Saturday, you can go birding with David Becher. You can also bird with WGNSS on most Sundays, with walks led by a variety of WGNSS members including Kent Lannert, Bill Rowe, Mike Thelen, Torrey Berger, Sherry McCowan, Anne McCormack, and many other skilled birders. The dates, times and locations of the weekend bird walks are listed in the Calendar section of the newsletter, along with directions to the most popular locations. Maps to many of these locations are available on our web site thanks to the efforts of Randy Korotev, our web master, and can be viewed at: www.wgnss.org. Beginners are welcome on every botany and bird walk.

Pat McCormick has been hard at work planning the traditional Holiday Party, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Green Center in University City (see article, p. 1). This year, you can combine social-

izing with shopping because WGNSS authors are invited to bring copies of their books for purchase. Don't forget to ask for their autograph! And, as a special way to say "Happy Holidays" to you, we will be selling WGNSS's own book, *Birds of the St. Louis Area*, for just \$12.00—regular price through WGNSS is \$17.00. But you must be there to take advantage of this special one-time price! ✦

Membership Chair Opening on Board

Yvonne Homeyer

We currently have a vacancy on the Board of Directors for a Membership Chair. This position focuses on membership development and outreach rather than keeping track of the membership list, a task performed by the Treasurer. The Membership Chair's primary responsibilities are to promote WGNSS to potential members and send out welcome letters to new members. Promoting WGNSS would include tabling events and providing information about WGNSS's upcoming events to other organizations with similar interests. I would be glad to work with the new Membership Chair to help form a committee to assist in carrying out these tasks. If anyone is interested, please give me a call at (314) 963-7750. ✦

5th Annual "Free the Kennedy Woods"

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remaining patches. (If we run out of honeysuckle in the main woods, we know where there is more.)

Today much more light is getting to the understory of the forest than ten years ago. Seeds of native trees and shrubs are now sprouting, as opposed to dying in the April-November shade provided by the honeysuckle. This year we have begun to sow and plant seeds of native trees and shrubs in an effort to try to hurry Nature along.

As in previous years, we will have two shifts, 10 am to noon and noon to 2 pm; come for either or both shifts. Meet at the shelter and restroom building off Wells Dr, west of the zoo, in Forest Park. Wear long sleeves and pants (poison ivy) and bring gloves and water (we'll have cookies and coffee). The handiest tool is a long-handle loppers (not a hedge trimmer), but a hand pruner or small saw is also useful. Cutting honeysuckle is great ther-

apy, particularly when you can see the effect the next spring. Also, if you haven't been to the Kennedy Forest for a while, come see that (1) Valley Drive through the woods is gone (and will be the focus of a major replanting effort) and (2) there are now a couple of small dams on the natural drainages crossing the former Valley Drive to help hold water in the woods. If you plan on attending or have questions, please call or e-mail me, 993-0055 or korotev@wustl.edu. Better, because I will be out of town much of October, visit <http://treeswallow.com/honeysuckle> on the Internet. Rain date: November 16. ✨

Volunteers needed for Sun. Bird Walks

Kent Lannert

Anyone who might like to lead a WGNSS/SLAS morning bird walk, please give Kent Lannert a call at 618-624-4464 or contact him by email at klannert@charter.net. It's the leader's choice as to where in the St. Louis area the trip goes. You need not be an expert to lead one of these trips but you should be familiar with the birding area in which you select to lead a trip. The leader can also select any open date for his or her trip. ✨

Next Deadline: November 7

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September 2003 Bird Report

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

BCA = Busch Wildlife Area

CC = Clarence Cannon

CL = Carlyle Lake

FP = Forest Park

HL = Horseshoe Lake

LCCL = Little Creve Coeur Lake

LVT = Lost Valley Trail

MTC = Marais Temps Clair

REDA = Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area

SNR = Shaw Nature Reserve (Arboretum)

TGP = Tower Grove Park

Due to a virus problem on her computer, Yvonne was unable to retrieve email messages in the latter part of September. If we did not include your sighting, please accept our apologies.

Introduction: Despite good weather, passerine migration was very slow in the St. Louis area, especially from September 7-20. Frank Holmes saw only 2 warblers during September – a Nashville and a Black-throated Green. Jean Cook, a veteran fall observer in TGP, reported that on several days during the week of 9/7, no warblers were seen. This held true at BCA, CL, the Metro East area, and St. Louis County parks. On 8/30, Bill Rowe and his class found TGP virtually empty and no warblers at CL; however, they did find 19 species of shorebirds, which is the most his class had never seen on a September trip and it included 5 species of plovers.

Sightings: Four Pied-billed Grebes and a Great Egret were seen at Jefferson Lake in FP on 9/12 (SM). The WGNSS group, led by David Becher, found hundreds of Pelicans at REDA on 9/27 and on 9/28, 1500 were estimated at HL (FH). Josh Uffman reported Am. Bittern and Sora at CC on 9/1. Eleven Snowy Egrets were still present, along with 2 Black Terns, at HL on 9/25 (FH). On 9/1 at REDA, David Becher reported 200+ Killdeer and 1 Buff-breasted Sandpiper. Charlene Malone observed an Avocet, 1 Willet and 25 Caspian Terns near Winfield Lock & Dam. Upland Sandpipers continued to be reported from the Hwy. 79 sod farms, and 1 was seen at Smart Field on 9/11 (CM, JU, MAA). Twenty Buff-breasted Sandpipers were estimated at a sod farm off Hwy. 79 on 9/2 (CM). Alex Meilleur found Buff-breasted Sandpiper, along with a Cooper's Hawk and an Osprey, at REDA on

9/7. Highlights from CL on 9/3 included Piping Plover, Upland Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone and Wilson's Phalarope (DK). On 9/6, Bill Rowe reported 12 species of sandpipers at CL, including Whimbrel, Western, Baird's, Stilt, plus 80 *Sterna* Terns and an adult Herring Gull. The WGNSS Group, led by David Becher on 9/20 at REDA, saw a juvenile Franklin's Gull, as well as Caspian and Forster's Terns. Torrey Berger found 4 Caspian Terns at the Borrow Pit, HL, on 9/16. A Bald Eagle was seen at BCA on 9/13 (T Be) and one was seen at Dabbs Road by the Thursday Group on 9/25 (J Chain, J Cook). Mississippi Kites included 2 sightings in Brentwood on 9/10 and 9/12 (YH, JZ), and one was present in Creve Coeur for about 2 weeks (JU) and Kevin Renick was seeing one in Webster Groves until mid-September. A major movement of Broad-winged Hawks occurred between 9/22 and 9/25, with sightings on those days as follows: 64 at Mark Peters' prairie on 9/22, 300 flying over Connie Alwood's home on 9/23, several hundred seen in West County on 9/24 (Keith Paradise), several hundred seen on 9/24 in Webster Groves (Pat Lueders) and Kirkwood (Margy Terpstra), several hundred observed over Tyson on 9/24 (Jane Walker), several hundred observed at REDA on 9/25 (J Chain, J Cook), culminating in a count of 4,257 by Mark Peters on 9/25 at his prairie - one of the highest Broad-wing reports for a single day in recent years. Earlier in the month, a Broad-winged Hawk was seen in Creve Coeur on 9/16 (JU), 2 at Mark Peters' prairie on 9/19, and 22 at Hilda Young CA on 9/21 (T Be, J Moe). On 9/13 at Winfield Lock & Dam, a Merlin was closely observed, plus a Bald Eagle and Osprey (JU). Patrick Harrison found a Peregrine Falcon in St. Charles County on 9/14. A sub-adult *tundrius* Peregrine Falcon (video) was seen along with 6 Bald Eagles on the Levee Road on 9/25 (JZ). One of the eagles was probably a bird that was fledged in Monroe County, IL in May.

Three Eurasian Collared Doves, along with 100+ Fish Crows and 25 Am. Crows, were observed on the Levee Road on 9/13 (JZ, YH). A Barred Owl in TGP entertained birdwatchers from 9/2 to 9/6 (Joe Pinnell, SM); on 9/4, Margie Richardson reported 2 hummingbirds harassing the Barred Owl. Olive-sided Flycatchers were fairly common, with 1 seen on

9/5 in TGP (RAB, SM) and 1 on 9/16 in TGP (SM). Blue-headed Vireos were reported at TGP on 9/5 (RAB). Gail Ahumada found Red-breasted Nuthatch and Brown Creeper on 9/25 in TGP; this was one of the better days in September, with a brisk movement of Flickers and Rose-breasted Grosbeaks. On 9/1, Jackie Chain and the Thursday Group found Golden-winged, 2 Blackburnian, Chestnut-sided, Black-throated Green and Canada Warblers in TGP. The WGNSS Group, led by Sherry McCowan on 9/2, found 2 Blackburnian Warblers (BK) but not much else. Mourning Warblers were seen on 9/3 at TGP (Joyce & Mike Bathke) and an immature male was seen there on 9/4 (SM, NB). A furtive immature Connecticut Warbler was filmed on video on 9/3 in TGP (JZ); but for the ability to review the video frame by frame, the bird would have been impossible to identify. An Audubon Group, led by Torrey Berger on 9/13, saw several Bell's Vireos at BCA and Blue Grosbeak Trail. At Stump Lake on 9/7, Charlene Malone reported Blackburnian & Yellow-throated Warblers, and Philadelphia Vireo. Three Sharp-tailed Sparrows on 9/14 were both early and a very good find at LCCL (MB). A Clay-colored Sparrow was seen at the SLU campus on 9/5 (NB). Mary Anne Auer found a flock of 100+ Bobolinks in fall plumage at CC on 9/1.

A typical day at BCA on 9/15 included Golden-winged Warbler, N. Parula, Chestnut-sided, Magnolia, & Black-and-White Warblers, Redstart, Common Yellowthroat, Osprey, and 3 Red-shouldered Hawks (BR and Class). Bill Rowe reported that evidence of passerine migration was very thin; they found very little at TGP in the afternoon. TGP on 9/17 included Olive-sided Flycatcher, 2 Yellow-bellied Flycatchers, 1 Least Flycatcher, 1 Red-eyed Vireo, 1 Black-and-white Warbler, 1 Magnolia Warbler, 3 Chestnut-sided Warblers, 2 Redstarts, & 2 Canada Warblers (Nick Barber).

Comments: Nick Barber found 3 dead warblers at the bottom of the SLU library on 9/4 - a Magnolia, an Ovenbird, and an immature female Mourning Warbler. Sherry McCowan observed a male Mourning Warbler at her home on 9/18. Margy Terpstra found Veery at her bubbler on 9/16 and 9/24. Joe Pinnell observed several Cooper's Hawks and 1 Sharpshin in his neighborhood. Jack Harris had a male Rose-breasted Grosbeak at his feeder on

9/27. A Swainson's Thrush was one of the few migrant land birds seen at the home of Margie Richardson. Dennis Bozzay observed a Cooper's Hawk making a kill in his backyard on 9/29, approximately 6 feet from his window. David Garcia found a Hooded Warbler in his yard on 9/30.

Contributors: Gail Ahumada, Connie Alwood, Mary Anne Auer, Nick Barber, George & Terry Barker, David Becher, Torrey Berger, Rose Ann Bodman, Dennis Bozzay, Mike Brady, Jackie Chain, Jean Cook, Jack Harris, Frank Holmes, Yvonne Homeyer, Dan Kassebaum, Bob Kleiger, Sherry McCowan, Alex Meilleur, Jeannie Moe, Margie Richardson, Margy Terpstra, Mike Thelen, Ken Thompson, Josh Uffman, 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 ✨

Annual Botany Trip, May 4–13, 2003

Carl Darigo

Sunday, May 4—Botany Group members assembled at Angler's Resort, on the White River, in Allison, Arkansas, just north of Mountain View, over the period May 4-13, for the annual spring trip. Father James Sullivan was on hand for the entire time, with following present on various days, Nancy & Wayne Clark, Carl Darigo, Pat & Jack Harris, Nels Holmberg, Susie & Dick Russell, Dick's brother John and wife Ann, plus new members Suze Stark and Rheba Symeonoglou. Except for one wet and stormy day, the weather was generally cooperative, in the 70s, with rain and storms only at night. Father Sullivan's 1st task was checking out "motel plants," finding *Sherardia arvensis* (field madder), *Galium divaricatum* (Cookie's bedstraw), *G. pedemontanum* (foothill bedstraw) and a brilliantly flowering tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*). The "Cookie's" common name is derived from a restaurant parking lot, where Nels Holmberg found the plant during a botany trip to southwest Missouri several years ago. Later in the week, a 5th candidate, wild chamomile (*Matricaria recutita*), was added to the list.

Monday, May 5—the day's first stop was at an IZARD COUNTY road intersection, where *Thaspium barbinode* (hairy meadow parsnip),

Salvia lyrata (lyre leaf sage) and the ozarkana subspecies of *Phlox pilosa* (prairie phlox) were seen. Continuing on to Devil's Backbone Natural Area yielded many interesting plants, including *Amsonia tabernaemontana* (blue star), *Sedum pulchellum* (widow's cross), *Melica nitens* (three flower melic grass), *Carex eburnea* (ivory sedge), *Cotinus obovatus* (smoke tree), *Galium arkansanum* (Arkansas bedstraw), *Chionanthus virginicus* (fringe tree), *Rumex hastatulus* (wild sorrel) and the pods of *Selenia aurea* (golden selenia). Father Sullivan found an ash flea beetle (*Trichaltica scabricula*) on its favorite blue ash host (*Fraxinus quadrangulata*). At the Mount Olive White River Access, still in IZARD COUNTY, a walk along an old road discovered the unusual western soapberry tree (*Sapindus drummondii*). After a research session back at the motel, a short walk along the gravel, Allison Access entrance road to North Sylamore Creek in Stone County, resulted in *Scleranthus annuus* (knawel), *Geranium carolinianum* (Carolina cranesbill), *Cocculus carolinus* (Carolina moonseed), *Carex brevior* (shorter sedge) and *Sisyrinchium angustifolium* (blue-eyed grass). Here also green, twisted pods found on the ground were a mystery, until several days later Father Sullivan came up with the answer, immature fruits of the exotic tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*).

Tuesday, May 6—this day was spent exploring Blanchard Springs Recreation Area, part of Ozark National Forest, in Stone County. In the Blanchard Spring parking lot, Suze Stark spotted a flowering yellowwood tree (*Cladrastis kentuckea*) and walking fern (*Asplenium rhizophyllum*). Along the Spring Branch trail, Dick Russell found leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) and Father Sullivan the unusual oak leaf fleabane (*Erigeron quercifolius*); also here were seen *Heuchera parviflora* (late alum root), *Pedicularis canadensis* (common lousewort), *Ranunculus recurvatus* (hooked crowfoot) and *Solidago caesia* (blue stem goldenrod). The Spring Trail yielded *Clematis pitcheri* (leather flower), *Panicum boscii* (bearded broadleaf panic grass) and *Carex virescens* (slender grass sedge). After lunch at the Shelter Cave picnic area along with four busloads of school kids, a short hike to the base of Cave Bluff found lizard's tail (*Saururus cernuus*) and columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*). Along the up-

land forest trail at Blanchard Cave Visitor Center, *Silene virginica* (fire pink), *Carex rosea* (spaced sedge), *Panicum philadelphicum* (Philadelphia witchgrass) and *Cynoglossum virginianum* (wild comfrey) were seen. Edges of this trail had so much *Ditrichum pallidum* (yellow stalk moss), a case could be made for the name "Ditrichum Trail." In a landscaped area below the sidewalk bridge into the Visitor Center, had been planted Oregon grape holly (*Mahonia aquifolium*) shrubs, sporting glossy, green, spiny leaves and huge blue, grapelike fruit clusters; one wonders why a West Coast plant instead of an Arkansas native plant was chosen for this location.

Wednesday, May 7—the group traveled approximately 40 miles northwest to reach Buffalo Point, a recreation area located in the Buffalo National River, in Marion County. During a long, hilly trek on the Indian Rock House Trail, Dick Russell found the day's best plant, *Gillenia trifoliata* (Indian physic). Other interesting finds were *Mitella diphylla* (miterwort), *Sedum ternatum* (three leaf stonecrop), *Chionanthus virginicus* (fringe tree), *Magnolia acuminata* (cucumber tree), *Quercus falcata* (Spanish oak), *Castanea dentata* (American chestnut) and *Usnea strigosa* (bushy beard lichen), the latter named for the supposed resemblance to an "old man's beard." During a short visit to the river access site, Father Sullivan spotted the uncommon western daisy (*Astranthium integrifolium*) growing on the restroom lawn.

Thursday, May 8—Dick Russell had arranged to meet the lady sponsor of MNA Railroad Trail, a rail-to-trail conversion project in Shirley, approximately 40 miles south, in Van Buren County. Rain, lightning and hail caused the lady to cancel, but the six Botany Group members were not deterred. Early parts of the trail were festooned with multiflora rose (*Rosa multiflora*), bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Japanese honeysuckle (*L. japonica*) and blackberry (*Rubus sp.*), but conditions soon improved. Dick again came up with a good plant, *Euonymus americanus* (strawberry bush); other interesting species seen were *Oenothera laciniata* (cut leaf evening primrose), *Cocculus carolinus* (Carolina moonseed), *Smilax bona-nox* (bullbrier), *Camassia scilloides* (wild hyacinth) and *Carex leavenworthii* (square base sedge). A potential *Lamium hybridum* (hybrid dead nettle)

instead turned out to be only a giant, common *L. purpureum* (dead nettle). The nearby Shiitake Mushroom Factory provided a sales store where several of the group purchased mushroom delicacies.

Friday, May 9—a tour of the North Sylamore Creek's Barkshed Access in Stone County, found Venus' hair fern (*Adiantum capillus-veneris*) hanging from rocks, and near the creek, Ozark valerian (*Valerianella ozarkana*), which is rare in southwestern Missouri. Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*) was in good bloom.

Saturday, May 10—Father Sullivan had no companions, as he visited the North Sylamore Creek Trail at the Allison Access in Stone County. *Bignonia capreolata* (cross vine) was blooming on tops of small trees near the creek. Also seen were *Smallanthus uvedalius* (bearsfoot) and *Urtica chamaedryoides* (weak nettle), the latter rare in southeastern Missouri. *Valerianella ozarkana* was also common here, while two poppy species were found at a rocky site near the creek, prickly poppy (*Argemone sp.*), not yet in bloom and blind eyes (*Papaver dubium*).

Sunday, May 11—reinforced with the Harries, today's trip was to the Rush Historic District in Marion County. A roadrunner took advantage of the cool morning to hunt for lizards along a sunlit road. The historical area was beautiful, but most surprising was a citrus tree in the roadside vegetation; the flattened and winged petiole had a gap at the blade as in an orange or lemon, but the leaves were three-divided, revealing *Poncirus trifoliata* (hardy orange). This tree, a native of China, is often used for hedges because of the dense growth and very sharp thorns. Also seen were moonseed (*Menispermum canadense*) and both male and female flowering wild yam plants (*Dioscorea sp.*), whose sex could be determined by presence or absence of the tiny seed capsule.

Monday, May 12—Blanchard Springs Recreational Area in Stone County was revisited, this time hiking the Sylamore Trail, where *Valerianella ozarkana* was common near the creek. Father Sullivan found a dried plant near the spring branch that he later identified as *Saxifraga palmeri* (Palmer's saxifrage); this species blooms in April and had already passed the fruiting stage. Nels Holmberg saw *Phalaris caroliniana* (canary grass) near the Blanchard



Springs parking lot and *Dirca palustris* (leatherwood) along the creek trail.

Tuesday, May 13—a return trip was made to the Barkshed Access in Stone County, where the Venus' hair fern was examined more closely. Jack Harris discovered the only orchid of the trip, leaves of *Goodyera pubescens* (rattlesnake plantain). In a shady seep site, Nels Holmberg came up with hidden spikemoss (*Selaginella eclipses*). Other nice finds were the delicate blue *Nuttallanthus texanus* (southern blue toadflax), *Phlox pilosa* ssp. *ozarkana* (prairie phlox) and *Phacelia hirsuta* (hairy phacelia) with unfringed petals. Also visited was a roadside glade in IZard County where *Yucca arkansana* (soapweed) had been seen previously; the small white moths (*Tegeticula yuccasella*), which pollinate the yuccas, were found in the corollas. A beautiful *Spigelia marilandica* (pinkroot) was in bloom, as well as *Papaver dubium* (blind eyes) and a strange, introduced member of the Caryophyllaceae family, *Petrorhagia prolifera* (childing pink). Nels spotted *Triticum cylindrica* (bearded goat grass), a non-native plant related to common wheat. ✨

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Science Seminar Series at St. Louis Zoo

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November 19 "Bridging the Gap: Advances in Nerve Regeneration and Transplantation," presented by Susan Mackinnon, MD, Professor of Surgery, Washington-U School of Medicine.

January 21 "Greens to Genes: DNA Evidence and Plant Evolution," presented by Elizabeth A. Kellogg, Ph.D., Professor of Botanical Studies and Molecular Systematics, Department of Biology, UM-St. Louis.

February 18 "Plate Tectonics on the Early Earth: How a Record Got Preserved in Northern China," Timothy M. Kusky, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, St. Louis University.

March 24 "Evolution of Modern Humans: What Genes Really Tell Us," Alan Templeton, Ph.D., Prof. of Biology, Washington U. ✨

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board meeting

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NEED DIRECTIONS?

Shaw Nature Reserves (Arboretum)

- Take 44 west to Gray Summit (100) exit, left over highway, right onto service road and immediately left into Arboretum.
- Meet at Brushy Creek trail head.

Des Peres Park

- on Ballas Road, one block north of Manchester Rd. in Des Peres.
- Turn right (east) at the Des Peres Park sign-park in the first lot on the right.

Green Center

- from Highway 40
- north on Hanley Rd.
- continue on Hanley to Blackberry Ave., the fourth street north of Delmar.
- left (west) on Blackberry.
- Parking available in Kaufman Park

Horseshoe Lk State Park

- 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.
- Meet at the first parking lot to the right, just past the entrance.

Lake Carlyle

- 50 miles east from downtown St. Louis, approx. an hour drive
- Cross the River on I-55/I-64/I-70.
- After a mile, the interstates split; take I-64 east. Past O'Fallon IL, take exit #19 & exit north on US-50/ IL 158.

- Within 1/2 mile turn right on US-50 and continue through Lebanon for 24 miles to the stoplight at the junction of Hwy. US 50 and IL-127. Turn left
- Usual meeting spot is McDonald's restaurant

Riverlands Environmental Dem. Area

- From I-270 in north St. Louis County, take Hwy. 367 north to Alton.
- Turn right into Riverlands at the Fisca service station, just before the approach to the Clark Bridge over the Mississippi River.
- Teal Pond is first right.

St. Louis Co. Library Headquarters

- The membership meets on a variety of days, Sept-April, at 7:00 PM
 - Take 40 to Lindbergh south, left at the second light into library.
 - 1640 South Lindbergh in Frontenac.
 - All are welcome. Bring a friend!
- Birding trip, park on north side.

Tower Grove Park

- Take 44 to Kingshighway south, east (left) on Magnolia, 1st right into park.

Two Rivers (Mark Twain) NWR

- Take IL-100 west from Grafton to Brussels Ferry.
- 3.6 miles on Ill. River Rd., follow signs.



WEBSTER GROVES NATURE STUDY SOCIETY

Call 314-935-8432 for the latest bird sightings in the St. Louis area. www.wgnss.org



MEETINGS

Thursday November 6

7 PM Board meeting Magners', 516 Bacon Ave., Webster, 314-961-4588. Note change of day and location. All members are welcome.

Thursday November 9

10 AM Work party, removing invasive, non-native plants from Forest Park. Meet at the shelter and restroom building off Wells, west of the zoo, in Forest Park. Wear long sleeves and pants, bring gloves and water. For more info, call Randy Korotev, 993-0055 or korotev@wustl.edu or visit <http://treeswallow.com/honeysuckle>. Rain date: November 16.

Thursday November 20

7:00 PM St. L. Co. L-HQ Walter Liddell will present his photos of birds of SE Asia.

Sunday December 7

1-4 PM Holiday party with St. Louis Audubon. At the Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Ave., University City



BOTANY

Thursday August-December

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



ENTOMOLOGY

Sunday October 19

7 PM at Magners', 516 Bacon Ave., Webster, 314-961-4588. Note date change. Rob Lawrence, forest entomologist for MDC, will present "Exotic Forest Insects Threatening our Mo. Forests."

Sunday November 16

7 PM at Magners', above. Note date. Dr. John Bouseman and Dr. James Sternberg, entomologists of U of Illinois, will speak on their book, *Butterflies of Illinois*.



BIRDING

Thursdays October-November

8:00 AM, 8:30 AM starting October 1, at Des Peres Park on Ballas, one block n. of Manchester. Questions: call Jackie Chain, 314-644-5998. No meeting on Thanksgiving.

Saturday October 25

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 576-1146.

Saturday October 25

8 AM SLAS Little Creve Coeur with Mike Grant and Jim Malone.

Sunday October 26

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Kent Lannert.

Saturday November 1

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Sunday November 2

7:30 AM Shaw Nature Reserve (Arboretum) Meet at visitor's center with Mike Thelen, small admission fee. Plan for 3.5 mi.



hike. Bring lunch if you wish to continue to Robertsville SP in afternoon.

Saturday November 8

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 576-1146.

Saturday November 8

8 AM SLAS at Horseshoe Lake with Paul Bauer and Torrey Berger.

Saturday November 15

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday November 22

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday November 22

8 AM SLAS at Busch CA with Mike Thelen and Mike Grant.

Sunday November 16

8 AM Horseshoe Lake, meet at 1st parking lot on right with Kent Lannert.

Saturday November 29

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 576-1146.



Sunday November 30

8 AM Carlyle Lake, meet at Carlyle McDonald's with Kent Lannert.

Sunday December 7

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Dave Rogles

Saturday December 13

8 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with David Becher, 314-576-1146.

Saturday December 13

9 AM Riverlands. Meet at Teal Pond, with Dave Rogles and Paul Bauer

Sunday December 21

8 AM Baldwin Lake boat launch parking lot with Kent Lannert.

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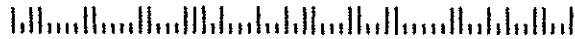
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