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CHAPTER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Northeast Chapter

For upcoming meetings, contact Janine Catchpole at 815/409-2943 or e-mail her at j9-catchpole@comcast.net

July 17, 1:00 pm, Field trip to Clark and Pine Preserve in Indiana. George Derkovitz is leading trip.

Quad City Chapter

For upcoming meetings, check out their website http://qc_inps.home.mchsi.com

Forest Glen Chapter

Contact Connie Cunningham for details at carrollc@inhs.uiuc.edu or 217/733-2660.

Central Chapter

Contact Beth Adams for upcoming chapter events at 217/787-0942 or e-mail at eadams21@hotmail.com
August 8, 6:30 pm, Vern LaGess will be speaking about Friends of the Sangamon Valley Projects.

September 8, 6:30 pm, Sr. Kathryn Mulcahy will be speaking about a green roof partially funded by INPS Central Chapter

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Contact Mary Hartley for upcoming chapter events at 309/995-3356 or e-mail at haywool@winco.net

Southern Chapter

Contact Chris Benda for upcoming chapter events at 217/417-4145 or e-mail at botanizer@gmail.com

July 23rd – Ken Schaal *Native Plants in Landscaping* **TBA**

August 16th –John Schwegman *Rare and Little Known Plants of IL* **CTH**

August 20th –John Schwegman *Hike at Wolf Creek Botanical Area* Tamms, IL

September 23-25th – INPS 30th Anniversary Celebration in Ozark, IL

CTH = Carbondale Township Hall, 217 East Main Street **TBA** = To Be Announced

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer!

As you are all well aware I am sure, summer is upon us! Although the heat sometimes makes it less pleasant to get out and explore, it's often well worth the effort!

This is a great time for visiting prairies. So many things are blooming it's difficult to keep track! Such plants as *Ceanothus americana* (New Jersey Tea), *Amorpha canescens* (leadplant), *Echinacea pallida* and *purpurea* (pale purple coneflower and purple coneflower), *Heliopsis helianthoides* (false sunflower), *Asclepias sullivantii* (Sullivant's milkweed), *Ratibida pinnata* (yellow-headed coneflower) just to name a very few.

Head out to a local prairie or prairie restoration for a nice evening walk and get a view of the spectacular flora (and fauna such as butterflies) that prairies have to offer!

Please note the announcement for the upcoming INPS Annual Meeting. The Southern Chapter of INPS is hosting the event and has some great hikes and events planned!

Mark your calendars now and come join us in southern Illinois this fall!

I hope to see you all outdoors!

Humbly yours,

Connie Cunningham



Erigenia Sneak Preview: An essay about one of our early botanists, an article on bryophytes, inventories of beautiful places. Join the fall issue. Submit your paper (for peer review) to Tracy Evans at tracy.evans@illinois.gov

Greetings Erigenia Readers,

Please be thinking about how you can contribute to the Illinois Native Plant Society journal. Part of our mission is to publish information on native plants from Illinois and we cannot do this without your input. Documenting our work is part of the process. Guidelines for submission are on the back cover of Erigenia. Thanks in advance.

Tracy Evans, Editor



The Illinois Native Plant Society has a Facebook page! For updates, announcements, and just plain fun plant information, view us at

www.facebook.com/IllinoisPlants

No need to be a Facebook member to visit our page. But if you are on Facebook, please consider joining us and sharing your nature activities, photos and stories!

The INPS Southern Chapter has a Facebook page too!

www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants

If any of the other INPS Chapters have a website or Facebook page they would like to share, please send the information to Mike Tyner at windfirerain@comcast.net to be included in the next Harbinger.

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Keynote Speaker: Dr. Larry Stritch, National Botanist - USFS



USFS Botanist Dr. Stritch circa 1994

The Illinois Native Plant Society is pleased to welcome the US Forest Service's National Botanist, Dr. Larry Stritch, back to southern Illinois as our keynote speaker for our 2011 annual meeting! Larry currently resides near Washington DC but lived in Illinois from 1978-1998. During much of that time, Larry played a pivotal role in the conservation of natural areas across southern Illinois as a District Heritage Biologist for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and later as a Botanist for the Shawnee National Forest. He also served as Project Director for the conversion of the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant to the Midwin National Tallgrass Prairie and has served as an adjunct professor at several universities and as a research associate at the Field Museum in Chicago. Larry earned his Master of Science and a Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. Robert Mohlenbrok at Southern Illinois University. His graduate work included a floristic inventory of Hayes Creek Canyon watershed in Pope County and his Ph.D. focused on a revision of the leguminous genus *Wisteria*. Larry is a long time gardener and plant propagator and enjoys all aspects of gardening. Listen to him share stories of his ascension from student of famed SIU Botanist Robert Mohlenbrock to National Botanist of the US Forest Service, a position he has held for the last 13 years.

Embroidered INPS polo shirts from Silkworm Inc. will be available at the meeting - please order in advance!

Be one of the first to sport a shirt with the new Illinois Native Plant Society logo! We are offering collared polo shirts in 3 colors; sand, Carolina blue, and gold. Shirts are only \$25 and come in sizes from small to 5XL. Shirts must be ordered and paid for in advance and will be ready at the meeting. We are also considering offering hats and field bags. Those do not need to be ordered in advance, but please check the corresponding box on the registration forms if you are interested in either item.

Note: due to the high cost of embroidery, the logo will be a simplified version without the gold sun backdrop.



Field bag example



Carolina blue Polo example

Directions to Camp Ondessonk:

Ozark, Illinois is located on highway 45 in between Harrisburg and Vienna in Johnson County. From interstate 57 in Marion follow route 13 east and go south on highway 166. Take a right (south) on highway 45 to Ozark. Follow Ozark Road to the east (turn left at the Ozark General Store) a half mile to the entrance to Camp Ondessonk on the right (look for rock pillars). Follow Camp Ondessonk Road 2 miles to the St. Noel Conference Center.

What to Bring: Bed sheet and blanket or sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, hiking boots, lounging footwear, raingear, extra clothes, towel, water bottles, camera, bug spray, sunscreen, headlamp or flashlight.

Requesting donations for the silent auction

If you have an item(s) (especially old literature) to donate for the silent auction please bring them to the conference and email southernillinoisplants@gmail.com or call Rhonda Rothrock at 618-684-6605.



Southern Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society

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Illinois Native Plant Society Annual Meeting: September 23-25th 2011 - Camp Ondessonk, Ozark, IL

Please fill out the following contact information:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Registration: Select ONE registration option

Food: includes a hot breakfast Saturday and Sunday, picnic lunch Saturday, and a banquet dinner on Saturday. All meals are served family style, with serving platters brought to each table instead of a buffet. We ask that you please arrive for meals on time. To help us plan, please indicate here if you would like the vegetarian lasagna instead of steak for the banquet dinner _____

Student (includes lodging, food, a goodie bag, and one year membership to INPS) \$75: _____
INPS Member (includes lodging, food, and a goodie bag) \$100: _____
Non-member (includes lodging, food, a goodie bag and one year membership to INPS) \$120: _____

****NOTE: Late registration charge if form RECEIVED after September 7: \$10

Circle polo shirt size if you'd like one for just \$25 more: **S / M / L / XL / XXL / 3XL / 4XL / 5XL**

Please check here if interested in a hat or field bag _____

Please enclose check to the INPS Southern Chapter for the full amount owed (registration, shirts, late fees) with your registration and return to the address listed at the top of the page.

Saturday hikes: please rank in order of preference in case some fill up (1=first choice, 5=last choice)

___ Rim Rock/Pounds Hollow & Garden of the Gods	Leaders: Chris Benda
___ Bell Smith Springs & Burden Falls Wilderness Area	Leaders: Jody Shimp
___ Cache River State Natural Area/Heron Pond & Cave Creek Glade	Leaders: Jim Waycoulis
___ Todd Fink Glade, Simpson Township Glade & Trigg Tower	Leaders: Andy West
___ Lusk Creek Nature Preserve/Indian Kitchen & Millstone Bluff	Leaders: John and Martha Schwegman

General schedule:

Friday 6pm Check-in, cocktails and refreshments (*Alcohol allowed, but bring your own, there will lots of ice available on site*)
7pm Welcome to Southern Illinois slideshow presentation
9pm Campfire and Astronomy lesson

Saturday 8am Breakfast (*biscuits and gravy, includes cereal, milk, juice and fresh fruit (oranges, apples and bananas)*)
9am Hikes until 3:30pm (*participants and leaders will need to organize caravans to sites*)
4pm State Board Meeting
5pm Happy Hour (*please provide your own alcohol*)
6pm Banquet Dinner (*steak or vegetable lasagna, baked potato, salad, rolls, and dessert*).
7pm Keynote Speaker
8:30 Award Ceremony
9pm Campfire and live music

Sunday 8am Breakfast (*scrambled eggs and sausage patties, includes cereal, milk, juice and fresh fruit (oranges, apples and bananas)*)
9am Optional morning hike to Packentuck Falls
Noon Travel home

Saturday hike options and descriptions

Option #1: Rim Rock/Pounds Hollow & Garden of the Gods Wilderness Area



Rim Rock National Recreational Trail is a short trail that circles a rock escarpment known as the “Pounds” and has a rich history. Along the trail is a rock staircase, a small spring, and abundant wildflowers. Lichen grasshoppers can be found on the dry glades near the parking lot. Garden of the Gods is possibly the most visited site in all of southern Illinois as it contains an unprecedented view of the Shawnee Hills from the extensive west-facing rock outcrops.

Restrooms: At both locations; Hike difficulty: Easy



Option #2: Bell Smith Springs & Burden Falls Wilderness Area



Bell Smith Springs is one of the flagship sites within the Shawnee National Forest. The area contains over 700 species of plants within the diverse uplands and mesic bottoms. *Dodecatheon frenchii* is at the base of the numerous sandstone overhangs. Burden Falls is the tallest cascading waterfall in Illinois and it is an outstanding sight when flowing. The cliffs are still impressive even when dry and the site is only a few steps from the parking area.

Restrooms: Bell Smith only; Hike difficulty: Easy



Option #3: Cache River State Natural Area/Heron Pond & Cave Creek Glade



This hike option is always a crowd favorite. See examples of a prairie community representative of more northern locales and Cypress Swamps more common to the south. The Cache River SNA is an internationally recognized wetland of importance and the short hike to the boardwalk at Heron Pond is the primary feature. Cave Creek Glade is a remarkable site that contains a very high quality Limestone Glade community. Prairie-like vegetation abounds on the dry, south-facing slope. The site is very steep and rocky but is conveniently located right next to a major road.

Restrooms: Heron Pond only; Hike difficulty: Moderate



Option #4: Fink Sandstone Barrens, Simpson Township Barrens, and Trigg Tower



The Fink Sandstone Barrens is a premier example of a Sandstone Glade complex in Illinois. The lichens and mosses found on the extensive bedrock exposure put on a colorful display any time of year. This site is located near a road, but there are no trails. Tremendous plant diversity is exhibited at the Simpson Township Barrens. The primary feature is a Limestone Glade that is easily accessible next to the road. No trip to this area would be complete without a stop at Trigg Tower, a former fire tower that provides views of the Shawnee National Forest and beyond.

Restrooms: None; Hike difficulty: Moderate



Option #5: Lusk Creek Nature Preserve/Indian Kitchen & Millstone Bluff Natural Area



The area known as Indian Kitchen is a nature preserve comprised of a horseshoe shaped canyon along Lusk Creek within the Lusk Creek Wilderness Area. A 2 mile hike is required to reach this incredibly scenic area but it is well worth the effort. Millstone Bluff is a natural area that contains a small Limestone Glade and may be the best preserved example of a prehistoric Woodland Indian stonefort in southern Illinois. There are interpretive signs and petroglyphs along a short trail around the bluff.

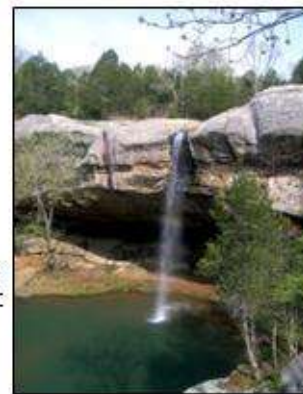
Restrooms: At both locations; Hike difficulty: Challenging



Optional Sunday hike to Cedar Falls (Packentuck)



Any visit to Camp Ondessonk would not be complete without the hike to Cedar Falls. Also called Packentuck, this is the site of a former Boy Scout camp and it contains the highest free-flowing waterfall in Illinois. There is a large sandstone overhang underneath the cliff and the expansive views from both above and below the falls make this trek one to remember forever. We will walk approximately 1.5 miles from St. Noel to the falls and will offer a shuttle ride back to St. Noel for those needing to hit the road north. Those not in a hurry will have the option of seeing the scenic Phantom Canyon on the way back to the lodge where a great diversity of plants can be found, including hundreds of French's Shooting Stars.



Lodging options and descriptions

Option #1: St. Noel Conference Center



For guests that enjoy active days spent in the great outdoors yet prefer the conveniences of plumbing and electricity, the St. Noel Conference Center has rooms that sleep 8-10 people. Each room is different and some have a nice balcony over the patio area.

Each room has a combination of single beds and bunk beds as well as a private bathroom. St. Noel also offers a reading lounge, dining area, meeting area, and wireless internet access. Room selection will be on a first-come basis, but you can secure an entire room for your group if desired.



Option #2: Daniel Cabins



Arguably one of the highlights of a Camp Ondessonk visit, these unique 3-sided cabins take full advantage of the natural surroundings. Intentionally designed and placed to maximize visitor's experience of the tranquility and inspiration of nature, units are constructed as tree-houses, allowing for great views of Camp Ondessonk. We have reserved the unit called Daniel (pronounced Don-a-el) which overlooks Lake Echon and is the closest unit to the conference center and dining area (St. Noel). There is an outhouse at Daniel and a full bathhouse within a short walk.



Option #3: Alternative Lodging

Alternative lodging options can be found in Harrisburg and Vienna. Both towns are about 20 minutes from Camp Ondessonk. Note: Lodging is included in the registration cost and people are encouraged to stay at Camp.



The Illinois Native Plant Society is going

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To decrease paper use and waste, as well as reduce our printing and mailing costs, the INPS quarterly newsletter, *The Harbinger*, will no longer be offered in printed paper form.

Starting with the next issue, JULY 2011, *The Harbinger* will be emailed in electronic form as a pdf file.

If you need to receive *The Harbinger* in paper form, please contact

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Once again,

starting July 2011 (**the next issue**), *The Harbinger* will be offered in electronic form only

(unless Mike Tyner is otherwise notified)



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Illinois Native Plant Society is totally membership based.

Every facet of our organization is built upon member/volunteer participation. The Erigenia, Harbinger, chapter newsletters, plant sales, programs, web sites, field trips, monthly and annual meetings, etc., are planned and prepared by members and volunteers. So in January we ask all members to renew their memberships to support these activities.

Renewals received since September 2010 are considered to be for 2011,
ASSUMING DUES WERE PAID FOR THE 2010 YEAR.

ALL UNRENEWED MEMBERSHIPS ARE TO BE PURGED FROM THE DATA BASE.

It is our hope to be able to accomplish member renewals without the cost of sending membership notices in a separate mailing, if possible.

A review of membership records indicates that our membership has shrunken severely. The address block on this issue contains information indicating if your membership is current.

If your membership has expired you will not receive any more mailings.
WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO FIND A WAY TO INDICATE MEMBERSHIP STATUS WHEN THE
HARBINGER IS SENT OUT

RENEW FOR 2011
SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ABOVE
Please complete the entire form.
We would like to have your current e-mail address.
Thank You!!!

INPS Membership Mailing

Membership processing and record keeping for INPS Membership Chair is being handled by Mike Tyner. To facilitate this change please send all Membership Applications and Membership Renewals to:

INPS Membership, P.O. Box 3341, Springfield, IL 62708

And, just a reminder that the INPS address is:

Illinois Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 3341, Springfield, IL 62708



Dear Members,
Thank you for the material submitted over recent months. I could always use more. Too much is far better than not having enough to fill these pages. There are, of course, **deadlines** to meet. **July 1st, October 1st, January 1st, and April 1st.**

I hope you enjoy the newsletters and always offer suggestions for improvement and content. Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,
Mike Tyner
windfirerain@comcast.net
Editor

P. S. It is really very convenient to receive material via e-mail. That saves this poor typist a great deal of mid-night hours. When sending items please be sure the subject line of your e-mail begins with "**Harbinger**". That way a simple sort when doing my editor work will take me directly to the best news, views and photos in the INPS world.

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