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FIELD TRIPS

presence of the MNPS is the field trip. These outings not only encourage the membership to sample native plants from a variety of habitats, but also provides an opportunity to meet others with a common interest. If you've never attended, make plans this year to go on one of the outings in your region of the state. You'll find a diverse membership of men and women with varying age (2 yrs-70), background, and occupations. Dress comfortably, bring a lunch, and join us.

21 Davis Lake, Tombigbee National Forest, Chickasaw County, near Houston.

Meet at the lake at 8:30 a.m. for a day trip, camping facilities are available. Located on the Pontotoc Ridge, this outing will emphasize rich vegetation of surrounding slopes, hollows, and ravines. The date may be rescheduled for an earlier weekend - additional notice and information will be given in the following newsletter.

5,6 Joint trip with Garden Clubs of Mississippi at Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo County.

In addition to the field trip, you may want to register for the Garden Club "Wildflower Workshop", cost \$32.00 which covers registration, 2 nights, 6 meals, and meeting area (no cost to attend field trip). The workshop will cover such topics as diversity of Mississippi plants, public planting, propagation of wildflowers, and developing trails. For additional workshop information, contact Mrs. Hall at Rt. 1, Box 77, Terry, MS 39170 by April 23.

For MS members, the field trip will be situated in dissected canyon-topography in and around Tishomingo State Park. Many plants characteristic of the Appalachian and Cumberland Provinces will be seen. (See trip on May 5).

MAY OR EARLY JUNE, Picayune, meeting at Crosby Arboretum. A day trip that will include new areas never before visited on previous trips in this area. Distinctive plant communities of the coastal plain will be visited such as bogs, savannahs, longleaf pine forests. A continuing program is scheduled, to be presented by Cary Norquist, a graduate student in botany at Mississippi State University. Cary's research will be "Mississippi Savannas", an extremely diverse vegetation type which is the subject of her current research.

WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, Leroy Percy State Park, Greenville. A trip to the Mississippi delta will include delta bottomland hardwoods. A minimum of 20 people required for the use of facilities. Lester Saucier is organizing this trip.

WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, a trip to one of the barrier islands in the Mississippi Sound, either Horn Island or Cat Island. Unique dune, and marsh vegetation.

As more information, definite dates, etc. become available, you will be notified. Otherwise, contact Dr. Sidney McDaniel, Institute for Coastal Exploration, Box EN, Mississippi State, MS 39762, 325-3120.

MISSISSIPPI NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Membership Application and Dues Notice - 1982

_____ Renewal

_____ New Membership

Please indicate the class of membership desired and enclose the appropriate dues.

_____ Regular \$5.00

_____ Student \$2.50

_____ Family \$7.50

_____ Associate(Out of State) \$5.00

_____ Sustaining \$10.00

_____ Contributing \$25.00

_____ Life \$75.00

All classes of membership receive the Newsletter. Please make checks payable to Mississippi Native Plant Society. Return this form with payment to the Secretary-Treasurer at the following address: Mr. Travis Salley, 202 North Andrews Avenue, Cleveland, Mississippi 38732.

Be sure to include the following information with your payment:

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone(not essential) _____

The Mississippi Native Plant Society-a society for anyone interested in the native and naturalized plants occurring in the State of Mississippi.

_____ Check if the above address differs in any way from the one used to send you this form.

To help members of the MNPS more easily get acquainted a listing of interests has been started. If you wish to let others know of your specific interests, please fill out the form below. The first list was sent with the membership roster in November 1981. The list will be revised as new members join and present members make additions and deletions.

Please do not limit yourself to the choices provided. Some comment on occupation or special training might also be of interest (forestry, horticulture, high school biology teacher, botanist, etc.).

_____ wildflower photography

_____ field trips

_____ conservation, protection of plants and habitat

_____ specific group(s) of plants _____

Any thoughts you have on the society, its goals, activities and governance are welcomed.

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ROOTING WILD AZALEA CUTTINGS

By Sarah Gillespie, Hattiesburg, MS

From the middle to the end of May was the best time, taking cuttings in the usual manner and dipping the ends in Rootone. I try to take a cutting before they get mature enough to snap like a match.

I use the green metal two gallon cans used by nurseries. The cans have the square holes in the sides above the bottom. Fill the cans half full with Perlite that has been well soaked. Use a match to poke holes for the cutting and then firm the Perlite. Cover the cans with clear plastic, like the kind that comes from the cleaners, and secure it securely below the rim. Place the cans in large clay saucers which are kept filled with water. Put the cans under fluorescent lights for a 12 hour duration. By September I have fine root growth with near 100% success results.

I have also tried cutting from mid-April through June and find May best for azalea. I have also tried different rooting media and like Perlite with half Perlite and Vermiculite the next best.

After the rooted cuttings in peat pots filled with a mixture of potting soil and Perlite and cover with plastic and harden off.