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LANDSCAPING CONFERENCE

Faye Swan
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The Mississippi Native Plant Society was well represented at the recent "Conference on Landscaping with Native Plants" at Western Carolina University, August 7-9. Those attending were: the Barbours, Sidon; Travis Salley, Cleveland; Halla Jo Ellis and Carol Rives, Jackson, and Faye Swan, Starkville. The programs were informative, the meals were good, and hospitality among those attending was great. For those of you who have never attended, I would highly recommend going. This was my first year, but I plan to go back each year, if possible. It is so refreshing to hear how native plants can be used in the landscape. The exhibits were nice, many of us left with native plants sitting around our feet upon our return to Mississippi.

ACTIVITIES SUGGESTED FOR THE MNPS

Henry J. Jacob
Cleveland

The following are suggestions for possible future activities for the Mississippi Native Plant Society:

1. Become involved with area schools; the younger generation must be involved. Most schools would be glad to have someone in who could talk to elementary and high school students, to present slides, programs, and conduct mini-field trips.

2. Relocate endangered species that are about to be destroyed by highway construction and commercial development.

3. Beautify the highways with wildflowers. The state garden clubs have expressed interest in such a

4. Set up a Mississippi Wildflower Day. Perhaps the Governor could be persuaded to issue a proclamation for such a day, preferably on a Saturday so that school children could be involved. Plan field trips all over the state. Surely we have enough capable leaders to have a dozen or more trips on the same day.

MISSISSIPPI WILDFLOWER PROJECT

The Mississippi Wildflower project is well under way. The manuscript is nearly half complete.

A number of people have contributed toward the book's publication. The following people are thanked for their contributions:

Mrs. William L. Gill, Jackson
Sr. Cathryn Keever, Starkville
Mrs. Edith Anderson, Jackson
Mrs. Gray Lawton, Jackson
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The following organizations are thanked for their contributions:

Isola Garden Club, Isola
Alta Vista Garden Club, Laurel
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Jr. Greenville Garden Club, Greenville
Gloster Homochitto Valley Garden Club,
Gloster
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If you would like to join these contributors in helping offset some of the publication costs of the **Wildflowers of Mississippi** field guide, please send your contributions to: **Wildflowers of Mississippi Project**
P. O. Box 4873
Mississippi State, MS 39762-4873

CROSBY ARBORETUM FIELD TRIP

The recent MNPS field trip to the Crosby Arboretum was quite successful. Mr. Chris Wells led some 50 wildflower enthusiasts to various habitats in the Arboretum area. That evening Lee Peterson presented a slide show on edible plants. The program was extremely enjoyable.

The next MNPS field trip has yet to be determined. Some plans are being made for a possible field trip to Bankhead National Forest. This will be a joint trip with the Alabama Wildflower Society sometime in the spring of 1987.

NEW EDITORSHIP

During the recent MNPS field trip, new officers were elected. Dr. Sidney McDaniel, Mississippi State was elected and has accepted the editorship of the MNPS newsletter. He will be assistant by one of his graduate students, and a member of MNPS, Mr. Wayne Morris. All future articles for the newsletter should be sent to Dr. McDaniel at P.O. Box EN, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Working on the newsletter has been both a rewarding and frustrating experience. It has been frustrating due to a lack of articles for the newsletter. There are nearly 200 members in the MNPS, yet only 4 or 5 have ever contributed an article while I have served as editor. You may feel you do not know how to write an article, so you don't contribute. That is part of the editor's job. The editor can take information in practically any form and develop it into an article. It is hoped that more members of the Society will submit articles for the newsletter. For those members who did submit articles, I extend my thanks.

Steve L. Timme
University of N. Alabama

DUES REMINDER

MNPS membership dues should be sent to **Travis Salley, Sec.-Treas.**

202 N. Andrews
Cleveland, MS 38732

Individual Membership: \$5.00
Family Membership: \$7.50
Student Membership: \$2.50

MNPS CONSTITUTION

The amendments to the MNPS constitution was passed earlier this summer by membership vote. All members responding with a vote are thanked.

NEWS AND NOTES

MNPS members, James and Patti Swan (son of Faye Swan) are the proud parents of a son (as is grandma), Alan, born July 22 at Woman's Hospital in Jackson.

One of our former members, Lowell Newby is now in Eugene, Oregon. Peggy is working as a nurse and Lowell is looking for a part time job, and preparing to take a few writing courses at the University of Oregon. If you would like to drop him a line, his address is: 1017 West 8th St., Apt. 10, Eugene, OR 97402.

MNPS T-SHIRTS

T-shirt orders can only be filled as we get orders for a minimum of 6 shirts. Therefore, if you send in your order and don't get it right away, you will understand we are waiting until we get the minimum order.

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