



The Shooting Star

NEWSLETTER

of the

Illinois Native Plant Society – Southern Chapter

APRIL 2011

Next Meeting

April 21st @ 7:00pm

Shawnee National Forest
Supervisor's Office / Headquarters
50 Highway 145 S, Harrisburg, IL

Chris Benda, chapter president and
Natural Areas Ecologist, will present
“Treasures of the Shawnee National Forest”

See flyer next page

Next Month:

Chris Evans, board member and
Invasive Species Biologist, will talk about
“Invasive Species Awareness Month”
at the Carbondale Township Hall.



Burden Falls Wilderness

Past Event

The winter tree ID walk for last month was cancelled due to the unpleasant weather conditions. We hope to try again next year.



Claytonia virginiana – Spring Beauty



Hepatica acutiloba – Liverleaf



Erythronium americanum – Trout Lily



The southern chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society and the Friends of the Shawnee National Forest are pleased to present

Treasures of the Shawnee National Forest

April 21st at 7pm
Forest Service Headquarters
50 Highway 145 South, Harrisburg, IL

Chris Benda, Natural Areas Ecologist, will give a slideshow presentation highlighting the plants and animals that inhabit the high quality natural communities of the Shawnee National Forest.

Events are free and open to the public



Hydrastis canadensis - Goldenseal



Heterodon platirhinos - Hognose Snake



Battus philenor - Pipevine Swallowtail



Hyla cinerea - Green Frog



Treasures of the Shawnee National Forest

Camel Rock at the Garden of the Gods Wilderness Area

There will be a companion event promoting the Shawnee National Forest at the

Rim Rock National Recreational Trail

April 23rd at 1pm
Karbers Ridge, IL

Trail leader Chris Benda will lead the group on the wonderfully scenic loop around the rock escarpments and share stories of its rich history. Directions from Harrisburg: follow Highway 34/145 south 6 miles, then continue on Highway 34 south for 9 miles. Turn east onto Karbers Ridge Road, and follow it 8.3 miles to the Rim Rock entrance road. There is a parking lot and restroom facilities are available at the trailhead.



We have a beautiful facebook page for the Southern Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society! Follow this link and you can browse the photo albums without having to sign up...or if you have a facebook profile, please click on the "like" button to add to your favorite pages. www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants

Related April events

- April: The Friends of Crab Orchard present wildflower hikes every Saturday in April at 10am and 1pm at the Rocky Bluff Trail within Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.
- April 9th: LaRue Pine Hills Appreciation Days from 7am to 2pm at the Trail of Tears State Forest.
- April 12th: "Boreal Forest: Permafrost, Peatlands, and Oil" by Dr. Dale Vitt, chair of the Plant Biology Department at Southern Illinois University, at Noon in the SIU Student Center Auditorium.
- April 30th: 10th Annual Cache River Nature Fest from 8am to 4pm at the Cache River Wetlands Center in Ullin, Illinois, <http://www.cacherivernaturefest.org>
- April 30th: The Central Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society is having a Native Plant Sale at the Washington Park Botanical Garden in Springfield, Illinois.
- May 13th-14th: Festival of the Bluffs and Bioblitz at the Salt Lick Point Land & Water Reserve in Valmeyer Illinois, <http://www.clifftopalliance.org/festival.pdf>

Visit the Beautify Southern Illinois calendar at <http://www.beautifysouthernillinois.org/events/calendar.htm> for more!

Coming in May

Invasive Species Awareness Month

*Please visit the website (www.illinoisinvasives.org) for details on the events

May 7th – Invaders of the Forest presentation and garlic mustard pull – Cache River Wetlands

May 17th – Invasive Species Presentation – Southern Illinois Native Plant Society

May 22nd – Endangered Species Day presentations and hikes – Giant City State Park

May 26th – Pond and Aquatic Weed Management Workshop– Williamson County SWCD

Synandra Hike planned for May 14th

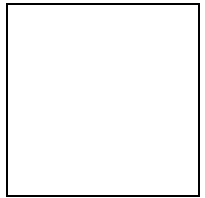
Judy Faulkner-Dempsey is pleased to host a field outing to her property and beyond in rural Jackson county! Judy recently retired after 30+ years of exemplary service with the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. Meet at her residence south of Murphysboro on May 14th at 1pm. Her property borders the Shawnee National Forest and we will proceed to hike off-trail across the rugged terrain to find *Synandra hispidula* and the many other beautiful wildflowers in the mesic forest along Cedar Creek.

Directions: Judy's place is at 4648 Highway 127, exactly 6.1 miles south from the junction at old Route 13 in Murphysboro and is on the left (east side). Look for the INPS sign at the head of the driveway.

SAVE THE DATE!

INPS 30th ANNIVERSARY - 2011 ANNUAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23 – 25th at CAMP ONDESSONK, Ozark, IL

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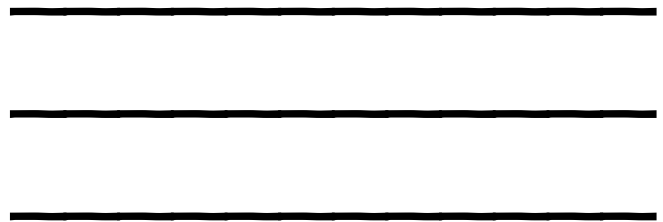
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French's Shooting Star

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At-large: Nancy Garwood
At-large: Jody Shimp



Thank you to **Ryan Campbell** for the presentation on
Habitat Restoration in Illinois last month!

INPS 2011 CALENDAR

Upcoming Events:	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 21 st -	Chris Benda	<i>Treasures of the Shawnee NF</i>	Harrisburg, IL
April 23 rd -	Chris Benda	<i>Field Trip to Rim Rock Trail</i>	Karbers Ridge, IL
May 14 th -	Judy Faulkner-Dempsey	<i>Synandra hike</i>	4648 Hwy 127
May 17 th -	Chris Evans	<i>Invasive Species Awareness Month</i>	CTH
June 11 th -	Chris Benda	<i>Cave Creek Limestone Glade</i>	BWC

CTH = Carbondale Township Hall, 217 East Main Street
BWC = Barkhausen Wetland Center, Rt 37, Cypress, IL

From the US Forest Service Success Stories Reporting System: Shawnee National Forest and Partners Bring Dr. Douglas Tallamy to Southern Illinois

The Southern Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society sponsored a presentation by Dr. Douglas Tallamy entitled "Bringing Nature Home -How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants." The Shawnee National Forest helped in providing transportation for Dr. Tallamy. The presentation was a huge, standing-room-only success, with over 250 people in attendance. While in southern Illinois, he also gave the presentation to several groups near Saint Louis. Dr. Tallamy's presentation highlighted the benefits of landscaping with native plants and the threats of habitat loss and invasive species. It also showed private landowners how they could contribute in a meaningful way to provide habitat necessary to sustain native plants and animals. These types of presentations are a good example of managing across boundaries and helping to educate private landowners about the value of native species.