



Beauty berry in fruit at Sam's Throne

Spring/Summer 2017 - Ozarks Chapter ANPS Newsletter

The fall meeting at Harmony Mountain was, as usual, a great success. We raised money at the plant auction, shared some great food, took a great hike on Saturday to Sam's Throne, and held a business meeting on Sunday morning. As many of you experienced, the fall was not awash with dazzling color. Nevertheless, the drive into Mt. Judea was just beautiful. During the Sunday morning business meeting, we elected Genie Dudley President, Jim Dudley Vice President, and added a position, Historian/Documentarian/Photographer which Deb Bartholomew agreed to accept. Mary Reuter agreed to remain as Treasurer and I agreed to remain newsletter editor. Rick Hinterthuer suggested that we raise the dues to \$10/year since it has been \$5/yr ever since we organized in 1995. Amy Wilson seconded the motion and everyone agreed. This will help provide money for contributions to conservation ecology organizations. We voted once again to donate \$100 each to Halberg Ecology Camp and Ozarks Natural Science Center this year. Though we discussed other locations at which to have the fall retreat, we decided to reserve Harmony Mountain Lodge for the first weekend in November, 2017. It is one of the few places that has the number of rooms and bathrooms that our group requires. We concluded with a discussion of hikes for the coming year.

Well, so far, no snow. I don't feel as if we have had a winter, but I do remember a few cold days back in December. Nevertheless, these warm days certainly remind me of the promise of spring, and with spring come the wildflowers. Thanks to those who have volunteered to lead a hike this year. I hope that you members can join us on one or more of the hikes this year. If you have not paid Chapter dues, I have included Mary Reuter's address at the end of the newsletter as well as the address for state dues.

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ANPS Spring Meeting

April 21st – 23rd - ANPS Spring Meeting will be held in Little Rock at the Little Rock Audubon Center [4500 Springer Boulevard, Little Rock, Arkansas 72206](#)

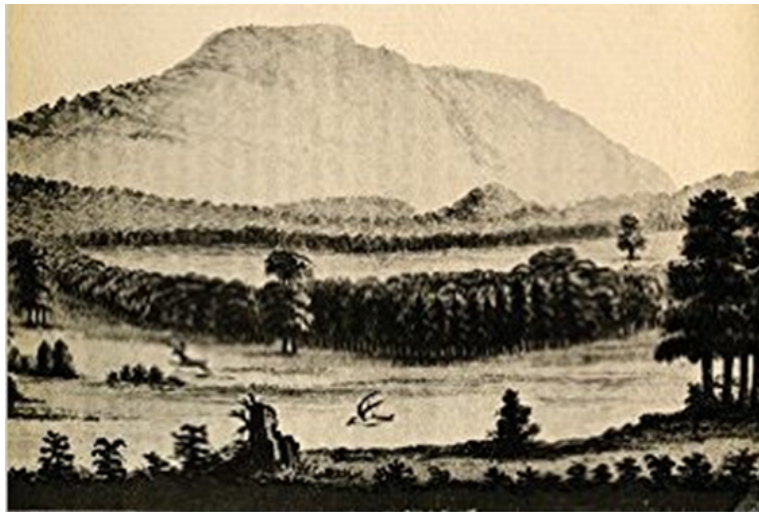
The Hilton Garden Inn West Little Rock at 10914 Kanis Road has been selected for lodging. Be sure to reserve a room before April 17th and tell them that you are with the ANPS. Phone: [\(501\) 227-4800](tel:5012274800)

Details of the weekend will be included in The Claytonia, the ANPS Newsletter that will be coming out the first of March.

Trace the Steps of Thomas Nuttall through the Poteau River Valley

April 29th - 9:00 – 5:00 The Kiamichi Technology Center, Poteau, Oklahoma, is offering a short-term personal enrichment class that will re-trace Thomas Nuttall's trip to the Poteau River Valley area in 1819. Steve Patterson will be leading the excursion. Details follow:

On Saturday April 29, 2017, come travel with us and view the landscape of eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas through the lens of the journal of the first scientist to visit the area. Whether your interests are natural history, human history, or simply exploring, this trip will help you see this region with new eyes.



This sketch of Cavanal Hill near Poteau was made by Thomas Nuttall in 1819.

In 1819, when the English botanist and naturalist Thomas Nuttall arrived in Fort Smith, after traveling up the Arkansas River from the Mississippi, the fort was only two years old. Nuttall's journal describes prairies in the flat river valleys, thick river-side vegetation, and sparsely wooded hillsides on Sugarloaf and Cavanal. As a plant taxonomist Nuttall accurately identified many plants still found here today. We'll follow his path at the same time of year and see what remains and what has changed after nearly 200 years of European-American settlement. We'll start our trip at Fort Smith, where the Poteau River enters the Arkansas and make our way along the river and through the prairies and end our day near present-day Lake Wister.

The day will begin with a brief introduction on the campus of the Kiamichi Technology Center in Poteau. Then we'll travel to Fort Smith by bus and follow Nuttall's trail from there back through the Poteau River valley.

*If you'd like to read Nuttall's journal before the class, I strongly suggest the edition edited by Savoie Lottinville and published by the University of Oklahoma Press as "*A Journal of Travels into the Arkansas Territory in the Year 1819.*" It is in print and available from Amazon and other booksellers.

This field class is being offered as a short-term personal enrichment class by the Kiamichi Technology Center, Poteau, Oklahoma. A box lunch and bus transportation are included.

Cost: \$50 Instructor: Steve Patterson, Ph.D

To register, contact Nina Morgan at KTC, 918-647-5418 or nmmorgan@ktc.edu. For more information about the content of the trip, contact Steve Patterson, spatterson@bioxdesign.com.

Ozarks Chapter Field Trips for Spring, 2017

Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM-4:00PM - Cave Springs, Benton Co. Meet at Cave Springs park. The spring is a site for Ozark trillium (*Trillium pusillum*) which we hope to find in flower. The trail is considered easy-to- moderate and will take us by the cave.

Directions: from interstate 49, go west on St. Hwy. 264 to Hwy. 112. Turn right (north) and go 0.5 mi. to Midway Ave. Turn right (east) and go 0.25 mi. to the NW corner of the natural area. Parking is along the road. Bring camera s, binoculars, water, snacks and bug spray.

Contact Linda Ellis 417-272- 3890 or lindasellis@centurytel.net The trip will be canceled in case of inclement weather.

May 6th at 10:00 a.m.– Paris, AR - A Field Trip to the Vogelpohl's Place near Paris (Logan County) is scheduled for May 6th, 2017. Habitats include ridge top, rock outcrop, hillside glades, woodlands, riparian and wetland. Along with paths and trails near the house, other trails and a county road provide access to the valley and creek 200 feet lower. The first part of the Field Trip will be at the house followed by a hike or drive to the valley. Bring a sack lunch! Attendees are asked to contact Burnetta at wbhint@gmail.com or [479-582-03172](tel:479-582-03172) days prior to the Field Trip for a vehicle count.

Directions: From Paris Square, take Highway 309 to the South. One mile from the Square, turn left (East) to stay on Highway 309. Continue two miles to 2480 South Highway 309 (number on mailbox post). Drive is across from Pine Ridge Welding which has a brown pipe fence. Meet at Sid and Jeanette's at 10 a.m. Please phone Sid at [479-963-1528](tel:479-963-1528) if you have questions or are running late.

May 13th, 9 am – 12 noon - Wilson Springs, Fayetteville, AR. Join Sim Barrow of the Northwest Arkansas Land Trust and the Arkansas Native Plant Society for a botany-themed hike through Wilson Springs Preserve, Fayetteville's largest wet prairie remnant. This easy hike will feature several tracked species of sedges and other native wetland specialist plants. There will also be a discussion about how the property was preserved and how the land trust has implemented habitat restoration to enhance the native plant community on the property.

Meet at Vold Vision (2783 N. Shiloh Drive Fayetteville, AR 72701) at 9 am to join the hike. Please bring rubber boots, as some areas of the hike may be in water. Contact Burnetta at 479-430-0260.

Sunday, May 14, 9:00 – mid to late afternoon Miller's Chapel Hike with Stephen Marquardt. Meet at Marquardt Ironworks at 360 North Centennial Ave, West Fork, AR 72774, behind the McKnight Emergency Wrecker Service. From there, we will carpool to Winslow and drive up the mountain to Miller's Chapel and beyond. We will hike up the trail and have lunch at the double waterfall. The trail parallels a rich north facing slope for most of the way.

We will be looking for at least 3 different kinds of orchids: Adam & Eve (*Aplectrum hyemale*), Lily-leaved Twayblades (*Liparis lilifolia*) and Showy Orchis (*Galearis spectabilis*). We usually see ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) as well and will pass by the two disease-free Ozark Chinquapin trees (*Castanea pumila* var. *ozarkensis*). It is also an area with a large and diverse bird population, including Cerulean Warblers and Blue-winged Warblers. Contact Burnetta at 479-582-0317, wbhint@gmail.com or Stephen at [479-601-5801](tel:479-601-5801) in order that we have a head count. The road up the mountain requires a four wheel drive vehicle. Bring water, lunch, and your binoculars.

Saturday, May 20, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Devil's Eyebrow, Benton Co.

This ANHC natural area was designated such in 2012 and is considered to be a great botanical attraction. The trail is rated as strenuous, but we will only attempt the first 1.5 miles to a scenic spring.

Directions; From Garfield, AR, travel east on US Hwy. 62 4 mi. to Gateway. Continue east on 62 and go 0.50 to the Natural Area gate on the south side of the road. Bring cameras, binoculars, snacks, water, bug spray and walking sticks. Contact Linda Ellis 417-272- 3890 or lindasellis@centurytel.net.

Saturday, May 27th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ninestone Judith Griffith and Don Matt will host us once again. It is always interesting to watch the progress on the glade restoration and to see Barbara's buttons and fame flower in bloom. Directions to Ninestone Land Trust in southern Carroll County:

1. For those coming from Berryville or North: From intersection of Hwy. 62 E & Hwy. 21 S just east of Berryville, take Hwy. 21 South for 10 + miles to the site of the former Cedar Creek Country Store (now converted to a residence) on the RIGHT. Immediately after the store & parking lot, turn RIGHT onto the gravel road marked CR 512. Do not cross the bridge over Cedar Creek! Continue on gravel road CR 512 for 1 MILE, staying to the LEFT at any choices. You will pass 3 mailboxes on the LEFT, one a large blue mailbox. Continue on down the drive to our log cabin on the LEFT.

2. For those coming from Fayetteville or South: From intersection of Hwy. 412 & Hwy. 21 N, take Hwy. 21 North for about 7 + miles. Cross the Cedar Creek Bridge & immediately turn LEFT onto the gravel road CR 512 before you get to the site of the former Cedar Creek Country Store (now converted to a residence) on the LEFT. Continue on gravel road CR 512 for 1 MILE, staying to the LEFT at any choices. You will pass 3 mailboxes on the LEFT, one a large blue mailbox. Continue on down the drive to our log cabin on the LEFT. Please contact Burnetta at 479-582-0317 or wbhint@gmail.com if you have questions.

Later Summer Activities:

We are also working on arranging for a float trip on the Buffalo River in early June. Arrangements have not been worked out. If you are interested in staying informed about the trip, let me know. I will send out a separate message in May to those interested in participating. Weather, of course, may play a role in our plans.

Dues are Due:

If you have not paid OCANPS dues for the coming year, remember that they are now \$10/yr. Checks should be mailed to:

Mary Reuter, 121 CR 432, Berryville, AR 72616

If you need to pay ANPS dues, you may mail a check for \$15 to:

Katherine Lincourt, Treasurer, 2625 Charter Oak Drive, Little Rock, AR 72227