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Plan Your Year of Botanizing

Inside this issue you will find four pages listing all the 2014 TNPS field trips. You can pull out this section for a handy reference. In addition to the TNPS hikes, we are publishing in this issue a few notes about other events for native plant enthusiasts.

Plans are also being made for the TNPS Annual Meeting September 19-21 at the Beersheba Springs Assembly and Conference Center. Beersheba Springs sits along a north-facing ridge of the Cumberland Plateau at the edge of Savage Gulf State Natural Area.

Some members may remember the new facilities among the historic buildings at Beersheba from when the annual meeting was held there in 2007.

September is a long way off, but it may be good to mark your calendar.

More recent events include the third annual Native Plant Symposium, sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones, March 8 in Chattanooga. Also there is the mother of all wildflower events: the 64th Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage, the five-day event (April 15-19) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, centered in Gatlinburg.

Members may also be interested in the Biennial Meeting of the North American Butterfly Association June 12-15 at the Marriott Hotel in Chattanooga. Co-chairs of the event are TNPS members Rita Venable and Bart Jones.

A new edition of *Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and the Southern Appalachians* has been published with minor changes and corrections. The new price is \$27.95. Members may purchase the new edition at certain events for \$25.

Three TNPS Board Members Re-elected

Three TNPS board members—Michelle Haynes, Susan Sweetser, and Bertha Chrietzburg—were re-elected to three-year terms in voting by the membership in December.

The results were confirmed in a board meeting on January 25.

At that meeting, Dennis Horn provided an update of the Tennessee Flora project, the publication titled *Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee* (called the technical manual). Final corrections are being made, and the book is scheduled for release this fall by the University of

Tennessee Press.

The board also approved the 2014 field trip schedule, discussed plans for staffing a booth at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show, learned that classes are full for the Native Plant Certification Program. This is co-sponsored by TNPS, the Tennessee Arboretum and Nature Center and Tennessee Wild Ones.

The certification program is expected to be offered again next year. Information about this year's program can be found at the TNPS website. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 31 at Barfield-Crescent Park in Murfreesboro.



This beautiful cluster of flowers belongs to Lesquerella perforata, aka Spring Creek bladderpod, federally endangered and found only in Rutherford and Wilson counties along disturbed floodplains.

Photo by Darel Hess

TNPS Newsletter

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This newsletter is a publication of the Tennessee Native Plant Society and is published four times a year, generally in February, June, August, and November.

The Tennessee Native Plant Society (TNPS) was founded in 1978. Its purposes are to assist in the exchange of information and encourage fellowship among Tennessee's botanists, both amateur and professional; to promote public education about Tennessee flora and wild plants in general; to provide, through publication of a newsletter or journal, a formal means of documenting information on Tennessee flora and of informing the public about wild plants; and to promote the protection and enhancement of Tennessee's wild plant communities.

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From the President

What a crazy winter we've had so far! Not that we've experienced unusually extreme cold (although after two very mild winters it seems like it), it's been the roller coaster of a couple of really cold days followed by a couple of very warm days with few "average" days in between. But at least the nice days have been on weekends and I have tried to take advantage of every one of them to spend some quality time outside. Maybe that's why I haven't experienced much in the way of cabin fever so far, but I'm sure I'll get itchy by the time March rolls around and the first wildflowers start to tease us with buds.

With this being the first newsletter of the new year, let me take this opportunity to wish all a very Happy New Year. And as usual, this issue contains our field trip schedule for 2014. I offer thanks to those who served with me on the planning committee—Dennis Horn, Larry Pounds, Todd Crabtree, Mary Priestley—and to those who have volunteered to lead our excursions. Take a moment to look over the list and mark your calendars to attend as many trips as you can. Our hikes function as informal meetings for the society and it is always a treat to see old friends and meet new members, plus we always get to see some of the best wildflower displays the state has to offer.

Spring also is the time of garden shows and festivals. TNPS will once again have a booth at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show, February 27 to March 2, and at the Native Plant Symposium sponsored by Wild Ones' Tennessee Valley Chapter, March 8. These are great events and give TNPS a tremendous opportunity to present ourselves to the public and recruit new members. If you live in these areas, spend a few hours attending them, and even better, think about volunteering some time to help at the booths. Trails and Trilliums in Sewanee, April 11-13 and the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glades Festival in early May are two noteworthy wildflower festivals that are must-see events if you haven't attended before. Another event that you should check out is Natural Areas Week April 5-13. Visit the Division of Natural Areas website for the schedule of their trips. And of course, the granddaddy of them all, the Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage in Gatlinburg, April 15-19, will once again bring folks from all around the region to enjoy the display of mountain wildflowers that is unrivaled. You may also be interested in field trips provided by Swan Trust, which focuses on wetlands around the trust and on the Natchez Trace Parkway. Go to the trust website at www.swantrust.org/calendar.html. So much to do!!!

TNPS has partnered with the Chattanooga Nature Center and Arboretum at Reflection Riding in Chattanooga and Wild Ones to initiate the Certification in Native Plants Program. This is a series of classes combined with time in the field to learn the wide spectrum of topics related to native plants: gardening, identification, conservation, etc. Our own Mary Priestley is one of the lecturers and Larry Pounds is leading a spring field trip. The classes have all been filled for this year, but if you are interested in participating in this program, make plans for next year. Visit our website under the courses tab to find a link to the program's website and check it often for registration information for next year's class.

This year we should see the publication of two more books in which TNPS has played a part. TNPS member Rita Venable's book, *Butterflies of Tennessee: Field and Garden* is scheduled to be out this spring. The long-awaited "Technical Manual of the Vascular Flora of Tennessee" is on track to be released in the fall. TNPS has supported this project financially and our members are on the working

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2014 TNPS Field Trips

Field trips are designed to promote informed interest in Tennessee's native plants. They are led by persons familiar with native plants of the area. Nonmembers as well as members are welcomed. It is the custom to share knowledge, compare experiences, and ask questions. Since conservation is a primary objective of TNPS, plant collecting is never part of the trips. These hike descriptions usually include a mention of the physical difficulty, but for safety each person must judge their own abilities. Trips are rarely cancelled, however, sometimes changes are unavoidable. Please contact the trip leader a day or two before the trip for possible changes and to alert the leader that you plan to attend. You are encouraged to keep this schedule and attend as many trips as you can. Check the website (www.tnps.org) for updates and other information.

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>Mar. 22, 2014 (Sat.) 8 a.m. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Grundy Forest State Natural Area, Tracy City, part of South Cumberland State Park</p> <p>Todd Crabtree gizzardscout@comcast.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fiery Gizzard Trail</p> <p>This will be an all day trek of approximately 10 miles. The spring ephemerals will be starting to flower and we will see a variety of them including some of the early risers. There are many rock formations, waterfalls, and cascades along this trail, making it one of the most scenic trails in the eastern United States. Our lunch spot is a well-hidden streamside site with a scenic view. The trail ascends to Raven Point where the ridges and coves below can be seen for miles. The trees will be unfurling their leaves and showing some colors that are unique to each species. We'll return via the dog hole trail and then retrace the first 1.5-mile segment of the trek.</p> <p>The Fiery Gizzard Trail runs from the trailhead at Grundy Forest to Foster Falls (some 13 miles). Our trek on this date will follow Fiery Gizzard Creek into the cove and then climb to Raven Point for a view up and down miles of the cove. Boulder fields, giant hemlocks, and pockets of wildflowers make this section of the trail both unforgettably beautiful and treacherous. The cove abounds in spring flora.</p>	<p>Directions: South Cumberland Recreation Area visitor center is about 3 miles west of Tracy City on Highway 41. Travel east about 2.5 miles past the visitor center and turn right on 3rd street, right on Marion street, right on Fiery Gizzard road and then left into the parking lot area near the trailhead. GPS coordinates (35.252112, -85.747561).</p> <p>Difficulty: Very strenuous, uneven terrain and boulders. Ankle support is essential. Some steep sections of the trail can be muddy at this time of year.</p> <p>Facilities at trailhead. Bring lunch with plenty of water. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather. At this time of year, chilly mornings can be followed by hot afternoons.</p>
<p>March 29, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central</p> <p>Twin Falls Parking Lot</p> <p>Dennis Horn, 931-461-0262 horndd@lighttube.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rock Island State Park</p> <p>TNPS will join the State Park scheduled program for this spring wildflower hike. Rock Island State Park is located in the Eastern Highland Rim on the Caney Fork River in Middle Tennessee. The town of Rock Island was a thriving community in pioneer days and a major stop on the Kentucky to Alabama road. The Great Falls Cotton Mill operated there from 1892 to 1902, and the main building is still standing high above the river. The hike will begin at the overlook of Twin Falls. We will then follow alongside the river downstream to the Blue Hole, past a small cave and waterfall, and return.</p> <p>The trail is rich with spring flora. Over 100 species were recorded during the TNPS plant inventory in 2012. After lunch at the Market we will hike the very short but amazingly diverse Badger Flat loop.</p>	<p>On US Hwy 70 South, midway between Sparta and McMinnville, turn onto Hwy 136 at the Dollar General. Continue past the small town of Rock Island (gas station and archway) and over the Caney Fork River bridge. Turn left on the first road past the bridge (Powerhouse Rd). It will have a sign saying 'to Twin Falls.' In about two miles, this road will dead end at the Twin Falls parking lot.</p> <p>Easy to moderate 2-mile hike. Facilities at the Rock Island Market (none at the trailhead). Bring water, snacks, and camera.</p>

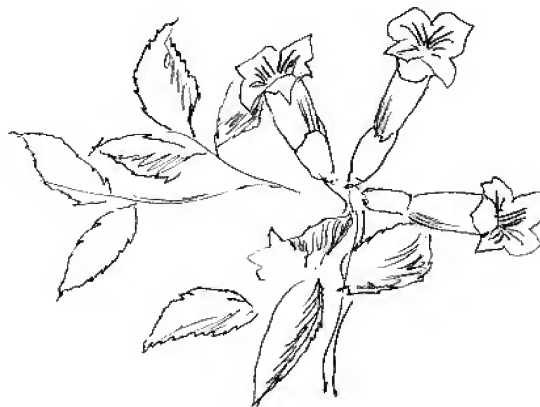


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Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>April 5, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central (handicap accessible) 1:00 (hike)</p> <p>Meet in parking area adjacent to the Nature Center</p> <p>Darel Hess 615-504-5917 (leave message) DarelHess@netscape.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cedars of Lebanon State Park</p> <p>This trip will be in 2 parts. The first part (10 a.m.) will be handicap accessible in which we will take a car caravan about 5 miles along Cedar Forest Rd west of the park to a state forest area containing many glade areas. We will make numerous stops where we will look at the flora mostly within 150 feet of the road. For the second part (1 p.m.), we will meet at the Nature Center and drive to the Vesta State Natural Area for an easy walk along about 1.5 miles of trails through several excellent glade areas. Limestone cedar glades provide a severe environment for plants and therefore contain a number of uncommon and rare plants. Many plants in the glade periphery are more common. We plan to complete the tour by 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Cedars of Lebanon State Park is located approximately 31 miles east of Nashville in Wilson County.</p> <p>From US I-40 take Exit 238 onto U.S. Highway 231 South. Go 6.4 miles, turn left (East) into Cedars of Lebanon State Park on Cedar Forest Rd and follow signs about 1 mile to the Nature Center parking area. From US I-24 take Exit 74 onto TN-840 for 12 miles to exit 65 to TN-452 (E. Maddox Rd. Take TN-452 East for 4.8 miles and turn left on US-231 North. Continue 5.2 miles and turn right (East) into Cedars of Lebanon State Park on Cedar Forest Rd and follow signs about one mile to the Nature Center parking area. GPS coordinates: 36.085228 – 86.323444.</p> <p>Facilities: At meeting place Bring lunch with plenty of water. For maps and more information about state natural areas visit: http://www.tn.gov/environment/na/natareas.</p>

Natural Areas Week April 5–13

A variety of outdoor activities are provided during the week by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Interested? Check the website www.tn.gov/environment/na/events/



<p>April 26, 2014 (Sat.)</p> <p>Meeting places for carpooling at two sites (see directions)</p> <p>Larry Pounds, 865-705-8516 (cell, best bet) or 865-816-3576 PoundsL471@aol.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Black Mountain/Windlass Cave</p> <p>This is a joint outing for TNPS and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning. We will caravan from Crab Orchard to set up a shuttle for a mostly new section of the Cumberland Trail. We will walk downhill from the top of Black Mountain to TN 68 with lunch at Windlass Cave. We start with the sandstone flora and move to the limestone flora and then back to sandstone. This should be the first time for spring botanizing of this new trail section.</p>	<p>Depending on your preference, you may meet us at either of these locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BP Station I-40 Crab Orchard exit 329 east of Crossville at 10 o'clock Central. • Oak Ridge in the parking area near The Rush at 10 a.m. Eastern Time. <p>Total walking distance is about 4 miles. Facilities: At meeting places Bring water, lunch, and bug repellent.</p>
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*One impulse from a vernal wood / May teach you more than man
Of moral evil and of good / Than all the sages can.*

— WORDSWORTH

Time, place, and leader	Description	Directions
<p>May 3, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Alabama hikers trailhead for Walls of Jericho</p> <p>Contact: Todd Crabtree 615-532-1378 or gizzardscout@ comcast.net</p>	<p>Walls of Jericho, Franklin County</p> <p>Abundant wildflowers highlight the lower section of the trail to Walls of Jericho State Natural Area. Spring ephemerals will still be flowering and one of Tennessee's rarest shrubs, lime rock arrow wood (<i>Viburnum bracteatum</i>) should be flowering as well. The trail descends 900 feet into the "Walls" and continues along the creek to an amazing canyon of sheer rock bluffs, caves, and waterfalls. This 8-mile hike is strenuous and includes two stream crossings on single log bridges. A third stream crossing requires wading when the water is high. A change into sandals or other footwear may be needed. Participants should be in good physical condition. The trip will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.</p>	<p>Directions: On I-24 between Chattanooga and Nashville, take Exit 127 on Highway 64 and turn toward Winchester. Stay on Highway 64 for about 15 miles and turn south on Highway 16. Just after crossing into Alabama, look on the right for a gravel parking area with a yellow gate and an information kiosk. Do not mistake the horse riders trailhead for the hikers trailhead. GPS coordinates: 34.976889 -86.080405.</p> <p>Bring lunch and plenty of water. Facilities: A portable toilet is usually available at the meeting place</p>
<p>May 17, 2014 (Sat.)</p> <p>Meeting Times: Crab Orchard BP (10 a.m. Central), Oak Ridge (10 a.m. Eastern), Catoosa Savannah (11 a.m. Central).</p> <p>Larry Pounds, 865-705-8516 (cell) 865-816-3576 (h) PoundsL471@aol .com</p>	<p>Plant Survey of the Catoosa Savannah</p> <p>This is a joint outing for TNPS and Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning. We will caravan from Crab Orchard to the Catoosa Savannah. This area is managed to recreate the semi-open areas from before European settlement. Many parts of this area were in the past under grass dominance, and now some have returned to that condition.</p> <p>We will start creating a list of all plants species growing in the area. There is good car access to much of the area. This will permit some people to botanize from a car thus allowing air conditioned breaks.</p>	<p>Meetings at three locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crab Orchard— Take I-40 exit 329, turn north. BP station is on Hwy 70 to left. • Oak Ridge—Parking area near The Rush. • Catoosa Savannah <p>Total walking distance will be less than three miles and some may choose to keep walking to a minimum. Facilities: At meeting places Bring water, lunch, bug spray.</p>
<p>August 23, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Eastern</p> <p>Meet at Heintooga- Round Bottom picnic grounds. Car shuttle planned.</p> <p>Susan and Allen Sweetser 865-938-7627 ssretiree@ yahoo.com</p>	<p>Flat Creek Trail, Great Smoky Mountains</p> <p>We will hike in the Smokies on the North Carolina side. This trail starts at 5300 feet and has a gradual descent of 2.6 miles from the Heintooga Picnic Area back to the Heintooga road to an elevation of 4800 feet. There are some stream crossings but nothing major. We should see beautiful views, fly poison, pink turtlehead, and many others.</p> <p>Plan to take the Balsam Mountain one-way road out of the park, It is a great way to get back to Cherokee.</p>	<p>This area is off the Blue Ridge Parkway on the Heintooga Spur Road at milepost 458.2. The Heintooga spur road is approximately nine miles long. The picnic area is at the end of the road. You will pass the entrance to the Balsam Mtn Campground on your left. This is a wonderful campground if anyone wants to camp. Info on camping can be obtained from GSMNP.</p> <p>Facilities at the start of the trail. Bring lunch, water, etc.</p>

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<p>Sept. 6, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Central Time</p> <p>Meeting Place: Flat Rock trailhead.</p> <p>Contact: Todd Crabtree, 615-532-1378 gizzardscout@comcast.net</p>	<p>Flat Rock Cedar Glades and Barrens</p> <p>A complex of cedar glades, barrens, and forests are preserved here in one of the largest tracts of protected lands of this type in the southeastern United States. Species that are endemic to cedar glades occur here, as well as species more commonly found in prairies. Composites will be flowering and some of the woody plants will be showing a little fall color. We will see southern prairie-dock (<i>Silphium pinnatifidum</i>) and wavy-leaf purple coneflower (<i>Echinacea simulata</i>). Prairie dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>) and hair awn muhly (<i>Muhlenbergia capillaris</i>) are two of the interesting grasses that we will see. Recent management activities have greatly expanded the open areas and as a result we will see more grasses and forbs as they take advantage of the new openings.</p>	<p>Take exit 81B for US-231 N toward Murfreesboro. Travel 0.5 miles then turn right onto S Rutherford Blvd. Go 3.8 miles turn right onto Hwy 70 S/John Bragg Hwy/Mercury Blvd. Go 2.2 miles and turn left onto Mt Herman Rd. Go 0.2 miles then turn left onto Woodbury Pike. Go 207 feet and take first right onto Richland Richardson Rd. Continue on Richland Rd for 1.9 miles then turn left onto Factory Rd. Go 0.6 miles and turn left into parking lot. GPS coordinates (35.858581,-86.295698)</p> <p>Difficulty: Fairly level but good ankle support is recommended—3.5 miles. Facilities: None at meeting place Bring lunch and plenty of water.</p>
<p>Sept. 13, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. Eastern</p> <p>Allen and Susan Sweetser 865-938-7627 ssretiree@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Sweetser Ranch</p> <p>This is a requested trip to the Sweetser's to see some rare plants on our property. It will be easy walking. Plan on a picnic at our home. We should see nodding rattlesnake root (<i>Prenanthes crepidinea</i>), marsh ladies' tresses (<i>Spiranthes odorata</i>), and others.</p> <p>We have plenty of parking in dry weather and limited in rainy weather. Please call if it looks like rain.</p>	<p>Take I-75 N. to Emory Rd. exit. Turn left on Emory Rd., going west. Turn right at second light onto Heiskell Rd. (by Home Federal Bank). Go about 3 miles. As you are descending a long hill, Brushy Valley Dr. will be near the bottom. Turn right on Brushy Vally Dr. Go a half mile. Turn left at 301 E. (black mailbox). Go down the rock driveway, pass the house, and park in the field.</p>
<p>Sept. 19-21, 2014</p>	<p>Annual Meeting, Beersheba Springs</p> <p>Lodging and programs at the Beersheba Springs Assembly. Main hike to May Prairie.</p>	<p>Watch for details in future editions and on TNPS website.</p>
<p>Oct. 4, 2014 (Sat.) 10 a.m. CDT</p> <p>Meeting Place: LaGrange Post Office, intersection of Hwy 57 and Yager Rd.</p> <p>Bart Jones 901-485-2745 (cell), bjones7777@hotmail.com And Allan Trently</p>	<p>Ghost River State Natural Area</p> <p>Once again we will visit the Mineral Slough area of Ghost River SNA to enjoy the fall species. The highlight of the trip will be willow-leaf aster (<i>Symphyotrichum praealtum</i>), a state-listed endangered plant. Other interesting species we may encounter include nodding ladies'-tresses (<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>) and many other fall composites. This trip will also be a part of the Division of Natural Areas schedule of outings.</p>	<p>From Memphis, follow Poplar Ave. (Hwy 57) through Collierville, Rossville, and Moscow to LaGrange. From Jackson and points east, take Hwy 18 south through Bolivar and Hickory Valley, turn right onto Hwy 57 and go west two miles to LaGrange.</p> <p>Difficulty: Easy, but may be muddy Bring lunch. Facilities: Possibly at meeting place, but be prepared for none.</p>

Third Wild Ones Plant Symposium Scheduled March 8 in Chattanooga

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Wild Ones is sponsoring the third annual Native Plant Symposium March 8 at the University Center of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

The symposium, being held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will feature practical information and advice on how to improve your landscapes and gardens through sustainable landscaping practices. The program is designed to provide plenty of time for questions.

There will also be time to browse exhibits and to buy native plants from area native plant nurseries.

Speakers will include Fred Spicer, executive director of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens; Matt Whitaker, landscape architect; Johnny Randall, director of Conservation Programs for the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill; and Duane Marcus, organic farmer and teacher.

For more information, including lecture times and fees, check the Wild Ones website at www.tennesseevalley.wildones.org.

64th Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage April 15–19 Not to be Ignored

The term pilgrimage is no exaggeration in this case, as wildflower enthusiasts from throughout Tennessee and the Southeast make their way to Gatlinburg and along the trails of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

When registering, pilgrims can choose from a wide selection of hikes, tours, seminars, and classes. Registration will begin at 5 p.m. April 15 in the Mills Conference Center in Gatlinburg.

A number of TNPS members will be leading hikes, and Mary Priestley, TNPS past president, will be the luncheon speaker on Wednesday April 16, focusing on ways to introduce children to nature. That morning, 9 to 11 a.m., Mary will also present a workshop on nature journaling.

Larry Wilson, Native Plant Advocate, Dies

Larry Wilson, a long-time member of TNPS and former board member, died January 13.

Larry retired in 2002 from Lichterman Nature Center in Memphis where he was greenhouse manager, propagated plants for the spring and fall native plant sales, and installed native plants along trails. He was also employed by the Memphis Pink Palace Museum and created the Oxbow Exhibit showcasing native plants of local wetlands.

Active in numerous horticultural organizations, he served as president of the Memphis Horticultural Society, receiving its Award of Horticultural Excellence. He was also president of the Wildflower Society of Memphis.

As director of the Mid-South Native Plant Conference, he attracted native plant enthusiasts and experts from several states. He was also a frequent attendee of the Cullowhee (NC) Native Plant Conference.



Carolina anemone (*Anemone caroliniana*)
by Darel Hess

Tenth Trails & Trilliums April 11–13 in Monteagle

Trails & Trilliums, an event providing wildflower hikes, exhibits and native plant sales, workshops, and music, will be held April 11–13 once again in the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly.

The sponsor is Friends of South Cumberland State Park.

One highlight of this year's event will be a performance by premier Teddy Roosevelt repressor Joe Wiegand, who will salute the national and state parks.

The website, www.trailsandtrilliums.org, includes a complete description of events and activities.

Elsie Quarterman Glade Festival May 2–4

The Elsie Quarterman Glade Festival will include a full Saturday (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) of nature study workshops, lectures, and field trips.

Cedars of Lebanon State Park and the Center for Cedar Glade Studies at Middle Tennessee State University collaborate to bring together ecologists, botanists, and naturalists to present the beauty and uniqueness of the Glades in the spring.

From the President —continued



Hepatica acutiloba Photo by Darel Hess

group, that includes Dr. Wayne Chester, who co-chairs the group. We will send updates via Facebook, the TNPS website, and of course the newsletter with information about how to purchase these works once they are published.

Congratulations are extended to Bertha Chrietzberg, Michelle Haynes, and Susan Sweetser on their election to the Board of Directors for a two-year term. This year, all officers and the other three Board positions will be up for election. It is hard to believe that I'm entering my fourth year as president. Following tradition, this will be my last year, so a new president will need to be elected. There are several members who would do a fantastic job in the office, and I hope someone will step forward to put their name in for consideration. In May we will select a nominating committee. The slate of candidates will be announced at the annual meeting.

Speaking of the annual meeting, this year we will return to the Beersheba Springs Assembly, September 19-21. The Saturday field trip will visit May Prairie where the Division of Natural Areas has been implementing a restoration strategy for some of the areas bordering the prairie proper to expand that habitat. All indications point toward this being an exceptional year for May Prairie.

Here's to getting the itch to hit the trail again

See you on the trail!

Bart

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