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CALENDAR

Note: the events dated below are followed by either a page number for further descriptions or the contact person.

- Sept 9: Crosstimbers Chapter field trip to the Thomas' garden. Page 9.
Sept 11: NE Chapter Meeting with Kieth Owen. Page 8.
Sept 15-16: Bioblitz 2006 at Quartz Mountain Nature Park. For more information visit www.biosurvey.ou.edu/biotiddly.html.
Sept 22: NE Chapter Happy Hour. Page 8.
Sept 23: NE Chapter field trip to Nickel Preserve. Page 9.
Oct 6: Annual Meeting at Sequoyah State Park. See insert and President's Paragraph.
Oct 20: NE Chapter Happy Hour. Page 8.
Oct 21: NE Chapter field trip to Birch Lake. Page 8.
Nov 3: Crosstimbers Chapter Potluck Dinner with Steve Owens speaking. Page 9.
Nov 3: Symposium honoring Dr. Paul Buck. See Botany Bay.
Feb 10: Indoor-Outing. Page 8.

Note: all members are invited to all meetings, including board meetings, and are encouraged to bring guests.

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See below for By-Law changes to also be approved**

ONPS – Slate of Officers – 2006-2007

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	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Paul Buck	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year	6th year	
Lynn Michael				1st year	2nd year	
Ron Tysl				1 st year	2nd year	
Elfriede Miller	replacement	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year	6th year	
Monica Macklin		1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4th year	
Stan Rice		1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4th year	

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO ONPS BY-LAWS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FOR ADOPTION DURING THE OCTOBER 2006 ANNUAL MEETING. PLEASE READ THE PROPOSED CHANGES AND COME PREPARED TO VOTE. YOU CAN FIND THE CURRENT BY-LAWS ON THE ONPS WEB SITE AT <http://www.usao.edu/~onps/ONPS%20By-Laws.pdf>.

- #1: Article V, Section 1 - restructured to define Executive Board and reflect elected and non-elected officers.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL COMPRISE THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE, HISTORIAN, LIBRARIAN, GAILLARDIA EDITOR, JOURNAL EDITOR AND MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR. THE IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO AND VOTING MEMBER.

OFFICERS

A: ELECTED

THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND SIX DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE. ALL BUT THE DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR AND SHALL SERVE UNTIL HIS OR HER SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN ELECTED AND HAS ASSUMED THE OFFICE. THE PRESIDENT SHALL SERVE NO MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS. DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE SHALL SERVE THREE-YEAR TERMS, TWO BEING ELECTED EACH YEAR TO PROVIDE CONTINUITY. NO ELECTED OFFICER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TREASURER, SHALL SERVE IN A VOTING CAPACITY FOR MORE THAN EIGHT CONSECUTIVE YEARS ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- #2: Article V, Section 1 B - Office of Membership Coordinator created.

B: NON-ELECTED

THE NON-ELECTED OFFICERS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ARE THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS, CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES, HISTORIAN, LIBRARIAN, GAILLARDIA EDITOR, JOURNAL EDITOR AND MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR. ALL, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND CONFIRMED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. EACH SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- #3: Article V, Section 4 - Duties of Secretary changed.

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board and the Society. **DELETE - maintain a roster of active members and perform other recognized duties.**

- #4: Article V, Section 5 - Duties of Membership Coordinator added.

THE MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR SHALL MAINTAIN A ROSTER OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AND

PERFORM OTHER ASSIGNED DUTIES.

#5: Article V, Section 6 - Auditing requirement added to Treasurers duties.

THE TREASURER SHALL MAKE ALL RECORDS AVAILABLE WHEN REQUESTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION BY AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

#6: Article VI Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7- Reworking of governing body language.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall meet at least once each year.

DELETE: The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Society, Directors at Large, Chairs of standing committees, and representatives of chapters, with the immediate Past-President as an ex-officio and voting member.

Section 3: Meetings of the Executive Board may be called by the President or, in the absence or inability of the President, by the Vice-President. In the absence of presidential action, a special meeting of the Executive Board may be called by a majority of the Executive Board members. Adequate notification of the date, time, place, and purpose of the meeting shall be given to each Board member at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

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Section 6: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In the event of the extended absence of an officer of the Board, a qualified replacement shall be appointed to the Executive Committee by the Board. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by the President or requested of the President via written communication from any member of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to take only procedural actions or obligate the Society to financial expenditures of less than \$100. Substantive decisions and financial obligations in excess of \$100 require action by the Executive Board. The President shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate records of all actions taken at a meeting of the Executive Committee and shall report these actions to all members of the Executive Board within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.

DELETE: The Chair of a standing committee may authorize a member of that committee to attend an Executive Board meeting and cast the committee vote.

DELETE: Section 7: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. In the event of the extended absence of an officer of the Board, a qualified replacement shall be appointed to the Executive Committee by the Board. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by the President or requested of the President via written communication from any member of the Committee. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to take only procedural actions or obligate the Society to financial expenditures of less than \$100. Substantive decisions and financial obligations in excess of \$100 require action by the Executive Board.

#7: Article XII, Section 1 - Fiscal year changed.

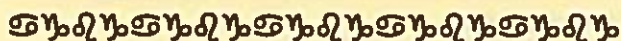
THE FISCAL YEAR OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 31.

PHOTO CONTEST NEWS

Tina Julich

Get your cameras ready! At the June meeting, ONPS board members decided to add another category to the photo contest to generate interest and promote the educational aspect of the photo contest. This new category will be called the "Specialty" category, and each year the category subject will change. The new category for the 2007 photo contest will be graminoids. The prizes for this category will be: 1st place - \$50.00, 2nd place - \$25.00 and 3rd place - \$15.00.

Don't know what a graminoid is? Do a bit of research, search for them, and then take your best photos! The deadline for the 2007 contest is December 1, 2006. Check our web site for more information.



ONPS INDOOR OUTING 2007

Paul Richardson

The Crosstimbers Chapter will host the 2007 Indoor Outing on February 10, 2007 at the Oklahoma Botanical Garden and Arboretum in Stillwater. The theme will be a combination of natural history and centennial celebration. We plan to present what the early travelers to this area found prior to the relocation of the Five Civilized Tribes to Oklahoma. We will use materials provided by Washington Irving, Henry Leavitt Ellsworth and Charles Joseph Latrobe in their journals and letters from their tour of the area in 1832. We also want to present what the early settlers found in the period from 1899 to 1907. As the finale, we wish to show which of the early grasses, trees and other flora are still represented in Oklahoma and which have been lost to us. If weather permits, we plan a short trip around the gardens before breaking for lunch. After lunch we can take a trip to the Washington Irving Trail Museum, six miles east of Stillwater, where we can enjoy their displays indoors or take a short walk to the springs located in the Cross Timbers ecosystem on the property. This is your opportunity to be part of the program or to assist us in finding materials and speakers for the presentations. Please contact Paul Richardson (405-377-4831 or speedy154@juno.com) before early October if you would like to help plan this program.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

**Northeast Chapter
Sue Amstutz**

Northeast Chapter will welcome Keith Owen as our speaker on September 11 at the Tulsa Garden Center. Keith is District Manager of the Rogers County Conservation District and as such, is responsible for the educational programs at Rogers State University Conservation Education Reserve in Claremore. Northeast Chapter has had two field trips to the Reserve, one in 2005 and the other in June of this year. Keith and his co-manager Robert Gibbs have been displaying ONPS Photo Contest Posters at the Reserve and also at the Conservation District Office in downtown Claremore for the past two years. The September meeting will begin, as usual, with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short business meeting and the program.

Other events for Northeast Chapter scheduled in September include our monthly Happy Hour at Panera Bread on East 41st Street, and a field trip to the Nickel Preserve in eastern Oklahoma on September 23. It has been three years already since the Annual Meeting of ONPS incorporated a visit to the Nickel Preserve as its featured field trip, and we anticipate many changes and improvements since that earlier field excursion. Participants will meet at the Preserve's Visitor Center at 9:45 a.m. with the explorations set to begin at around 10:00 a.m.

Northeast Chapter has two events scheduled for October, besides, of course, our participation in the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society at Western Hills Lodge in Sequoyah State Park. A field trip to Birch Lake in Osage County near Barnsdall is planned for Saturday, October 21, and our Happy Hour for the month will take place on Friday, October 20 at Panera. November's Happy Hour is scheduled for November 17.

Fall field trips will conclude for 2006 on November 18 when we visit the Deep Fork Wildlife Refuge boardwalk nature trail in Okmulgee County. Autumn foliage and migratory waterfowl are expected to be highlights of the area. Participants plan to caravan to the boardwalk from Schuller, Oklahoma, which is located on US Highway 75 south of Okmulgee at 1:00 p.m.

Crosstimbers Chapter Report

Elaine Lynch

Dr. Jim Ownby opened his native prairie garden to us on June 24th. This was a return trip for Crosstimbers members as we had the opportunity to view the fall flowering natives last September. On this trip we were able to see some of the early summer flowers. Dr. Ownby conducted our tour and discussed the effects of the drought on the plants, including later flowering of big bluestem and switchgrass. He distributed a summer and fall plant list indicating which plants were already there when he began to make the garden and which ones were introduced. The list also showed each plant's "Desirability Index" based on how they behaved in his garden. It was an interesting and enjoyable morning.

The Crosstimbers Chapter will visit the home garden of Olen and Teresa Thomas on Saturday, September 9. We will meet by 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot between Life Sciences East and Physical Sciences buildings on the Stillwater OSU campus and carpool to the Thomas home. The trip should last about two hours. Refreshments will be served. The trip will be canceled in the event of torrential rain at start time.

Our fall potluck dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 3, at 6:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Steve Owens, owner of Bustani Plant Farm and current host of Oklahoma Gardening. His talk will be titled "A Few Natives to Know." During his presentation he will discuss some of his favorite native plants and bring us up-to-date on the progress of his nursery. The potluck will be held in Room 110 Life Sciences East on the OSU campus. We will also hold a short business meeting to elect officers and discuss future activities.

The Crosstimbers Chapter is hosting the 2007 Indoor Outing. It will be held at the Oklahoma Botanical Garden and Arboretum in Stillwater on February 10. See the related article on page 8.

Central Chapter

Lou Duke

Central Chapter conducted one field trip in June to the Lexington Wildlife Management Area. Twelve members hit the trail at 9am on Saturday June 17th to walk 1.5 miles through oak and cedar woods and a nice piece of short-grass prairie. The group then took to their cars and drove the central road where some of the healthiest stands of compassplant (*Silphium laciniatum*) found in this part of the state were located. Over 70 species of flowers, grasses and vines were identified with great opportunities for photos. Everyone had a great botanical experience.

Central Chapter held an indoor meeting July 31st at the OSU Extension Center in Oklahoma City. Linda Schemmer and Marilyn Stewart presented 'Butterfly Gardening with Native Plants. There were lots of *great* tips for attracting and raising butterflies and several different caterpillars to see as well as door prizes for the attendees.

Central Chapter has nothing on the calendar for the coming quarter. However, to the great relief of ONPS members the Manning Prairie still exists!! I have contacted Joe Manning and he is contemplating a date for our membership to visit his land. NOTHING IS FIRM YET but a mailing will go out to everyone when and if we get a date.

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Hamill, Jenks
Sarah and Mike Hansel, Tulsa
Dave, Beverly, and Troy Helms, Grove
Donna Mackiewicz, Edmond
Gala and William McBee, Tulsa
Doug and Nelda Sander, Stillwater
Carol Whitney, Gracemont
Calvin Craig Williams, Lawton
Dempsey Yates, Sapulpa



As part of a program to publicize our non native invasive plant list for Oklahoma, I have presented talks to a Oklahoma Wildlife Federation's wildflower workshop and to the Optimist Club of Lawton. At both, I have stressed the threat of having invasive plants supplanting native species. The following is an example. When I moved Norman 22 years ago the ditch line on Franklin Road was covered by clasping-leaved coneflowers. Over a few years Johnson grass took over the area as shown in the picture below. Now this ditch line is filled with Johnson grass for several miles in each direction. In fact, the Johnson grass also displaced the poisonous hemlock that spread from a creek into this ditch line in the next mile west, a dubious invasive for invasive swap. A portion of the credit for the takeover of both these areas can be attributed to the mowing practice. The hotter, drier weather certainly aided the displacement of the hemlock which occurred in just the last two years



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