Mississippi Native Plant Society Welcomes New Board Members

MNPS members that attended the Annual Meeting in Starkville voted to approve the Executive Board Officers for 2004 - 2005. USDA forester and past MNPS president, Vic Rudis, conducted the voting process and conveyed the willingness of many of the existing board members to continue their respective positions.

We welcome our new MNPS president, Nellie Neal, director of the Clinton Community Nature Center in Clinton, Mississippi. You may know Nellie a little better as "The Garden Mama" through her articles in Mississippi Gardener magazine, area newspaper columns, numerous public speaking engagements, and her radio talk show. To learn a little more about Nellie, visit her webpage at www.gardenmama.com.

The new Trips Chairpersons are Terri Ballinger and Terry Johnson. Terri Ballinger is a PhD candidate in the Department of Biology at Mississippi State University, and Terry Johnson is the field trip extraordinaire person at The Crosby Arboretum in Picayune, Mississippi. We look forward to their upcoming events and welcome these talented new board members!

The MNPS 2004 - 2005 Board of Directors
President: Nellie Neal
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Trips Chairs: Terri Ballinger, North and Terry Johnson, South

Pink Flamingos, Plant Swaps, and Prairies

The 2004 Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Native Plant Society was held on Saturday, June 12th at the Landscape Architecture Facility on the Mississippi State University campus in Starkville. Over 60 members and new members attended the event. We enjoyed a great day of wonderful speakers and fascinating field trips.

Gail Barton, Instructor of Horticulture at Meridian Community College, led the program with a poetic presentation of why she gardens in her woods, and offered some practical advice.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL FORM

Join the organization devoted to the study and appreciation of wildflowers, grasses, shrubs, and trees native to the state of Mississippi. Members receive MISSISSIPPI NATIVE PLANTS, a publication that addresses scientific and gardening issues relevant to the recognition, enjoyment, and conservation of our native plants and natural habitats.

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REMINDER! Your Membership May Need Renewed!
Check your mailing label for the date your membership expires.

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Spring — January 15th
Summer — April 15th
Fall — July 15th

*Final deadline for Events is the 30th of the month listed.

Any interested parties may send articles, photos, drawings, etc. to the editor with the knowledge that materials may not be returned. All are welcomed.

Gulf Coast Chapter: Meets every 4th Monday at various locations near Gulfport. For more information contact president, Edie Dreher at 228-864-2775 or mail to 100 24th St., Gulfport, MS 39507.
Starkville Area Chapter: For meeting times and information, contact Bob Bruszek at rbruszek@iac.sstate.edu or phone 662-325-7896.

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