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## CHAPTER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Northeast Chapter

For upcoming meetings, contact Janine Catchpole at 815/409-2943 or e-mail her at [j9-catchpole@comcast.net](mailto:j9-catchpole@comcast.net)

May 22, 1:00 pm, Field trip to the James Woodworth Prairie in Glenview, IL. Dennis Nyberg is leading trip.

July 17, 1:00 pm, Field trip to Clark and Pine Preserve in Indiana. George Derkovitz is leading trip.

### Quad City Chapter

For upcoming meetings, check out their website [http://qc\\_inps.home.mchsi.com](http://qc_inps.home.mchsi.com)

### Forest Glen Chapter

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### Central Chapter

Contact Beth Adams for upcoming chapter events at 217/787-0942 or e-mail at [eadams21@hotmail.com](mailto:eadams21@hotmail.com)

April 30 – Annual Plant Sale 9 am to 1 pm

May 12 – Monthly meeting and Program – Ben Dolbeare – The Good and Bad of Selected Plants Adams Wildlife Sanctuary Springfield, IL

June 9 – Monthly meeting and Program – Jim Mathias – Lincoln Memorial Garden 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Irene Cull Chapter

Contact Mary Hartley for upcoming chapter events at 309/995-3356 or e-mail at [haywool@winco.net](mailto:haywool@winco.net)

### Southern Chapter

Contact Chris Benda for upcoming chapter events at 217/417-4145 or e-mail at [botanizer@gmail.com](mailto:botanizer@gmail.com)

May 15th - Judy Faulkner-Dempsey will lead a hike to see *Synandra hispidula* near her property in rural Jackson County at 1pm.

May 17th - Chris Evans, southern chapter board member and invasive species biologist will present "Illinois Invasive Species Awareness Month", 6:30 at Carbondale Township Hall.

May 19th - Rhonda and Robert Rothrock, southern chapter board members, will teach prairie plant ID at their property in rural Jackson County at 6pm.

June 11th - Chris Benda, southern chapter chairman and natural areas ecologist will present a slideshow presentation about Cave Creek Glade at the Cache River Wetlands Center at 1pm. An interpretive hike at Cave Creek Glade will follow.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Visions of Spring

Connie Cunningham

As I've been trying and trying to organize my thoughts and put together an article for the Harbinger, I find I can't seem to focus on much other than that which is all about us in various stages...Spring!!!!



Long snowy winters as we have had this past year make us all eager for the sun, warmth, and green of spring.

Although it seemed a long time coming, spring is well on its way and wildflowers are bursting with life and color throughout woodlands, prairies, and wetlands of Illinois.

The very earliest generally begin in the forests and woodlands, emerging early to take advantage of the sun's rays before the leaves fill out and shade the understory. Often in February, with a few hearty individuals, Harbinger-of-spring can be found peaking through the brown of forest litter, often overlooked because of its small size. If you are lucky enough to have seeps in your area, skunk cabbage blossoms can be seen even while snow is still on the ground, producing enough heat of their own to melt their way through the snow layer.

The reclusive and small snow trillium appears briefly often on steep north facing slopes or creek banks. Soon following are the spring beauty, bloodroot, and hepatica. Before long the forest and woodland floors are awash with the white and pink of spring beauty, blue of Virginia bluebells, and green of Mayapple umbrellas!

One by one each species blossoms forth to enhance spring's palette with all their hues of whites, blues, pinks, purples, reds, yellows, greens, and everything in between.

Dutchman's breeches, squirrel corn, toothwort, dogtooth violet, blue-eyed Mary, purple trillium, woodland phlox, wild geranium, Virginia spiderwort, showy orchids, bird's-foot violet, Jacob's ladder, celandine poppy, Jack-in-the-pulpit, yellow bellwort, green dragon, shooting star, wild ginger, fire pink, wild columbine, Indian pink, lady slipper orchids, Jacob's ladder, waterleafs, violets of purple, yellow and white, just to name a few. Prairies and wetlands join in with hoary puccoon, Ohio spiderwort, downy phlox, Indian paintbrush, wild hyacinth, yellow star grass, lousewort, blue-eyed grass, prairie smoke, marsh marigold, buttercups, etc. The names alone incite the imagination and inspire the desire to get out and see what's growing!

Many public areas abound all across Illinois where visitors can get a first hand look at Illinois spring wildflowers throughout the season. A few suggestions include



### Northern Illinois

Black Partridge Woods Nature Preserve, Cook County  
Castle Rock State Park, Ogle County  
Chicago Botanical Gardens, Cook County  
Harlem Hills, Winnebago County  
Hooper Branch Savanna and Iroquois County  
Conservation Area, Iroquois County  
Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County  
Indian Boundary Prairies, Cook County  
Miller-Anderson Woods, Bureau/Putnam Counties  
Mississippi Palisades State Park, Carroll County  
Morton Arboretum, Cook County  
Sand Ridge Savanna Nature Preserve, Will County  
Starved Rock & Matthiesen State Parks, LaSalle County  
Volo Bog, Lake County



### Central Illinois

Bennett's Terraqueous Gardens, Tazewell County  
Doris Westfall Prairie, Forest Glen Preserve,  
Vermilion County  
Forest Park Nature Center, Peoria County  
Fox Ridge State Park, Coles County  
Funk's Grove, McLean County  
Henry Allen Gleason Nature Preserve, Mason  
County  
Howard's Hollow Seep, Forest Glen Preserve,  
Vermilion County  
Lincoln Memorial Garden, Sangamon County  
Loda Cemetery Prairie, Iroquois County  
Lodge Park, Piatt County  
Revis Hill Prairie, Mason County  
Robert Allerton Park, Piatt County  
Russell Duffin Woods (Big Woods Trail), Forest  
Glen Preserve, Vermilion County  
Spittler Woods, Macon County

## Southern Illinois

Bell Smith Springs, Pope County  
Ferne Clyffe State Park, Johnson County  
Fountain Bluff, north side, public and private areas, Jackson County  
Garden of the Gods, Saline County  
Heron Pond, Johnson County  
Lake Sara Flatwoods, Effingham County  
Little Grand Canyon, USFS, Jackson County  
Ozark Hills Nature Preserve, Trail of Tears State Forest, Union County  
Pere Marquette State Park, Jersey County  
Pounds Hollow, Gallatin County  
Rocky Bluff Trail, Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, Williamson County  
Snake Road, LaRue-Pine Hills Ecological Area, Union County  
Trillium Trail, Giant City State Park, Jackson County



This list represents only the tip of the iceberg of potential sites in Illinois. Most State and County Parks provide ample trails for viewing wildflowers and wildlife. Check with your local park districts for more information.

If you can't make it out of doors, be sure to check out our facebook pages for posted albums of the spring flora! Some have been put up on the Illinois Native Plant Society page and Chris Benda of the Southern Chapter has posted some excellent photos on their page!

However you choose to enjoy them, spring wildflowers of Illinois are a treat for everyone and I hope you each have time to get out for a few hikes this spring. Don't be shy! Send us your photos or post them on facebook for all to share.

I hope to see you all outdoors!

**This article written by Connie Cunningham Photos by Connie Cunningham**

**The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary INPS Annual Meeting will be  
September 23, 24, 25 at  
Camp Ondessonk in Ozark, Illinois.**

Annual Meeting Schedule

Friday

6pm Check-in, cocktails and refreshments

7pm Welcome to Southern Illinois slideshow presentation by Chris Benda

8pm Campfire and star gazing

Saturday -

8am Breakfast

9am to 3:30pm 5 hike options

1. Heron Pond & Cave Creek Glade
2. Bell Smith Springs & Burden Falls
3. Fink Sandstone Barrens/Jackson Hollow, & Trigg Tower
4. Pounds Hollow/Rim Rock & Garden of the Gods
5. Lusk Creek/Indian Kitchen & Millstone Bluff/Simpson Township Barrens

*Note: Participants: Please rank your hike options in case some are cancelled or combined.*

4pm State Board Meeting

5pm Happy Hour

6pm Banquet

7pm Keynote Speaker

8:30 Award Ceremony

9pm Campfire and band

Sunday

8am Breakfast

9am Optional morning hike to Packentuck Falls – Chris Benda/Rebecca Cler

Noon Travel home



Lodging Options

- Rustic Cabins – We have rented one campground unit that has many 3-sided cabins with plenty of bunk beds and a campfire ring. There is water available and an outhouse nearby. Showers and flush toilets are available within a short distance. You must provide your own bedding.
- St. Noel Conference Center – We have rented 6 rooms that sleep up to 8 people each. Each room is different but all have a shared bathroom. Some rooms have an excellent balcony overlooking the patio.
- Hotels are available in Vienna and Harrisburg. Both are 20 minutes away from Ozark.  
*Note: Lodging is included in the registration cost and participants are encouraged to stay at Camp Ondessonk.*

Menu

Saturday and Sunday morning – assorted hot breakfast

Saturday afternoon – boxed lunch (build your own sandwich, chips, fruit, cookies, beverage)

Saturday night banquet dinner – steak, potato, salad, rolls, desert (there will be a vegetarian option too)

Erigenia Sneak Preview: An essay about one of our early botanists, an article on bryophytes, inventories of beautiful places. Join the fall issue. Submit your paper (for peer review) to Tracy Evans at [tracy.evans@illinois.gov](mailto:tracy.evans@illinois.gov)

Greetings Erigenia Readers,

Please be thinking about how you can contribute to the Illinois Native Plant Society journal. Part of our mission is to publish information on native plants from Illinois and we cannot do this without your input. Documenting our work is part of the process. Guidelines for submission are on the back cover of Erigenia. Thanks in advance.

Tracy Evans,  
Editor



The Illinois Native Plant Society has a Facebook page! For updates, announcements, and just plain fun plant information, view us at

[www.facebook.com/IllinoisPlants](http://www.facebook.com/IllinoisPlants)

No need to be a Facebook member to visit our page. But if you are on Facebook, please consider joining us and sharing your nature activities, photos and stories!

The INPS Southern Chapter has a Facebook page too!

[www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants](http://www.facebook.com/southernillinoisplants)

If any of the other INPS Chapters have a website or Facebook page they would like to share, please send the information to Mike Tyner at [windfirerain@comcast.net](mailto:windfirerain@comcast.net) to be included in the next Harbinger.



Anemone canadensis  
Chris Benda

The Illinois Native Plant Society is going

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To decrease paper use and waste, as well as reduce our printing and mailing costs, the INPS quarterly newsletter, *The Harbinger*, will no longer be offered in printed paper form.

Starting with the next issue, JULY 2011, *The Harbinger* will be emailed in electronic form as a pdf file.

If you need to receive *The Harbinger* in paper form, please contact

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Once again,

starting July 2011 (**the next issue**), *The Harbinger* will be offered in electronic form only

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

**Illinois Native Plant Society is totally membership based.**

Every facet of our organization is built upon member/volunteer participation.

The *Erigenia*, Harbinger, chapter newsletters, plant sales, programs, web sites, field trips, monthly and annual meetings, etc., are planned and prepared by members and volunteers. So in January we ask all members to renew their memberships to support these activities.

Renewals received since September 2010 are considered to be for 2011,  
ASSUMING DUES WERE PAID FOR THE 2010 YEAR.

**ALL UNRENEWED MEMBERSHIPS ARE TO BE PURGED FROM THE DATA BASE.**

It is our hope to be able to accomplish member renewals without the cost of sending membership notices in a separate mailing, if possible.

A review of membership records indicates that our membership has shrunken severely. The address block on this issue contains information indicating if your membership is current. If your membership has expired you will not receive any more mailings.

**RENEW FOR 2011**

**SEE MEMBERSHIP FORM ABOVE**

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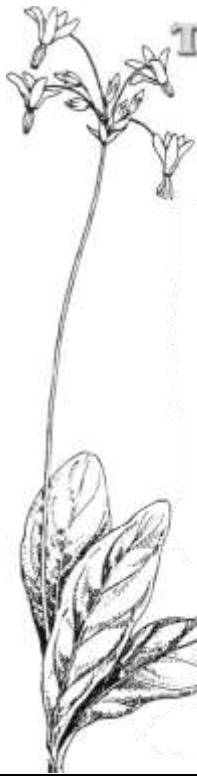
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**INPS Membership, P.O. Box 3341, Springfield, IL 62708**

And, just a reminder that the INPS address is:

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More Details INSIDE.

Dear Members,  
Thank you for the material  
submitted over recent months. I  
could always use more. Too  
much is far better than not  
having enough to fill these  
pages. There are, of course,  
**deadlines** to meet. **July 1<sup>st</sup>,**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1<sup>st</sup>, and**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

I hope you enjoy the newsletters  
and always offer suggestions for  
improvement and content.  
Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,  
Mike Tyner  
[windfirerain@comcast.net](mailto:windfirerain@comcast.net)  
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