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FIELD TRIPS

ɜsence of the MNPS is the field trip. These outings not only en-
ːhe membership to sample native plants from a variety of habitat,
ˌso provides an opportunity to meet others with a common interest
ı've never attended, make plans this year to go on one of the
in your region of the state. You'll find a diverse membership
ı and women with varying age (2 yrs-70), background, and occupa-
Dress comfortably, bring a lunch, and join us.

21 Davis Lake, Tombigbee National Forest, Chickasaw County, near Houston.

ıt the lake at 8:30 a.m. for a day trip, camping facilities are
ıble. Located on the Pontotoc Ridge, this outing will emphasize
ch vegetation of surrounding slopes, hollows, and ravines. The
ıay be rescheduled for an earlier weekend - additional notice and
ıation will be given in the following newsletter.

5,6 Joint trip with Garden Clubs of Mississippi at Tishomingo State Park, Tishomingo County.

ition to the field trip, you may want to register for the Garde
"Wildflower Workshop", cost $32.00 which covers registration,
2 nights), 6 meals, and meeting area (no cost to attend field
The workshop will cover such topics as diversity of Mississipp
public planting, propagation of wildflowers, and developing
trails. For additional workshop information, contact Mrs. Hall
is, Rt. 1, Box 77, Terry, MS 39170 by April 23.

S members, the field trip will be situated in dissected canyon-
opography in and around Tishomingo State Park. Many plants char
stic of the Appalachian and Cumberland Provinces will be seen.
trip on May 5).

MAY OR EARLY JUNE, Picayune, meeting at Crosby Arboretum. A
trip that will include new areas never before visited on previou
rips in this area. Distinctive plant communities of the coastal
will be visited such as bogs, savannahs, longleaf pine forests.
ning program is scheduled, to be presented by Cary Norquist, a
te student in botany at Mississippi State University. Cary's
will be "Mississippi Savannas", an extremely diverse vegetation
hich is the subject of her current research.

WEEKEND IN OCTOBER, Leroy Percy State Park, Greenville. A trip
Mississippi delta will include delta bottomland hardwoods. A
m of 20 people required for the use of facilities. Lester Saucié
anizing this trip.

EEKEND IN OCTOBER, a trip to one of the barrier islands in the
sippi Sound, either Horn Island or Cat Island. Unique dune,
and marsh vegetation.

ɜ information, definite dates, etc. become available, you will
ified. Otherwise, contact Dr. Sidney McDaniel, Institute for
ɔal Exploration, Box EN, Mississippi State, MS 39762, 325-3120.

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Membership Application and Dues Notice - 1982

_____ Renewal _____ New Membership

Please indicate the class of membership desired and enclose the appropriate dues.

_____ Regular $5.00 _____ Student $2.50 _____ Family $7.50

_____ Associate(Out of State) $5.00 _____ Sustaining $10.00

_____ Contributing $25.00 _____ Life $75.00

All classes of membership receive the Newsletter. Please make checks payable to Mississippi Native Plant Society. Return this form with payment to the Secretary-Treasurer at the following address: Mr. Travis Salley, 202 North Andrews Avenue, Cleveland, Mississippi 38732.

Be sure to include the following information with your payment:

Name(s)_____

Mailing Address_____

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Telephone(not essential)_____

The Mississippi Native Plant Society-a society for anyone interested in the native and naturalized plants occurring in the State of Mississippi.

_____ Check if the above address differs in any way from the one used to send you this form.

To help members of the MNPS more easily get acquainted a listing of interests has been started. If you wish to let others know of your specific interests, please fill out the form below. The first list was sent with the membership roster in November 1981. The list will be revised as new members join and present members make additions and deletions.

Please do not limit yourself to the choices provided. Some comment on occupation or special training might also be of interest (forestry, horticulture, high school biology teacher, botanist, etc.).

_____ wildflower photography

_____ field trips

_____ conservation, protection of plants and habitat

_____ specific group(s) of plants _____

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Any thoughts you have on the society, its goals, activities and governance are welcomed.

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ROOTING WILD AZALEA CUTTINGS

By Sarah Gillespie, Hattiesburg, MS

d that the middle to the end of May was the best time, taking
n the usual manner and dipping the ends in Rootone. I try to
e cutting before they get mature enough to snap like a match
I use the green metal two gallon cans used by nurseries. The
ith the square holes in the sides above the bottom. Fill the
alf full with Perlite that has been well soaked. Use a match
to poke holes for the cutting and then firm the Perlite. Cover
ns with clear plastic, like the kind that comes from the cleaners
e securely below the rim. Place the cans in large clay saucers
re kept filled with water. Put the cans under fluorescent lights
e duration. By September I have fine root growth with near 100
t results.

tried cutting from mid-April through June and find May best for
a. I have also tried different rooting media and like Perlite
with half Perlite and Vermiculite the next best.

the rooted cuttings in peat pots filled with a mixture of potting
nd Perlite and cover with plastic and harden off.