

# Tupelo Times

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The Newsletter of the **Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center**

## Finding Opportunities in Challenges

Imagine walking through the woods on a crisp fall day, taking in the sights and smells. Squirrels are scampering through the crunchy leaves making a loud racket. You smell the robust odor of decaying wood until a breeze brings a whiff of freshness to your nose. Glancing down to watch your step, you see some fresh turkey tracks imprinted on the damp earth. As you steadily navigate downhill, you suddenly see a pair of large, brown eyes. She raises her head. The doe becomes fully aware of your presence and her body stiffens with alertness. You make one attempt to move closer. She raises her white, warning flag and bounds into the brush followed closely by three comrades. What you just witnessed could be described as almost magical; a connection with nature that reminds us what it is to see something truly wild.

Perhaps you could share a similar story involving an encounter with wildlife. Missourians are extremely fortunate to enjoy the diversity of plants and animals we have today. However, this has not always been the case. Missouri was once faced with the challenge of losing valuable plants and animals. One hundred years ago, if you had told a story similar to the one above, I might not have believed you. Seeing wild animals and wildlife evidence back then was just not that common. Prior to the establishment of the Conservation Commission in 1937, a lot of Missourians did not practice good management techniques. Poor decisions, like over-harvesting and habitat destruction, were prevalent. This led to the near

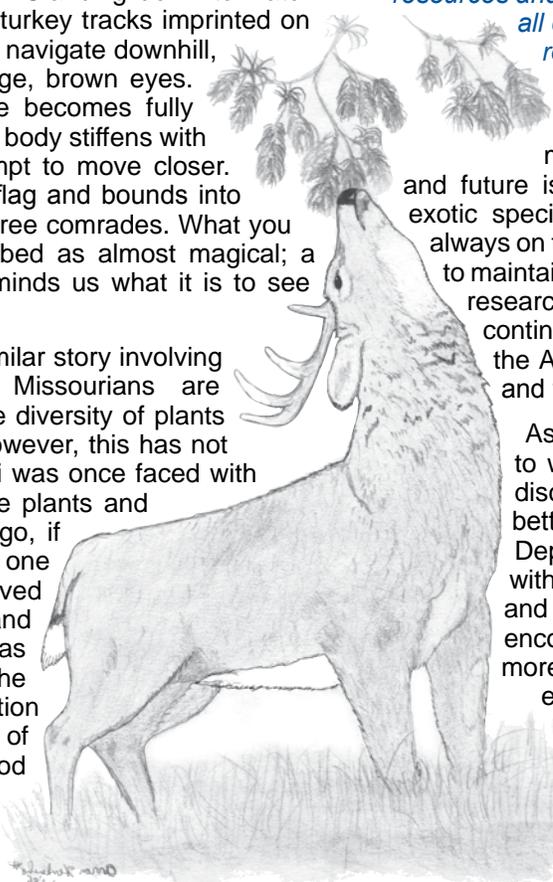
extinction of many of Missouri's plants and animals. To prevent this from happening again, the Missouri Department of Conservation's mission has been to:

*"protect and manage the state's fish, forest, and wildlife resources and to facilitate and provide opportunities for all citizens to use, enjoy and learn about our resources".*

This task is not a simple fix; it is an ongoing process, filled with many challenges. We monitor and research ways to combat current and future issues. Endangered species conservation, exotic species control, and habitat management are always on the radar. These are important opportunities to maintain a healthy environment. Through steadfast research and public involvement, Missouri can continue to be home to unique species such as the Alligator snapping turtle, Grass pink orchid, and the Hine's emerald dragonfly.

As we enter the next 75 years, we are eager to welcome opportunities, like helping people discover nature and making Missouri an even better place to hunt and fish. The Missouri Department of Conservation is well equipped with experienced staff, dedicated land owners, and citizens who care about conservation. I encourage you to take the opportunity to learn more and become involved in conservation efforts. In doing so, you can help ensure that you and future generations can experience what it is like to encounter something truly wild.

*--By Angela Pierce  
Naturalist*



### Attention Fall Deer and Turkey Hunters!

Stop by the nature center and pick up the proper permits for your fall hunting trips!

- Permits can be purchased at the nature shop Tuesday through Saturday, 8am-4:30pm.
- We accept cash, check or credit card (Discover, Mastercard or VISA).

**Don't be caught without one!**



**Come to the Fair!**

Visit the Conservation Department's building at the SEMO District Fair as we celebrate 75 years of "Serving Nature and You."



# Tadpoles

(Shared nature experiences for 0-2 year olds and an attending adult.)



## September

Saturday, September 22-10am

### Dancing Butterflies

Butterflies flitting from flower to flower and sipping nectar are a beautiful sight to see but don't be fooled by their happy dance. These flying insects are hard at work pollinating our flowers. We'll learn more about these busy bugs and watch them in our gardens, weather permitting. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins September 1.**

## October

Saturday, October 20-10am

### Changing Colors

Look outside your window, plants are changing their summer colors to the red, orange and golden shades of autumn. Why does this happen? Join us to learn more about this process and take a short walk outside to look for the changing colors of autumn, weather permitting. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins October 2.**

## November

Saturday, November 17-10am

### Under the Leaves

The weather is cooler, leaves have fallen from the trees, and animals are hard at work storing food for winter's sleep. Nature seems to be slowing down, but lots of activity is still taking place under the fallen leaves. We'll take a look and see just what's happening. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins November 1.**

**Our monthly kids' club program information is now located in one convenient location.**



## September

Snappers, please bring your family to *Monarch Magic* on Saturday, September 8.

## October

Snappers, please bring your family to *Mighty Marvels of Missouri* on Friday, October 26 & Saturday, October 27.

## November

Saturday, November 10  
10-11:30am

### Turkey Treasure Orienteering

Turkeys are a crafty lot! And who knew they go around hiding treasure? Learn or brush up on your compass skills and then go in search of the secret turkey treasure! **Ages 7-11. Registration begins November 1.**

# Mudpuppies

(45-minute programs for 3-6 year olds and an attending adult.)



## September

Saturday, September 15-11am or 1pm  
Tuesday, September 18-9am or 11am

### Traveling Seeds

Seeds are amazing! Some fly, some stick, and others roll; all are headed for a nice spot to grow. Find out how seeds can travel to new places as we learn all about seeds. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins September 1.**

## October

Saturday, October 13-11am or 1pm  
Tuesday, October 16-9am or 11am

### Canine Capers

Coyotes, foxes, and wolves – are these wild animals friend or foe? Find out about the capers of these wild canines that live or once lived in Missouri. Get a close up look at these predators and have a dog-gone good time while you learn! **Ages 3-6. Registration begins October 2.**

## November

Saturday, November 10-11am or 1pm  
Tuesday, November 13-9am or 11am

### Talkin' Turkey

Time to talk turkey! Trot on in for a fun and factual look at wild turkeys. We'll have a gobbling good time! **Ages 3-6. Registration begins November 1.**



## September

Saturday, September 15  
10am-3pm

### Canoeing 101

What better way to spend the day than canoeing on Lake Girardeau? We'll spend the morning learning canoeing basics; then master our skills with some fun and games in the afternoon. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins September 1.**

## October

Saturday, October 13  
1-4pm

### Outdoor Survival

Could you survive in the wild? Here's your chance to put your knowledge to the test! Learn how to use Missouri's natural resources as tools for survival. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins October 2.**

## November

Thursday, November 15  
6:30-8pm

### Reptiles and Amphibians

Southeast Missouri is home to an abundance of reptiles and amphibians; some of which live here at the Nature Center. Get a behind-the-scenes look at our captive herps and learn about their intriguing lives. **Ages 12-15. Registration begins November 1.**



# September Events

Please call the nature center at **573/290-5218** on or after **September 1** for this month's programs requiring registration.

If you are unable to attend a program, please call to cancel so that someone on the waiting list may attend.

## 4 Swift Night Out – A Flight Phenomena Tuesday, 6:30-8pm

Have you noticed little birds twittering in the air or diving into chimneys in the evening? By the hundreds, Chimney swifts are staging in our area preparing for a long flight to South America for the winter. Swift Night Out is a national research count during fall migration. Help count these birds or simply watch as they circle in for the night and dive into the chimney. Meet at St. Vincent's Church, 1919 Ritter, Cape Girardeau. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

## 5 Homeschool Special – Nature's Toxins Wednesday, 1-3pm

Do you shriek at the sight of a spider or snake? Are you afraid of venomous things? If so, check out this program and debunk some of the myths that surround Missouri's venomous animals. **Ages 6 and up. Registration required.**

**Early registration begins August 15**

## 6 Nature Center at Night Pollinators Thursday, 5-8pm



When most people think of pollinators they probably think of butterflies, bees, or birds. But, there are many others that you probably have never heard of before- bats, beetles, flies, moths, wind, and water, to name a few. Buzz on in, peruse our displays, and attend the 6pm auditorium presentation to learn all about the different kinds of pollinators that make our lovely Missouri wildflowers possible. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

## 6 Nature Art Building Butterfly Memories Thursday, 6:30-8pm or Saturday, September 22, 2-3:30pm

Monarchs and other butterflies are a beauty to behold, so we are going to show you how to commemorate these inspiring insects in a two-page scrapbook layout. Attend our "Monarch Magic" event on September 8 or go to your favorite butterfly hotspot to photograph your favorite species and fill up the pages. **Ages 16 and up. Registration required.**

**Early registration begins August 15**

## 8 Monarch Magic Saturday, 9am-3pm

The Monarch butterfly is one of the most amazing insects. Their migratory journey alone makes you think they would have to be magical. Help us celebrate these dainty insects by participating in Monarch tagging, learning how to attract them, and playing some butterfly games. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**



**Woodchuck**  
*Marmota monax*

As autumn sets in, woodchucks, also called groundhogs, can be more frequently seen feeding and foraging for food in preparation for winter. Although their extensive digging can be troublesome to humans, woodchucks provide valuable burrows for a variety of animals, as well as serving as a food source for predators such as foxes, bobcats, hawks, and owls. Woodchucks spend their winters in the deep slumber of hibernation.

## 12 Deer Management Wednesday, 6-8:30pm

Join Jason Sumners, Missouri Deer Biologist and Brad Pobst, Private Lands Conservationist, as they review and discuss Missouri deer history. Other topics will include Whitetail deer biology and behavior, how to manage woodlands and open lands for deer, food preferences, and wildlife COOPS. In addition, Jason will provide information on the upcoming deer season and updates on CWD in Missouri. **Ages 8 and up. No registration required.**

## 15 Family Archery Saturday, 9am-noon

Whether for hunting or just for sport, archery is a fun and engaging pastime enjoyed and utilized for hundreds of years. This beginner's level archery program is perfect for those budding archers to come to learn and practice their skills.

**Please no organized groups. Ages 8 and up with an adult mentor. No registration required.**



## 22 Day on the River Saturday, 9am-4pm

Seize this opportunity to reveal the river's mysteries and transformation through time. Hands-on activities will teach you the importance of wetlands. Fun for the entire family featuring crafts, live animals, and boat rides on the Mississippi. Boat rides will take place every half hour (except from noon – 1pm) at Red Star Access. Pick up your ticket at the registration table during the event. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

## 27-29 Make a Longbow Thursday, September 27, 6:30-9:30pm Friday, September 28, 8am-5pm Saturday, September 29, 8am-4pm

Explore the history of archery in North America from raw material harvest to bow design and performance. Then, using only hand tools and patience, craft your own hickory longbow work of art. Cost for materials is \$60. Lists of references and resources for making future bows on your own will be provided. **Ages 15 and up. Registration required.**

## 29 Paddle Exploration Saturday, 9am-3pm



Our paddling exploration series continues as we head to Lake Girardeau Conservation Area. Tour the lake and identify plants and wildlife along the way. A limited number of canoes are available for reservation, or bring your own canoe or kayak. **Ages 16 and up. Registration required.**

## 29 Hike for Health Saturday, 9-10am

We're teaming up with Fitness Plus to offer a fitness hike on the nature center trails. Fitness Plus will start us off with stretching, and after a few hiking tips, you'll be on your way! The length of your hike and the trails you take are up to you. Bring your water bottle, and we'll provide the water and snacks. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. Registration required.**

## 29 Garden Tour Fall Bloomers Saturday, 9:30-11am



Enjoy wonderful colors in your garden well into late fall. A wide variety of asters, blazing stars, and some specialties like Cardinal flower could be added to your garden. Discover these plants and more during this stroll through the nature center gardens. **Ages 8 and up. No registration required.**

## 29 Wild Edibles Saturday, 10-11am

The natural world is full of plants that provide excellent fare for the table. Nuts, berries, and wild greens abound. Come learn about wild edibles - where to find them; when to look; and how to prepare them. **Ages 8 and up. Youth and adult groups welcome. Registration required.**

## 29 Discovery Station Volunteer Conservation Management Saturday, 1-4pm

People have volunteered their time towards conservation efforts since before the Conservation Department was established. Today, millions of people give of their time and talents to help various conservation causes. Stop by to learn about some of these efforts and pick up information on how you can make a difference. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

### Temporary Display

"Macrococosm of Design—Diversity in Missouri Flora and Fauna" showcases ink and acrylic paintings by artist Pen Brady.



# October Events

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## 6 Conservation Destination Juden Creek *Saturday, 9am-noon*

This forested complex on the edge of Cape Girardeau is owned by four different organizations but with the same management purposes in mind. The unique Tulip poplar / American beech forest is representative of the type of forest that covered the area years ago. Four-mile hike rated moderate. *Ages 8 and up. Registration required. Early registration begins September 15*

## 6 Nature and the Arts *Saturday, 10am-4pm*

Be "naturally" inspired by artists who love nature and have some interesting ways of incorporating it into their work. Listen to music, visit with artisans, and watch as these talented folks demonstrate their passion and display their crafts. Kids and adults will have the opportunity to make a nature craft to take home. *All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.*



## 11 Nature Center at Night Bats *Thursday, 5-8pm*

Bats are extremely beneficial, yet extremely misunderstood creatures. Come find out why bats are so fascinating and why the future of bats in the U.S. is uncertain. *All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.*



## 11 Nature Art Trash to Treasure Fall Wreath *Thursday, 6:30-8pm or Saturday, October 13, 2-3:30pm*

Nature's changing leaves will be our inspiration to create a unique wreath. Come and turn sticks and paper bags into wreaths that are almost as beautiful as the changing trees themselves. *Ages 16 and up. Registration required.*

## 13 Garden Tour Putting Your Gardens to Bed *Saturday, 9:30-11am*

As flowers fade and plants go to seed, there are things you can do to help both you and your garden come spring. During our walk around the gardens, you'll see examples of this and learn more about the nature of different plants and how they shut down over winter. Participants will receive free packets of native wildflower seeds. *Ages 8 and up. No registration required.*



## 13 Music in Nature *Saturday, 1-3pm*



Music is everywhere you look - or rather, hear. Frogs and birds sing in swamps, grasslands, forests, and even in our own backyards. Wind and rain sweep through the trees and grasses. Immerse yourself in what some call outdoor noise while others identify it as the sweet sounds of nature. We will listen to nature's melodies and create our own compositions through guided activities. So tune up - it's time to shake, rattle, and rattle! *All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.*

## 18 'Shrooms any time of year *Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm*

They're delicacies for sure and a great way to spice up any meal, but morels aren't the only edible mushrooms around here. Many edible mushrooms are found throughout the year and knowing what's what is crucial. Learn to identify them and gain some tips on finding, preparing, and cooking Missouri's edible mushrooms. *Ages 8 and up. Youth and adult groups welcome. Registration required.*



## 19/20 Hunter Education *Friday, 5:30-9:30pm & Saturday, 8am-4pm*

If you plan to hunt alone with a firearm, and you were born on or after January 1, 1967, you will need to take and pass a hunter education course before you can buy a permit. Students must be 11 years of age at the start of the class. You must attend both sessions (Friday and Saturday) and pass a test to receive certification. Bring any previously purchased fishing or hunting permit. Those 15 and under must also provide proof of age. *You must pre-register for this course online at [www.mdc.mo.gov](http://www.mdc.mo.gov). For more information, call 573-290-5730.*

### Temporary Display

"Art in Nature" is a collection of drawings and paintings of Missouri's wildlife by sixteen year old artist, Laura Anderson.

Visit the nature center's gallery during October to view "Rustic Feathers" a collection of carvings by Darrell DePew.

Visit the nature center auditorium in October to view the photo contest entries entitled "Mingo Swamp Flora and Fauna" on loan from the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge and the Mingo Swamp Friends Association. This annual contest showcases the best of the Mingo swamp and local photographers.

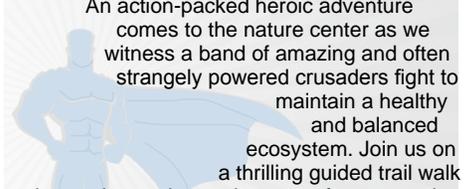
## 20 Discovery Station Take Action *Saturday, 1-4pm*

Take action and become a conservation steward! Discover specific actions you can take to make a difference for Missouri's plants, animals, and their habitats. We'll all reap the benefits of healthier fish, forests, and wildlife. *All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.*

## 26/27

### Mighty Marvels of Missouri *Friday & Saturday, 6:30-9:30pm*

An action-packed heroic adventure comes to the nature center as we witness a band of amazing and often strangely powered crusaders fight to maintain a healthy and balanced ecosystem. Join us on a thrilling guided trail walk and experience the excitement of conservation heroes in action! Crafts and activities inside. Free tickets available at the door beginning at 6pm. Tours depart every half hour beginning at 6:30pm. *All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.*



## Just Ask...

**Q.** Why do leaves change colors in autumn?

**A.** The autumn color change occurs as part of the process plants go through when they are preparing for winter dormancy. When the days start to get shorter and the nights get cooler leaf cells stop producing chlorophyll, the green, light-capturing pigment necessary for photosynthesis. This allows other pigments such as carotenoids (orange and yellow) and anthocyanins (red and purple) to become visible. These other pigments are normally masked by the green chlorophyll. In autumn, when photosynthesis begins to slow down and chlorophyll production is halted, they become visible as the fiery shades of orange, yellow, and red that we all love.



# November Events

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## 8 Nature Center at Night Campfire Fun Thursday, 5-8pm



Learn all about campfire building from basic safety to choosing the best wood and building your own fire pit during our 5:30 or 6:30 pm presentation. Then warm yourself by the glow of our cozy campfires on this chilly November evening and toast a tasty treat, or just sit back and admire the starlit sky. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

## 8 Nature Art Painting with Ink Thursday, 6:30-8pm or Saturday, November 17, 2-3:30pm

Learn the art of Sumi, an oriental style of painting nature in ink. Discover a freedom of movement that's simple and flowing to create your own natural works of art. **Ages 16 and up. Registration required.**

**Early registration begins October 16**

## 10 Meet the Artist

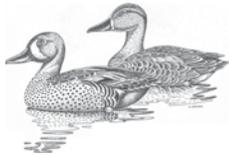
River Region Photography Association  
**Saturday, Noon-2pm**

Members of the River Region Photography Association will be here to share their photography and the stories behind the photos. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

## 16/17 Duck Decoy Making

**Friday, 6-9pm &  
Saturday, 8am-1pm**

Make a beautiful teal decoy from rough-cut cork to use for waterfowl hunting or as unique art. Learn duck identification, duck ecology and decoy history as you sculpt and paint your very own duck decoy. Cost for materials is \$15. **Ages 8 and up. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.**



**Thank You**

Donations of Time, Material, and Service

**Library books:** *Phil Dodson, Steve Shelton*

**Natural Item:** *Joselynn Younger*

**Puzzle:** *Brittany Singleton*

**Mountain lion skull:** *Phil Dodson*



**Box turtle**  
*Terrapene carolina triunguis (Agassiz)*

Missouri is home to 2 species of box turtle: the three-toed box turtle and the ornate box turtle. These turtles have a domed shell which can close up like a box, and feet made for walking, not swimming. Box turtles are land dwellers and have a home range of 2-5 acres, although some may wander for miles in search of new territory. Box turtles feed on a variety of insects, as well as plants, berries, and mushrooms. Thousands of box turtles are killed each year crossing roads, and many die as a result of being kept in captivity.

## Nature Shop Sale November 20, 21, & 24 December 18-22



Last minute shopping got you flustered? Looking for a unique gift? Escape the hustle and bustle and find what you're looking for to complete your gift list in the nature shop during our 20%\* off holiday sale!

\*Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply.

## COMING IN DECEMBER

## 5 Homeschool Special – Backyard Bird Feeding Wednesday, 1-3pm

It's that time of year again; time to feed the birds! Join us as we make several tasty treats and feeders for the birds. After this program you'll have the knowledge and equipment needed to attract those feathered friends into your backyard. **Ages 6 and up. Registration required.**

**Early registration begins November 15**

## 6 Nature Center at Night Forest Puppets Thursday, 5-8pm



Take a lively look at what goes on in the forest through the eyes of the animals that live there. Attend one of two 50-minute puppet presentations at 6pm or 7pm. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

## 8 Nature Art Nature's Decor Saturday, 10am, 12:30pm or 2:30pm



Deck the halls with boughs of holly...the holidays are just around the corner and we're in the mood to decorate! We'll use nature's resources to create wonderful winter wreaths, swags, and garlands. Bring a grapevine wreath, and we'll provide everything else to do your decorating. **Ages 18 and up. Registration required.**

**Early registration begins November 15**

## 11 Noppadol Paothong: Save the Last Dance Tuesday, 6:30-8pm

MDC Photographer Noppadol Paothong will showcase his book, "Save the Last Dance – A Story of North American Grassland Grouse." He will share stories from his 11-year journey documenting these highly endangered and extraordinary birds, including stunning images of the species' mating rituals and habitats. There will be a book signing after the program. **All ages. Youth and adult groups welcome. No registration required.**

**Temporary Display**

Visit the nature center's gallery in November to see "Views of Missouri," a collection of photography by the River Region Photography Association.

**Holiday Closings**

The nature center will be closed:  
November 22-23  
December 25  
January 1

The White Oak Trace trail will remain open.

**It's Just Natural**

When something fits just right or someone is especially skilled in something, we say "it's a natural fit" or "she's a natural". The same holds true for art and the environment; the way they fit together – it's just natural. Look at the complex symmetry in a leaf or the way the autumn colors just seem to flow beautifully – that's art. Or consider that the majority of subject material in the visual, auditory, written and performing arts stems from the natural world. Art and nature have always fit together perfectly.

When you combine the love a group of volunteers has for both the natural world and art, it's only natural that they would share that connection with others. There are several volunteer Conservation Naturalists who have led monthly "Nature Art" programs over the years at the nature center. Whether through floral design, wreath-making, art prints, stationary, scrapbooking, sketching or other artistic activities, these popular volunteer-led programs have allowed many people to express their interest in nature creatively, and they have learned more about the nature around them. A few other volunteers share their musical talents as they express their interest in nature. Many programs offered through the nature center are centered on this marvelous relationship between art and nature. It's just natural!

-Steven Juhlin



*Volunteers Judy Burford, Sue Corvick, and Beverly Schiwitz*

Look for these opportunities in this newsletter that combine art and nature:

- *Fall Wreath*
- *Nature and the Arts*
- *Music in Nature*
- *Painting with Ink*
- *Duck Decoy Making*
- *Nature Décor*
- *Save the Last Dance*
- *Monthly temporary art exhibits*



*Donna Magwitz*



**Volunteer Milestones**

**200 Hours**

**Daniel Cook**

**Jennifer Behnken**

**300 Hours**

**Byron Foust**

**1000 Hours**

**Carolyn Huter**

**1250 Hours**

**Judy Burford**

**Ken Jones**

**Donna Magwitz**

**1500 Hours**

**Kenny Schiwitz**

**3500 Hours**

**Joan Anderson**



# Educators' Niche

For more information or to register for the trainings below, please call Bridget Jackson at 573-290-5218 or e-mail [bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov).

## Discover Nature Schools

The Discover Nature Schools program provides new and interesting curriculum including grant monies for field trips and supplies for K-12 teachers. Each unit comes with excellent teacher and student guides. Lessons are designed to get students out-of-doors while teaching them about Missouri ecosystems. Trainings for these units will be held at the nature center on the following dates: Sept. 1, 14, 15, 21; October 12 and 19. You only need to attend one of the dates. Registration is required.

## Nature Across the Curriculum

Join us on November 30 and December 1 to learn how you can incorporate nature across the curriculum. No matter the grade or subject you teach, using the natural world can enhance student learning. This workshop will be held at the Cape Girardeau Nature Center both days from 8am-5pm. Graduate credit is available through SEMO. Registration is required.

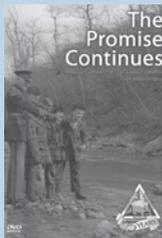
## Nature Deficit Disorder Tidbit

Studies have shown that students who spend more time outside in nature have higher test scores.

## September & October

### The Promise Continues

Follow the Department of Conservation's history of restoring Missouri's wild things and wild places, and discover its plans for keeping our conservation promise alive for generations to come. This DVD also contains 4 bonus features for a total of 96 minutes.



**Discounted price:**  
**\$6.40 plus tax**

### Grandin DVD

This DVD includes Grandin-The Big Mill & Tall Timber, Stamp of Character-From Trees to Tracks, and Forests for the Future. Travel back in time when the Ozarks contained the largest sawmill in the nation. Then, on to the 1920's and the railroad tie drive...plus more! 71 minutes total.



**Discounted price:**  
**\$8.00 plus tax**



The Nature Shop

**20% Off\***

these monthly specials!

*\*Special monthly discounts ... (Conservation Heritage Card discounts do not apply)*

The Nature Shop features a variety of nature-related books, videos/ DVDs, and resources to increase awareness and knowledge of conservation and the outdoors.

## November & December

### Discover Missouri Natural Areas

A great new book helps nature lovers experience these special places firsthand. In this beautiful, user-friendly guide, author Mike Leahy, the Department's natural areas coordinator, provides natural history information that brings to life the outstanding geological, biological and ecological features of 50 areas.



**Discounted price:**  
**\$7.20 plus tax**

### KC Wildlands

Discover and explore some of the best examples of the Kansas City area's original natural communities. Twelve sites on public lands in the metro area feature beautiful forests and remnant prairies, glades and savannas. Maps and great color photography accompany information about each site.



**Discounted price:**  
**\$4.80 plus tax**



**HOLIDAY SALE**

**Remember...**

**November 20, 21, & 24  
December 18-22**

**Details on calendar pages!**

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is located in North Cape Girardeau County Park off Kingshighway just east of Interstate 55 at exit 99. The building is open Tuesday through Saturday 8am to 5pm and is closed Sundays and Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The area is open daily from sunrise to 10pm in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park Rules and Regulations.

Nature center grounds and trails are closed to pets, horses, hunting, collecting, littering, fires, and alcoholic beverages. The trails are also closed to bicycles, jogging, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is operated through hunting and fishing license revenues and through the 1/8% "Design for Conservation" sales tax. There is no admission charge.

Phone: 573/290-5218; Fax: 573/290-5566; Internet: [www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/cape](http://www.mdc.mo.gov/areas/cnc/cape)

# Day on the River

\*Boat Rides (tickets required)

\*Crafts and Games

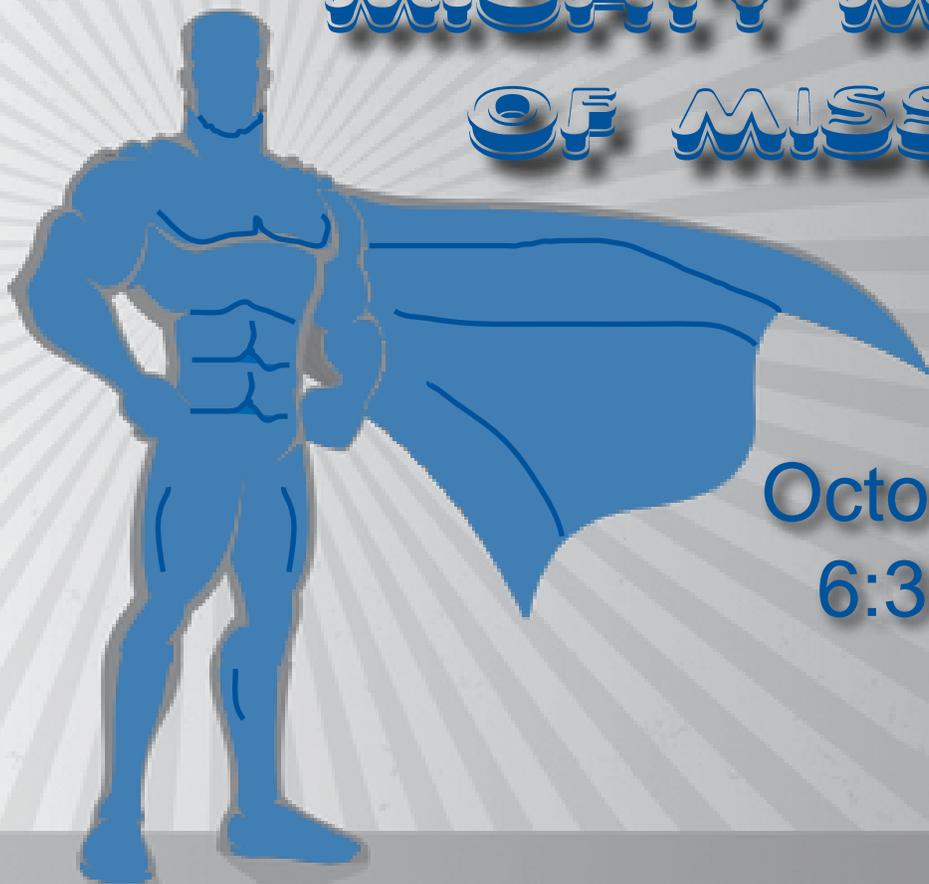
\*Live aquatic animals

\*Fun for all ages!

September 22, 9am-4pm

Discover the mighty Mississippi by spending the day at the river!  
See inside calendar for more information.

## MIGHTY MARVELS OF MISSOURI!



October 26 & 27  
6:30-9:30 pm