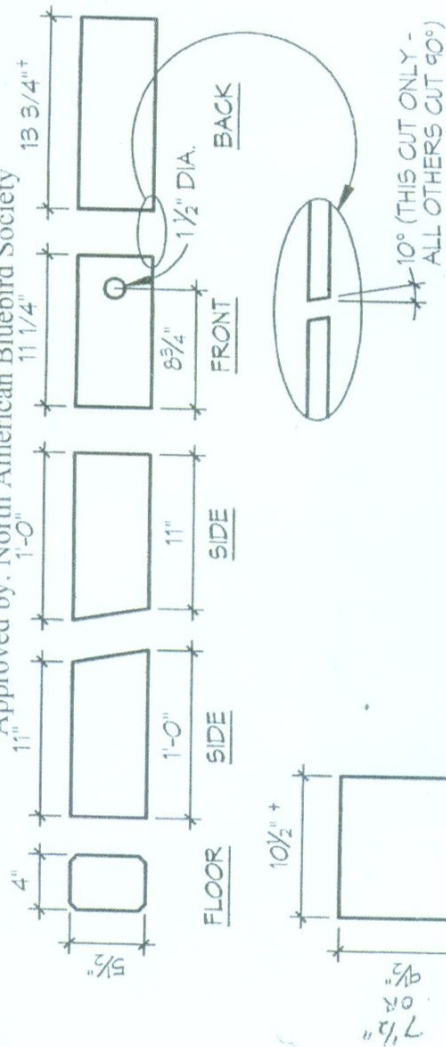
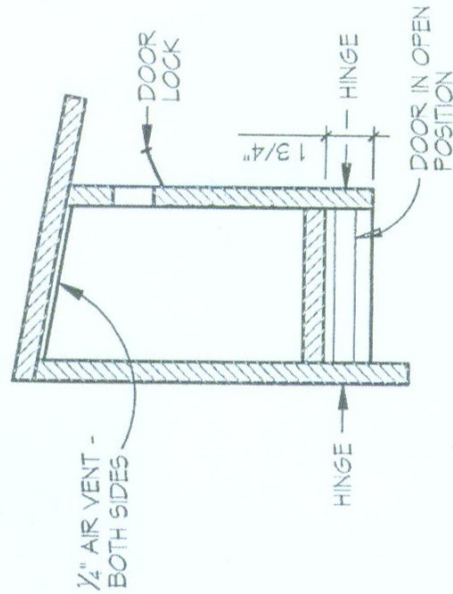
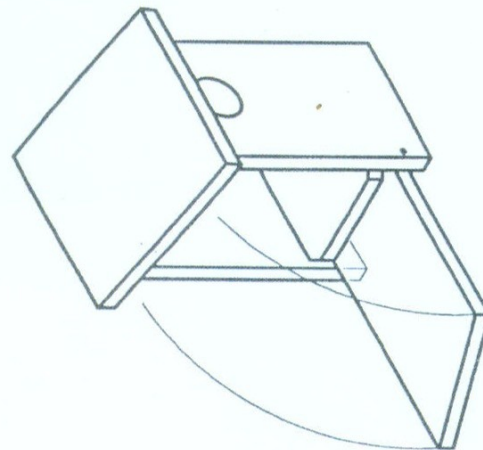


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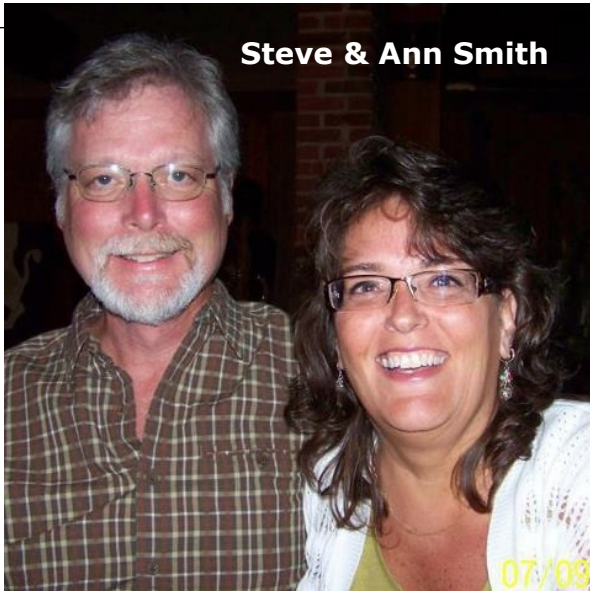


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Ann Smith: Missouri Bluebird Society Board Member AND Webmaster!

Born and raised in Fenton, MO, I am one of 6 children, 5 brothers and myself, raised by a single mother.

I attended Lindbergh Senior High School and Meramec Community College before deciding to try my hand at broadcasting.

I moved to Hiawatha, KS for my first job in radio which is where I met Steve. After several years in KS, Steve and I moved to Wisconsin for his job which is where he introduced me to birding. We lived in a log cabin on 13 acres and is where Steve set up our first bluebird trail. Once back in Missouri we became charter members of the Missouri Bluebird Society and we both became members of NABS. While I am certainly not an expert, I

do love bird watching and photographing the birds we see on our adventures. My husband Steve and I own Ned's Nesting Boxes and while he's busy making boxes and feeders I maintain both the website and facebook page for this business. When the MOBS web designer resigned I was asked to join the board and manage our website which I really enjoy. I'm also currently working for Way Technology in St. Louis.

Editors Note: Ann also administers the MOBS Facebook Page and pitches in with many other MOBS programs. We consider her a valuable asset to MOBS!

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Native Landscaping.....why it matters:

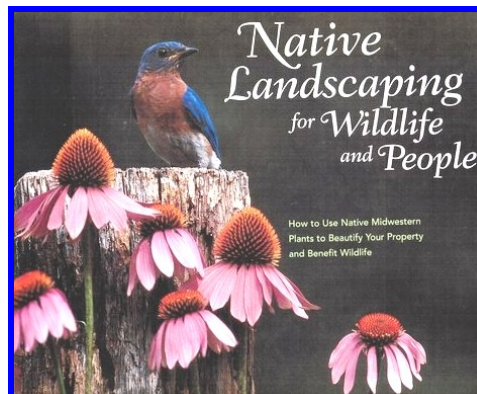
by Regina Garr

I purchased Dave Tylka's book **Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People** years ago and have found it a valuable resource ever since. I am indeed looking forward to Mr. Tylka's presentation at the MOBS 2013 Bluebird Conference in July at Powell Gardens! Certainly NOT a book just about plants, one of the aspects I most enjoy about this work is how everything is presented in such an interconnected fashion.

In a recent email to the author we asked if he thought native landscaping had changed in the last decade or so....Following was his reply: *"Native landscaping is continuing to gather more support from the nature enthusiasts, conservationists, environmentalists, and a variety of people concerned with restoring the ecosystem services. Although many traditional landscapers are still supplying pest-free non-native daylilies, hostas and monkey grass, these landscapers are becoming aware of the many benefits of some native plant species. Native coneflowers, milkweeds, blazing stars, and indigos are entering the mainstream along with Missouri primrose and prairie dropseed."* Dave Tylka.

He also referred us to page 176 of his book which has a chart that lists plant use by native butterfly and moth caterpillars. **Did you know?** There are 105 species of butterfly/moth caterpillars which will utilize native Asters—only 6 species will use Zinnias. That comparison is just one example of why native landscaping really is so important. **Native plants attract native insects which are consumed by our native birds.**

Mr. Tylka promises to help us better understand this essential connection during his presentation at the **Missouri Bluebird Conference , Saturday, July 13, 2013.**



MOBS 2013 Featured Speaker:



Photo provided by Dave Tylka

Dave Tylka is a semi-retired Professor of Biology at St. Louis Community College at Meramec, where he taught full time for over 20 years. He still teaches native landscaping, field zoology and Ozark ecology courses, and when not in the classroom, he and his wife are outside enjoying their home native landscape or traveling to other native landscapes. Dave was the first St. Louis Urban Biologist for the Missouri Conservation Department, a position he held for 14 years. While with the Conservation Department, he also co-produced and hosted "All Outdoors" on TV Channel 11 in St. Louis. In 2002, he wrote the Missouri Conservation Department book, *Native Landscaping for Wildlife and People*, which he then revised in 2009 for the second edition. Dave has also written several popular pamphlets on backyard landscaping, bird feeding, and butterfly gardening. As a widely recognized educator, biologist, nature author, and photographer, he brings together a wealth of information on native species and ideas that can inspire any landscaper.

MOBS Annual Field Trip June 22, 2013 by Steve Smith, MOBS Field Trip chair

(a "Field Trip" mailer will go to the membership in the next few weeks with more details)

2nd Annual MOBS nest box and bird watching field trip

Saturday, June 22, 2013, 9am sharp

Jim and Shirley Scrivner trail in Russellville, MO

Tentative Schedule:

- Meet at Jim and Shirley's house at 9am
- walking tour of their trail which includes 40 nesting boxes
- demo of how to mount a Barred Owl nest box
- Hayride to check one of their trails on nearby property.
- While there, a quick lesson on bee's and bee hives.
- Drive to Russellville Lions Club to check the MOBS nest box grant program boxes.
- Lunch at local diner where we will meet up with Chris Barrigar, an Audubon Society member, who will be giving a guided bird walk at Scrivner Road Conservation Area. Chris is an avid birder whose life list includes over 400 species. Field Trip will conclude after the walk.

For reservations call Steve Smith at 636-629-8267 or send email to sws582003@yahoo.com

Reservations must be made by June 15, 2013.



MOBS at Lowes by Larry Dobson

Larry Dobson, vice president of MOBS, set up a “bluebird booth” at the Lowes store in Raymore, MO, on Saturday, April 6th. Larry was able to answer many questions about bluebirds as well as promote MOBS, the MOBS 2013 Conference, and bluebirding in general. Many of the customers were able to examine “up close” a pair of nest boxes, gather



nest box blueprints and other informative bluebird fact sheets, look at Larry's photo album of bluebirds, watch a fascinating power point presentation, and exchange favorite stories about bluebirds. Through this process Larry hopes to share his knowledge and increase the interest in Missouri's state bird, the Eastern Bluebird. MOBS wants to say “Thank You” to the Raymore Lowes store for sharing their space and helping MOBS spread the “bluebird” word.



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