

We have just successfully completed the first two courses in our Certification Program in native plant studies at Northern Kentucky University. Both botany and basic plant ecology were taught to an enthusiastic group of students. For the fall semester, we will be offering courses in plant taxonomy and trees and shrubs of Kentucky. Watch the newsletter and website for details.

We have also named new officers and board members. I'd like to welcome our new Secretary, Julie McIlwain and our new board members, Steve Lumbkin and John Moore. Many thanks to those who previously served in these positions.

Additionally, I'd like to note that this issue of The Lady Slipper wraps up the year's

news and announcements can be viewed for all who choose to view early, stay late, or spend the weekend.

Stay tuned to the NKP website -- <http://www.knps.org> -- and The Lady Slipper for launch details and program details!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Charles has done an incredible job with our newsletter, and I suspect he is looking forward to a well-deserved break. I'd also like to welcome Mary McIlwain as she begins taking over job taking responsibilities for the next issue.

Well, the students have finally begun to arrive around here, so at least in some places we will be in the garden a very long time. Enjoy your summer and please take some time to enjoy at least some of the

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