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runge nature center

Runge Nature Conservation Area in Jefferson City is hosting several insect programs this summer.

During the Runge 20th birthday celebration on July 13th, participate in insect sweeping - swinging a cloth insect net through tall vegetation for an often surprising view of species you were overlooking.

Register to participate in a moth viewing program on July 25th during National Moth Week. In August, babies through 6 year olds will enjoy butterfly programs adapted for two different age groups.

A list of insects I've identified at Runge is available at <http://donnabrunet.com/pages/insects/checklists/checklists.html>.



Flowers in Runge's savanna restoration habitat appear on one of my newest greeting cards.



Red Milkweed Beetle (left);
Pyrausta Moth (above)



Sunset at Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area, March 5, 2013

bee assassin, *Apiomerus crassipes*

Like other Assassin Bugs, these beneficial insects are generalist predators that feed on a wide range of insect prey.

Sticky setae or hairs on the front legs are used to capture and hold prey.





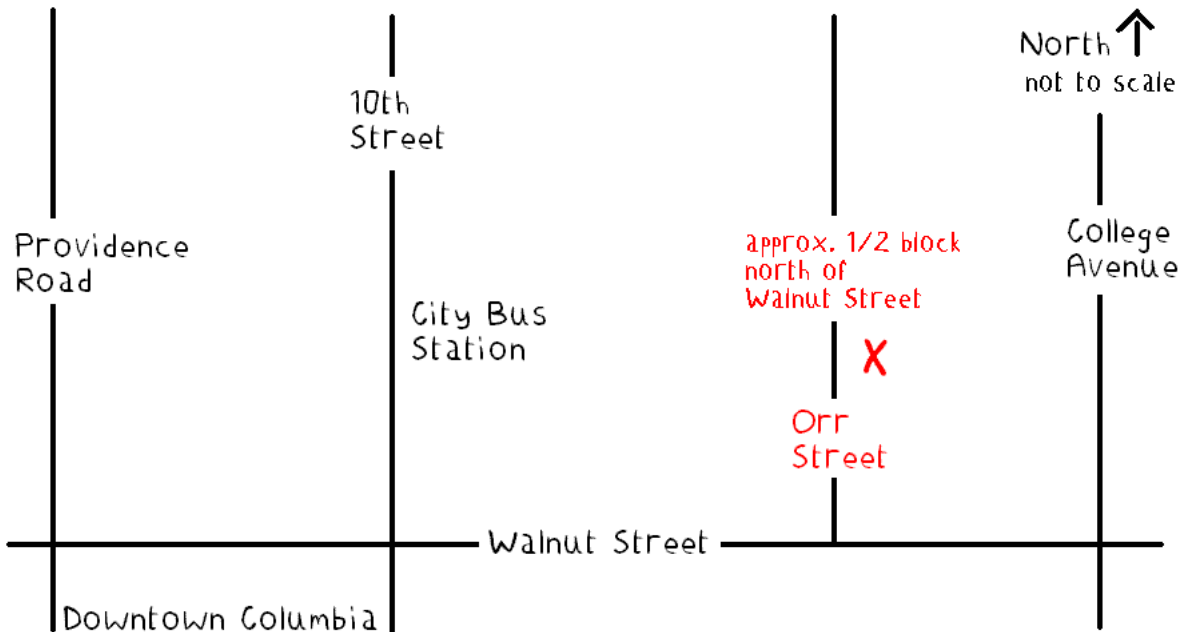
second saturday for kids

Four times a year, several Orr Street Studio artists put together activities for kids. Join us at Orr Street Studios between noon and 3 pm on Saturday, July 13, 2013.



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Artrageous Friday
July 19, 2013; 6 - 9 pm



nature connects @ powell gardens

Powell Gardens 2013 Festival of Butterflies is August 2-4 and August 9-11. As an added bonus, this year Nature Connects: LEGO Brick Sculptures is on display now until September 29, 2013. Sean Kenney is a New York artist and one of only 13 LEGO certified professionals.

The display at Powell Gardens contains 27 sculptures in 14 displays using half a million LEGO bricks. The sculptures include a koi jumping from a pond, a fox emerging from vegetation, and an 8' tall hummingbird and flower.

Sean Kenney used 16,383 LEGO bricks to build this 4' long bee with a 6' wingspan. If you can't make it to Powell Gardens in person this summer, view the Nature Connects LEGO exhibit



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Powell Gardens is at 1609 N.W. U.S. Highway 50 in Kingsville, Missouri. You can find out more about Powell Gardens at <https://www.powellgardens.org/>



Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle,
Harmonia axyridis

You may have seen ladybug larvae crawling through your yard without realizing what they were. This is a non-native species, but North American ladybug larvae are similar. Find out more about declining native species of ladybugs at <http://www.lostladybug.org/>

Commonly we stride through the out-of-doors too swiftly to see more than the most obvious and prominent things. For observing nature, the best pace is a snail's pace.

- Edwin Way Teale
July 14, Circle of the Seasons, 1953

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