

## Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

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### Monthly Meeting at the Carnegie Museum

From June 2014 through June 2015, BSWP meetings will be held in the Ford-Mateer Classroom of Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland), starting at 7:15 p.m.

The entrance to the parking lot, which is gated, is just past the Museum at the intersection of Forbes and Craig Street. The Ford-Mateer Classroom is reached through the Portal Entry in the rear parking lot area. Once inside the building, the room is located just beyond the Security desk on the left. In addition to the Museum parking lot, which costs \$5, there are metered spaces on Forbes Avenue opposite the Museum. From there you will cross the street and walk through the right side of the gates to the parking lot. Continue on the sidewalk to the rear of the building where you will see the sign for "Portal Entry" ahead.

### **Monday, September 8, 2014 Meeting, 7:15 PM, Ford-Mateer Classroom**

Jessica Rohrdanz, Environmental Education Specialist at Point State Park, will present "The Landscape of Point State Park". Learn more about the native plants beds in Point State Park, including why certain plant species were chosen, and the history of the landscape design for the park. Point State Park is now a part of the Pittsburgh Renaissance Historic District (National Register of Historic Places) due in part to its landscape design as an urban park.

### **Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania Field Trips** [www.botsocwpa.org](http://www.botsocwpa.org)

Registration for Botanical Society field trips is not required. Everyone is welcome, including non-members. Trips last 3 to 4 hours but one can leave at any time. For questions, call the field trip leader or Loree Speedy at (724) 872-5232/(home); (724) 518-6022/cell or loreespeedy@gmail.com.

**Sunday, August 31, 2014, 1:00 PM**

**Ohiopyle State Park, Fayette County**

*Leader: Mark Bowers*

*Contact Information: cell:*

**Directions:** From Pittsburgh, take the PA Turnpike to Exit 91 - Donegal. Turn east (left) on Route 31. Travel about 2 miles and turn south (right) on Route 381. Travel ten miles to Normalville to a stop sign. Turn left onto Route 381 south and continue 11 miles to Ohiopyle. As Route 381 enters Ohiopyle, it crosses railroad tracks. Turn right just before the bridge over the Yough to enter the Ferncliff parking lot, where we will meet.

**Saturday, September 20, 2014 10:00 AM**

**Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve, Beaver County**

*Leader: Shane Miller*

**Directions:** From Pittsburgh, take the Parkway West (I-279 south/ US 22-30) to the Airport Expressway (PA 60). Continue past the Airport exit to Exit 7/ Clinton. At the end of the ramp, turn left and continue 1.1 miles to US 30. Turn right onto US 30 and drive 4.7 miles to the entrance for the Wildflower Reserve, on the right, just over a hill. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot.

**Friday & Saturday, September 27, 2014**

**Duff Park Bioblitz, Murrysville, Westmoreland County**

Members of the Botanical Society of Western PA are invited to participate in a Bioblitz that Dr. Kyle Selcer of Duquesne University has planned for Friday, September 26 through Saturday, September 27 in Murrysville's Duff Park. This informative and educational event, with participation by many specialists and experts, will run from early afternoon on Friday September 26 through early afternoon on Saturday September 27.

Mark your calendars; details about the Bioblitz will be forthcoming.