

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



Leather Flower
Clematis viorna

MAY MEETING

Monday, May 11, 8:00 P.M. at the Mellon Bank Auditorium, 5th Ave. and Craig St., Oakland.

Nestor Henrion will give the program, "Wildflowers as Seen by a Pictorialist."

BOTANICAL SOCIETY MAKES AWARD

On March 31, a team of three judges selected the Helen Blair Memorial Award winning exhibit at the Buhl Planetarium School Science Fair. President Bob Morgan, Esther Allen, and Jasper Brown chose "A New Look at Plant Parasitism" as the best botany related exhibit. Max Armbruster, a member of the judging committee, was unable to officiate due to illness.

The winning student, Forrest Piehl, from Keyser High School in West Virginia, was unable to attend the award ceremony on April 24. His teacher, Harold S. Walters, accepted the \$25.00 check. Information about the project will appear in a future bulletin. Congratulations to Forrest for his fine exhibit, and thanks to the judging committee. Helen Blair would be proud. (Tim Manka)

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Meeting time 1:30 P.M. unless otherwise specified.

May 9 - Enelow Creek

Bill Kinney, Leader.

Drive south on I-79, then west on I-70 toward Wheeling. Leave I-70 at the #1 exit, West Alexander. Cross over I-70 and meet at the gas station on the left.

This is an all-day program, emphasizing birds in the morning, with the Audubon Society, and plants in the afternoon. For those who are interested only in plants, leave I-70 at the #2 exit at Claysville. Turn east on Rte. 40 for a mile or so, then south on Rte. 231. Do not stay on 231, which goes to East Finley, but bear right at the Y and continue to West Finley. Turn left at the end of the road; continue a few miles, down along winding grade (wonderful for bicycles), which crosses the Enelow (or Enslow) fork at the bottom of the hill, the dividing line of Washington and Greene counties. The morning group will be eating their lunch here.

We should find blue-eyed-Mary and delphinium in bloom.

For the morning, meet at 9:00 A.M., and for the afternoon at 1:30 P.M.

IN MEMORIAM

One of our beloved members, and the word is most appropriate, is gone. Mildred Chamberlain died on Saturday, April 18 after a brief illness.

All of us in the Botanical Society extend our deep sympathy to her husband, Sam.

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May 16 - Cucumber Run, Ohio pyle

Werner Buker, Leader

You may wish to spend the morning and have lunch at the Conservancy meeting at Bear Run. In the afternoon you may prefer to botanize the Cucumber Run area.

Drive through Ohio pyle on Rte. 381. Immediately after crossing a crumbling concrete bridge, bear right and watch for the parking lot on left. Showy orchis?

May 23 - Chartiers Creek Area

Esther Allen, Leader.

Camassia grows here, which we hope to find.

The McMurray-Lawrence Road underpasses U. S. 19 between Canonsburg and Bethel Park. Meet on this road near U. S. 19 toward Lawrence. Ernie's Esquire Supper Club is on 19 south of this road.

May 30 - Jennings Prairie

Jasper Brown, Leader.

Last summer, a surprisingly large stand of Virginia Snakeroot was found here. It is hoped that it will be in bloom at this time.

Meet at the parking lot on Rte. 528 just south of the junction of Rtes. 8 and 173.

June 6 - Titus Bog

Bob Morgan, Leader.

Again let us take a look at our own bog and *Arethusa Bulbosa*.

Meet at the state rest stop where U. S. 6 and Pa. 89 are common, between Union City and Corry.

(J. S. Brown)

SAVE THE SNOW TRILLIUMS

Paul Wiegman first sounded the alert. Possibly the finest stand of Snow Trilliums in the state was being demolished for a housing development. It was the station on Route 30 near Raccoon Park, the site of many a Botanical Society field trip.

Esther Allen, Paul Brown, Howard McIlvried, and Bob Morgan got busy and transplanted more than 200 plants to Beechwood Farms, North Park, Wolf Creek, and the Wildflower Reserve. If anybody else was involved, please forgive the omission.

TRAVELING FOOTSTEPS

Marian and Charles Hissem are off on a 2-month trip to Arizona and New Mexico to get the desert in bloom.

Anne and Bob Bahl will be missing on our next few field trips. They will be botanizing in California, Nevada, and Utah.

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The illustration of the Leather Flower was submitted by our member Phyllis Monk. It was sketched from a specimen at Raccoon Wildflower Reserve, July 17, 1974.