

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

I am chagrined. Here we have a truly outstanding program for our September meeting, and I will be out of town and will miss it.

On Monday evening, September 14, 8:00 P.M., Chuck and Marian Hissem will give a program, "Springtime in the West." The Hissems are eminent photographers. Their fame is not just local, but nationwide. A listing of their awards and prizes would fill this entire bulletin.

The meeting will be at the Mellon Bank Auditorium, Fifth and Craig, Oakland.

LAST MEETING AT MELLON BANK

There is another reason for urging you to come to the September 14 meeting. This will be our last meeting at the Mellon Bank Auditorium. The Bank is re-designing the space for its own requirements, and it will no longer be available for public service groups such as ours.

We do thank Mellon Bank for all the years that they have provided this meeting room for us...at no cost to the Botanical Society.

Please come to this final meeting to discuss new possibilities for a meeting place and time.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Meeting time each Saturday is 1:30 P.M.

September 5 - Plaingrove Bog

J. S. Brown, leader. Leave I-79 at the Slippery Rock exit. Drive west on state route 108. At the first crossroad turn right, and park at the Presbyterian church across from cemetery.

September 12 - North Park

J. S. Brown, leader. Meet at the parking area on Babcock Blvd. north of the dam, on the left near the far end.

September 19 - Schenley Park

Rupert Friday, guest leader. Meet at the Nature Center across from Phipps Conservatory.

September 26 - Frew Mill Road

Howard McIlvried, leader. This is the fringed gentian area on the Johns farm. Drive west on Rte. 422 from I-79 or 19. Turn north on 388 and continue to the second crossroad, Frew Mill Road. Turn left and meet on the left about one mile.

MUSHROOM TRIP

On Sunday, September 20, you might care to join the Wissahickon group on a mushroom trip to Walker Park with Mary Louise Johnson. The park is on the Little Sewickley Creek Road, a few miles from Beaver Ave., near the Quaker Valley Shopping Area in Edgeworth.

CASTILLEJA

The sketch of the Indian Paintbrush is the last of a group submitted by Phyllis Monk. Drawings for future issues, either by Phyllis or other members, would be welcome.

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Indian paintbrush
Castilleja sp.

HYDROCOTYLE RANUNCULOIDES IN WARREN COUNTY

Last June, I saw a mat of strange plants growing in shallow water at Akeley Swamp, just this side of the New York state line. It wasn't flowering, but I was able to make a tentative identification because of its resemblance to water pennywort, *H. americanum*. I returned to collect it August 1, and found it in bloom and fruiting.

According to Jennings and Avinoff's Flora and the Flora of Pennsylvania, it had not been found in Pennsylvania north or west of Franklin County. This would be an extension of 145 miles, and possibly its northernmost station outside of Oregon.

(Ted Grisez)

OUR JAPANESE FRIEND

This letter took several months to reach me, and then I held it until there was space in Wildflowers to print it just as Takashi wrote it. He included a Japanese wildflower magazine, and I can't read a word in it.

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Dear Bob:

I have to apologize to you and many members of Pittsburgh Botanical Society, because we have already returned to Japan without saying good bye. I greatly appreciate for the kindness which you gave us during our stay in Pittsburgh. We really enjoyed wild flowers in Pennsylvania and cannot forget beautiful wildflowers.

Enclosed are magazines of wild flowers in Japan. Please find Japanese beauties. Now we are living near Tokyo where the wilderness is almost destroyed. However, we still have small wilderness everywhere in Japan. I would like to say thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

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