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.

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**

- **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 Beboock 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 Mcllvried, leader. This is the fringed gentian area on the Johns farm. Drive west on Rte. 622 from I-79 or 19. Turn north on 306 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.