

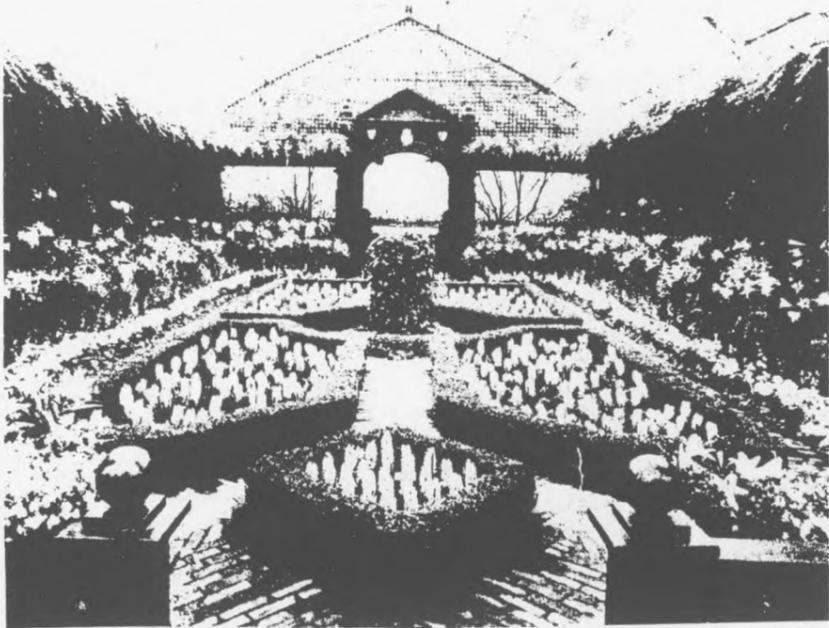
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THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

OCTOBER MEETING

One of the highlights of Pittsburgh is our Phipps Conservatory. Probably all of us have visited it during the renowned flower shows. Now we have an opportunity to learn much more about it than is possible from a leisurely stroll through the breathtaking displays.

Ed Vasilcik, Horticulturist of Phipps Conservatory, will present "Phipps Conservatory - an Overview" for our program on Monday, October 12. This meeting will be at 8:00 P.M. in the potting shed of the Conservatory.



The potting shed is behind the Conservatory. There are two entrances to it. One is at the end of the roadway that starts close to the near end of Schenley Park bridge and goes past the Park Police office. The other is at the end of the roadway that starts close to the near end of the Panther Hollow bridge and goes past the Park office. There is some free parking near both of the offices; metered parking is along the park roads.

Putting it another way...the potting shed is on a straight line behind the main entrance, but you can't go through the Conservatory.

No rest rooms will be available for this meeting. Light in the Conservatory would adversely affect the blooming of the chrysanthemums for the flower show in November.

(Anne Bahl)

NONAGENARIAN

Do you know a nonagenarian? That's somebody in the nineties.

We do. So do you. Our own Society will be 95 years old this month. The first meeting of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania was held on October 7, 1886.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to the Botanical Society--

Josi Smith, Renfrew, Pa.
Mary Judith Paoli, Butler, Pa.
Robert M. Colvin, West Alexander, Pa.
Mrs. Francis B. Nimick, Sewickley, Pa.
Mrs. Frank Stoner III, Sewickley, Pa.
Ann Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mark Bowers, West Newton, Pa.
Sally D. Ketchum, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Richard Herman, Sewickley, Pa.
Katherine & Anne Fonas, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Fairy Slipper Orchid
Calypso bulbosa

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Here is my part for the October bulletin. Mary Lou and I will be leaving for a stay in New England, probably Thursday A.M. She should be back by October 15, but I'll probably be staying for the rest of the month.

October 3. No scheduled trip.

October 10. The final scheduled trip of the season will be at the home of Dr. Tom Anderson, 705 Redstone Road, Washington, Pa., where a variety of oaks are growing. Both leaves and fruits are considered to be needed for identification, so here is your chance. Dr. Anderson has seedlings available for pin oaks, hickories, walnuts, tulip trees, and ash for anyone who can make a home for them. He teaches geology at the University of Pittsburgh, but trees are his pets. His phone is 228-3250.

To find his home, three streets need to be followed. Leave I-79 South at the Murtland Street exit, also marked U. S. 19 South. Follow Murtland a few hundred yards past the police barracks. Make a hard left turn onto Highland. At the third traffic light on Highland, turn left on Main. Pass the Court House into a big valley. Cross two sets of railroad tracks at the foot of the hill, and straight up over the hill. Main street becomes Redstone. At the top of the hill at a sweeping turn, you should find a red brick house and a brown fence, Dr. Anderson's home. You are invited to eat your lunch on his lawn. If you drive past his house, you will pass a large Presbyterian home on one side of the street and on the other a plaque noting where the first crematorium was built.

Meeting time is 1:00 P.M.

(J. S. Brown)

MUSHROOM FORAY

Since there is no field trip this week end, Botanical Society members might be interested in this special event.

The Ohio Mushroom Society will host a 2 day mushroom foray at Mill Creek Park in Youngstown, Ohio (Mill Creek Park is one of the largest municipal parks in the U. S.) on Saturday and Sunday October 3rd and 4th. Anyone wanting information can contact me or Emily Johnson. My number is (216)747-5029.

Anyone with an interest in mushrooms should find this affair very worthwhile. I learned more in two days at one of these functions than I had in nearly a year on my own. Also, there should be at least one professional mycologist on hand to assist in identification. Saturday should be the best day.

(Don McGarry)

CALYPSO BULBOSA

The sketch of the Fairy Slipper Orchid was made by our member, Phyllis Monk. It was observed in the Teton Creek area of Grand Teton National Park on June 5, 1977.