

Wildflowers

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Jasper Brown has put together this Field Trip Schedule. All of these field trips are on Saturdays, with a rendezvous time of 1:30 P.M. If you need more information, call Jasper at 364-8229.

July 7 Revised - Toplovich and Columbus Bogs

Important: This is a change from the announcement in the June bulletin. Meet at the junction of Routes 6 and 957 in the village of Columbus. This will not be the right time to find blooming orchids, but the insectivorous plants and the bogs in general will be attractive to botanists. Toplovich Bog is owned by the Warren Botanical Society and Columbus Bog is in a state gamelands difficult to enter. Dr. Ted Grisez, leader.

July 14 - Rockland Twp., Venango County

Cross the Allegheny River at Kennerdell, not a numbered road, but follow signs from State Route 308 north of Interstate 80 and east of Route 8. Proceed up the hill past the look-out. Shortly after passing an old house with aluminum siding on the left, turn left on a secondary road. At the end, turn left again past a barn marked Hooten Hollow and meet at the next road on the right. Roger Hummel leads.



July 21 - McConnell's Mill

There is no better place to take a good look at ferns. Other plants will not be neglected. Entrance to the area is on Rte. 422 about a 1/4 mile west of Rte. 19. Meet in the picnic area parking lot. Leader, J. S. Brown.

July 28 - Allegheny River at Parker

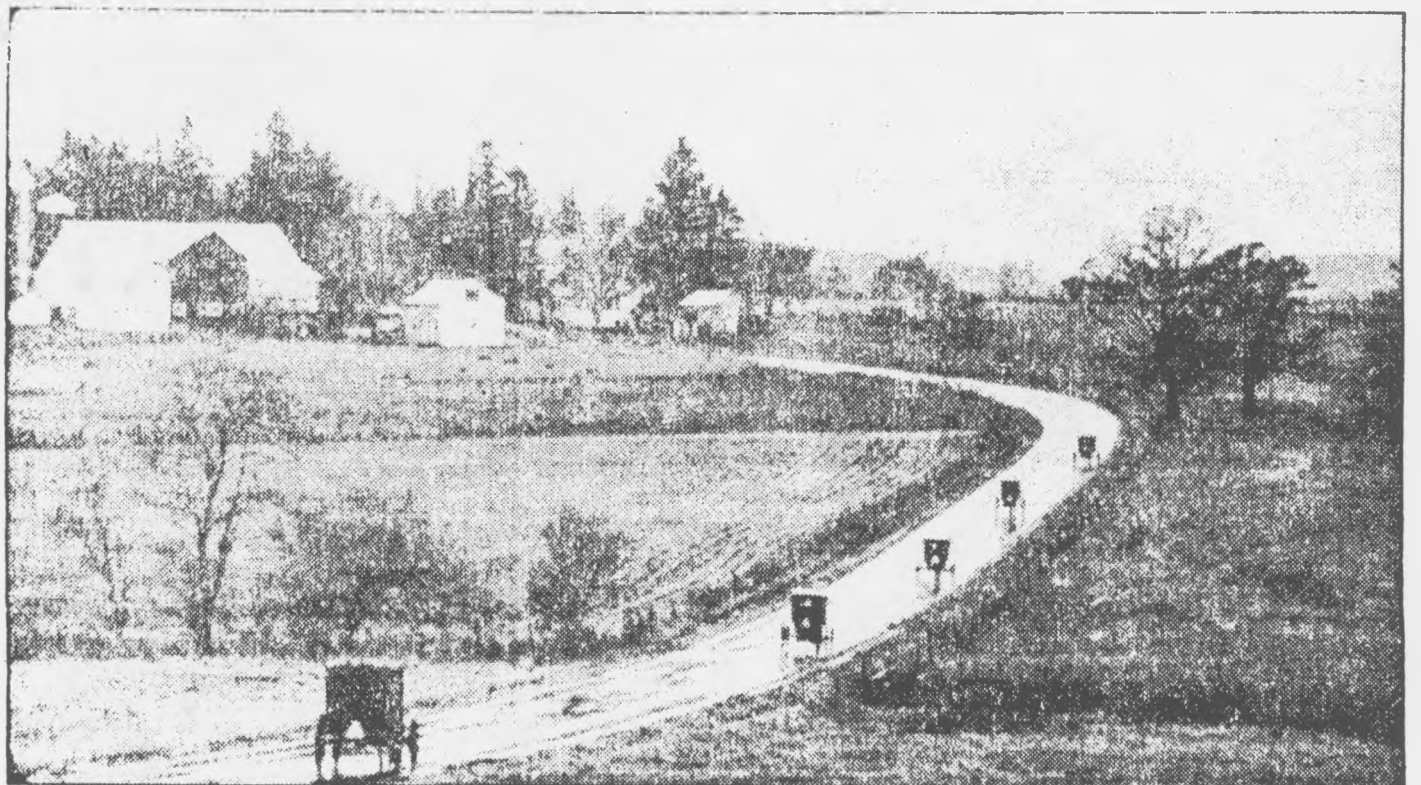
The riverbank offers a good variety of summer bloomers and a few miles away a good stand of Sabbatia. Meet along Hwy. 268 north of the town. Esther Allen, leader.

ANNUALS, PERENNIALS?

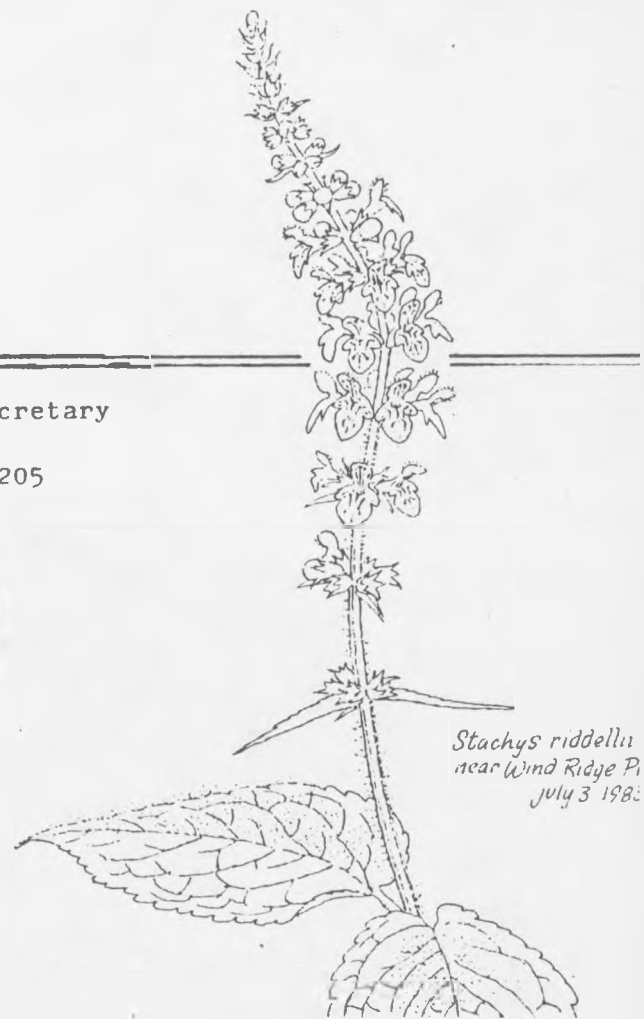
Would you say that Marian Hissem is an annual winner in the Press Amateur Snapshot contest, or would you say she is a perennial winner? Whatever it is, she wins every year.

By the way, it's supposed to be for amateurs. Marian should give the prize back. She's no amateur. She's a real pro.

This reproduction of Marian's prize-winning entry, entitled "After Church", does not do it justice. It's all we can do, though, considering that it is a copyprint from a black-and-white newspaper print, and a rather poor one at that. Marian's original is in full color. At least you can see the superb composition, which is Marian's hallmark.



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August 4 - Moonlight Brand Mushroom Mine at Worthington

Normally, visitors are limited to groups of 4 or less, so we are being treated special. Arrangements have been made for us to take a look at commercial growing of mushrooms in the cool, more or less exhausted limestone mines. Two routes have been suggested to reach Worthington - one, east of Butler on 422 to Worthington, Armstrong County. Turn left; then follow the Moonlight Mushroom signs. If more convenient, follow Rte. 28 upstream to Freeport. Left on 356. Right on 228. Then left on legislative Rte. 03011 to Worthington. Mark Spear and Joe Popiti, leaders.

STACHYS RIDDELLII

Over the past six years, quite a few of our members have contributed sketches for the monthly "Wildflowers". This particular one of the hedge nettle is by Arabelle Wheatley.

We have one more of Arabelle's sketches for next month, and after that the cupboard is bare. So, we are putting out a call for more material from either past contributors or new ones. Have we a "budding" artist in our midst?

Don't worry about size. We have one of those new-fangled copying machines that both enlarge and reduce. best results come from black-and-white pen sketches, but send us whatever you have. We'll see what comes out.

NO JULY MEETING

We never have meetings in the months of July and August. Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for the second Monday of September, which is the 10th.