

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our first meeting of the new season -- Monday, September 10, 8:00 P.M. at Carlow College. Our speaker -- Paul Kammer.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All field trips are on Saturdays. Rendezvous time is 1:30 P.M. Any questions, call our Field Trip Chairman, Jasper Brown, at 364-8229.

September 1 - Raccoon Park

Meet at the parking lot of the Wildflower Preserve on Rte. 30 west of Pittsburgh and Clinton shortly after crossing Raccoon Creek. Esther Allen, leader.

September 8 - North Park

Last fall, lack of rain resulted in an uneventful trip here. However, the variety of fall plants can be rewarding. Meet on Babcock Blvd. parking area north of the causeway on the left. J. S. Brown will be the leader.

September 15 - Ohio pyle

Meet at the picnic area. Drive south on Route 381. Turn right immediately upon going over the old cement bridge. Turn on the first left to the picnic area. We will be walking on the Great Gorge trail. Plants of monkshood have been spotted, and we hope to find them in bloom. Mark Bowers, leader.

September 22 - Plaingrove Bog

It's probably a week or two too late to find the Grass of Parnassus at its best, but since we have not visited the bog this year at any time, let us give it a try. Drive north on I-79 to the Slippery Rock exit. Turn west toward Harlansburg on Route 108. Turn right at the first crossroad to Plaingrove. Meet at the red brick Presbyterian church across from the cemetery. Werner Buker, leader.

September 29 - Powdermill Nature Reserve of Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Park and meet at the Nimick Nature Center. Picnickers may use the lawn. Water and restrooms are available. The Reserve is situated on Route 381 south of Rector and north of Jones Mill in the Ligonier region. This should be a powerful finale for our group field trips. Dr. Fred Utech, leader.



MUSHROOM MAGIC

As it always does when we have our family reunion, it rained bucketfuls on August 11 in Caledonia State Park. All was not lost, however. We turned the picnic into a fungus foray. I have never seen such an abundance and variety of fungi. I took 67 pictures. My T.B.I. file is bulging. (Bob Bahl)

HABENARIA BLEPHARIGLOTTIS

August 4 -- J. & J. Stull report -- hundreds of white-fringed in bloom in Titus today!

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LOBELIA SIPHILITICA

This sketch of the Great Blue Lobelia was submitted by Arabelle Wheatley of Wind Ridge, and was part of a bulletin of the A.R.C. - Association for Rural Conservation. She writes, "just to let you know we're still alive down here and the dam isn't built yet..."

SMALL WHITE LADIES' SLIPPER

A letter from Joyce Bender, dated August 11, 1984

Dear Bob,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your newsletter. Your trip to view Platanthera ciliaris sounds interesting. I saw it growing in southern Ohio in early August a few years ago and I was impressed. An added bonus was Platanthera clavellata blooming nearby.

I saw that you are considering a trip to Resthaven Wildlife Area during the second week of May. This May the Cypripedium candidum did not start to bloom until the 16th of May! I would suggest that you plan to come over about the 18th or so. Late frosts the past two seasons wiped out all the early buds and blooming was off a bit both years. I have seen many more than 400 in one area. Some places have over a thousand blooming crowns. Double-headed flowering plants have been found in the past two years also.

Spiranthes magnicamporum blooms in Resthaven during mid-September. With all the prairie species blooming in July and August, Resthaven is worth a visit most any time of the year. If you are interested, I would be glad to lead you (or anyone else willing to travel 185 miles one way) around the area and talk about one of my favorite orchids. However, it would have to be on a weekend, because I have teaching obligations next May.

Let me know if I can be of any help to you in planning your trip.

NATURAL WORLD PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION & EXHIBITION

Carnegie Museum of Natural History and The Dark-room Incorporated announce the 1984 Natural World Photographic Competition and Exhibition. Established in 1977 with the generous support of the Leonard S. Mudge Environmental Education Program, this national competition is dedicated to fostering a greater awareness of and a deeper involvement with the natural world. Secondly, but no less important, the Competition is intended to promote excellence in the fine art and craftsmanship of photography.

Amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit color or black-and-white photographs reflecting the natural world. Top winners will not only receive cash prizes up to \$500.00, but will also have their photographs published in Carnegie Magazine. Along with other selected photographs, prize-winning photographs will be exhibited in the spacious Carnegie Museum of Natural History Gallery.

Entries must be received between October 9 and October 19. Call (412)622-3283 with questions.