

# WILDFLOWERS

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our first meeting of the fall season will be held at Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland, on Monday, September 9 at 8:00 P.M.

Werner Buker will present "Rare Plants of Western Pennsylvania". We can say without fear of contradiction that nobody is better qualified to give such a program than Mr. Buker.

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All trips are scheduled on Saturdays. The meeting time is 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call our Field Trip Chairman, Esther Allen, 366-0786.

### September 7 - Ohiopyle State Park

Meet at parking lot near river bridge on Pa. 381. Suggested route: Turnpike to Donegal, left on Pa. 711, to Pa. 381 and south to meeting place. Mark Bowers, Leader.

### September 14 - West Deer Township

From Bakerstown (just off Rt. 8 on Red Belt) go approx. 6 miles east on Bakerstown-Culmerville Road, toward Culmerville. Meet at Wirkkala residence, a two-story red brick immediately past prominent green and white striped security fence. Laura Wirkkala, Leader.

### September 21 - Frew Mill Road

This is the fringed gentian area on the Johns Farm. Drive west on Rt. 422 from I-79 or 19. Turn north on Rt. 388 and continue to the second crossroad, which is Frew Mill Road. Turn left and meet on the left about one mile. Hersch Leapman, Leader.

### September 28 - Fort Necessity National Battleground

This will be our final organized trip to catalog the plants of this location. Fall flowers should be in abundance in the meadow. Ft. Necessity is located approx. ten miles southeast of Uniontown on Rt. 40.

### October 5 - Slippery Rock University Environmental Study Area

Drive north on Rt. 8 to N. 308 north of Butler; follow N. 308 through West Sunbury and meet at Moniteau High School. Dr. Richard J. Medve, Leader.

This is the last scheduled trip for 1985.

June, too soon.  
July, stand by.  
August, come they must.  
September, remember.  
October, all over.

--- Old Jingle

## I LOVE MUSHROOMS

Our own Emily Johnson was the big winner at the Canaan Valley Foray of the North American Mycological Society, August 1 to 4. In different categories, she won a first, a second, and a third prize.

Her picture of Sarcoscypha coccinea, entitled "I Love Mushrooms", was the hit of the show.



## CLASSIFIED

Three butternut tree seedlings. Free to a good home. Call Paul Brown in the evening at 734-1624.



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## MALVA MOSCHATA

Sketch of Musk Mallow is by member M. J. Paoli of East Brady, Pa.



## A CONFERENCE: TOMORROW'S OASIS TODAY

We have received this invitation from the Presque Isle Audubon Society. The Presque Isle Audubon Society, as you may know, shares with the Botanical Society the ownership of Titus Bog.

### Dear Prospective Participant:

On the 26-27 of September a conference on unique features of PRESQUE ISLE, Pennsylvania and the ERIE BAYFRONT will be held in Erie, Pennsylvania at Villa Maria College. A group of interested citizens organized this symposium with major funding from the Pennsylvania Coastal Zone Management Program of the Department of Environmental Resources, assisted by the Presque Isle Audubon Society and the Erie County Planning Department.

The purpose of this conference is to inform citizens, elected public officials, and interested organizations of the unique qualities of PRESQUE ISLE and the ERIE BAYFRONT. This conference intends to:

Acquaint participants with the unique features of the ERIE BAYFRONT and PRESQUE ISLE;

Present to the participants the management and development plans for the area;

Provide the format for future community resource input in form and personnel.

Speakers include representatives from CZM, DER, state parks, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, local authorities and a group of speakers noted for their expertise in areas of concern. A few of these include:

E. J. Kormondy - Ecology of Sandspit Ponds  
Morton Hoffman - Economics of Bayfront Development  
Bryon Greenwood - Coastal Geomorphology  
Dennis Whigham - Wetlands and Their Importance

A roundtable discussion will follow the first evening meal. On the second day, field trips will provide firsthand observation of the ERIE BAYFRONT and PRESQUE ISLE. This will be followed by a wrap-up discussion.

We anticipate input to the following questions: How many tourists can Presque Isle and the bayfront accommodate? How much parking is needed or should be available? What parameters should be considered to ensure a healthy, balanced environment? Should there be green areas along the bayfront? Where are the ecologically sensitive areas of Presque Isle and the bayfront? In what way can tourism be made a positive factor for the area?

Tentative registration fees are \$16 for the two days which includes meals for the first day. An observer registration fee of \$10 for the first evening includes the meal. A student registration fee is \$5 which does not include any meals. Registration forms and the complete program will be mailed in late August.

There is an opportunity for a few to go Coho fishing the day before the conference (25 September). The cost is \$67 for the day (7 AM - 5 PM) or \$46 for a half day (1 PM - 6 PM). A reservation deposit of \$20 should be sent to Capt. Walt Thompson, 201 Honey Brook, Girard, PA 16417 by 19 August. Include your name, address and phone number (work and home) and indicate you will be attending the Bayfront-Presque Isle Conference.

We look forward to your participation in this very important conference. The future of the BAYFRONT and PRESQUE ISLE depends on your input. We hope this symposium can assist all interested groups in working together for an attractive area for all.

Carolyn Baxter, Education Chairman  
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## TOUR OF ENLOW FORK VALLEY

Association for Rural Conservation is sponsoring a walking tour of Enlow Fork valley on September 14 for those who would like to see the valley in the fall season. Participants will meet at the Firehall in Wind Ridge at 9 A.M. to car pool to a location near the proposed dam site. Driver pickup will be provided at 1 1/2 and at 3 miles where the walk will end at the fallen Fisher bridge. The USDA Soil Conservation Service expects to start construction of the "dry" dam this fall, so there is a question as to what the valley will look like next year. Info from Wheatley and Buckbee at (412)428-3709 after Labor Day.

(Bob Buckbee/Arabelle Wheatley)