

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

MARCH MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 9 - at 8:00 P.M. - at our usual meeting place, which is Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Our speaker will be Sr. Bernadette Fondi, Ph.D. on the subject "The Power of Plants to Survive and Sustain".

IT'S SNOW BIG DEAL

We have been very fortunate. I can't remember when we ever had to call off a meeting because of snow.

It could happen, though. Even San Diego had snow last week. We wouldn't want any member trudging through the snow to a meeting that had been cancelled. So, we worked out this plan at our February meeting.

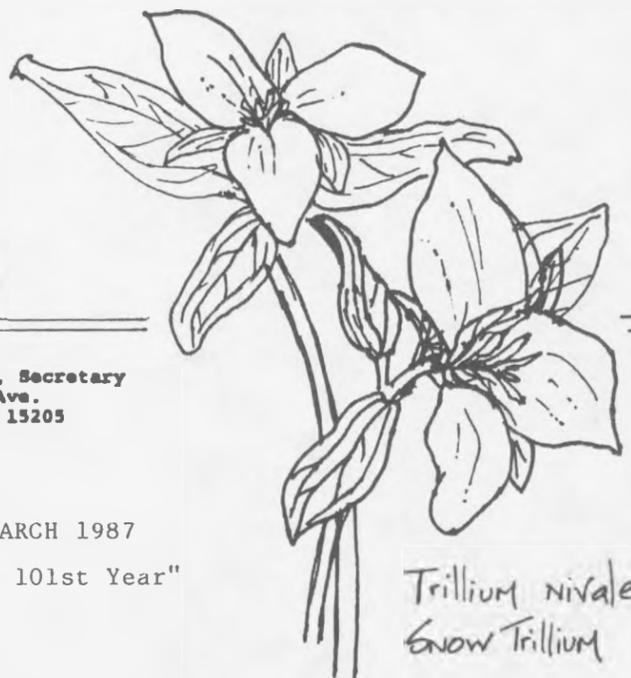
In an iffy situation, when there is some doubt as to whether the meeting will take place, our president will make a firm decision by 5 P.M. She will then notify these five members --

Bob Dahl = 921-1797
Virginia Craig = 683-1444
Walt Gardill = 364-5308
Myrta Macdonald = 741-8074
Bob Morgan = 882-04833

Any members planning to attend the night's meeting can then phone any of the five to get a definite answer - yes or no. Don't wait until the last minute to check. Remember, the five on the list need time to get to the meeting, maybe even extra time if the roads are bad.

Save the list of numbers for future reference.

Robert F. Bahl, Secretary
401 Clearview Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
(412)921-1797



MARCH 1987
"Our 101st Year"

Trillium nivale
Snow Trillium

TRILLIUM NIVALE

This sketch of the Snow Trillium is from one of our newer members, Beth Hedin.

Where can you find Snow Trillium? I have seen it at --

1. Guffey Hollow
2. North Park
3. The hillside along Rte. 30 approaching Raccoon Creek Park
4. Our back yard

WEEK ON THE BRUCE

We haven't yet received any sign-off notice for the week on the Bruce Peninsula in June, so there must still be room.

The Botanical Society's contingent is now up to seven. Any more?

If you have any questions, call me at 921-1797.

OUR NEW TREASURER

Here is the address of our new treasurer:

Walter J. Gardill
Box 226, Grosick Road
Ingomar, PA 15127

If you have not yet submitted your 1987 dues, send it in to Walt right away.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

We're not talking about the check for \$5 that you sent in. That's only enough to cover the cost of getting these bulletins to you.

We are referring to your personal participation in the activities of the Society. Among these are our field trips - almost every Saturday from April to October.

Esther Allen is working on a field trip schedule right now. She needs a pool of members who are willing to lead field trips. If every able-bodied member would offer to lead just one field trip during the season, Esther's job would be a breeze.

So, get on the phone and call Esther. Her number is 366-0786. Don't say nobody ever asked you. We're asking you right now.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to our Society --

Eleanor M. Iwinski of North Huntingdon, Pa.
Susan G. Hitchins of Irwin, Pa.
Dorothy Kotsenas of Greensburg, Pa.
Nancy A. Prentice of New Castle, Pa.
Charles & Martha Oliver of Scottdale, Pa.
J. Robert Miller of Bedford, Pa.

Mr. Miller's membership was sponsored by our Oregon member, Bette Bates. When Bette was back here around the end of the year, she spread the word about the Botanical Society.

PHIPPS SPRING FLOWER SHOW
March 22 - April 20



United States Department of the Interior NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FORT NECESSITY NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD
FRIENDSHIP HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

The National Pike
RD 2, BOX 528
Farmington, Pennsylvania 15437

IN REPLY REFER TO

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February 4, 1987

Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, President
Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Carlow College, Biology Department
3333 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Dear Dr. Haywood:

On behalf of the staff of Fort Necessity National Battlefield and the National Park Service, I would like to express to you my sincere appreciation for the Great Meadows botanical survey that your organization completed for us in 1986. The high degree of professionalism and the expertise that is apparent in the final list and photographs should make the members of the Society very proud.

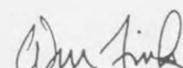
I find the final product of this extensive project to be organized, accurate, neat, and very fitting to our needs. The inclusion of which species are "alien" within the plant list is most helpful to us in natural resource management planning. The large number of Compositae that were identified is a wonderful accomplishment, especially the identification, to species, of five goldenrods.

The plant photographs are important tools for many of our programs here including the restoration of the historic scene, interpretive exhibits, maintenance management, exotic plant control, and employee training. Some of the photographs are being reproduced for inclusion in slide strips to be sold at our visitor center. This will permit visitors to the Fort to take a part of the Great Meadows home with them. This botanical survey is a giant step in completing one of our primary natural resource management projects to inventory all plant and animal species found within Fort Necessity National Battlefield.

There are two more things I would like to know in regards to the project. Would you show, on the enclosed map, the area of Fort Necessity that was surveyed by the Society? I think it would be beneficial to have that information with the final report for future use. I also would like to know what the asterisk identifies, as it is used to mark some of the scientific names on the plant list.

Please extend my gratitude to all the members of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania, who contributed so much of their time and skill for the benefit of Fort Necessity National Battlefield.

Sincerely,


William O. Fink
Superintendent