

# Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## APRIL MEETING

April showers bring "Plants of Wet Places" by Howard McIlvried. That will be our program for Monday, April 13. It will be at the usual time, 8:00 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Parking is safe, convenient, free.

## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All field trips are scheduled on Saturdays. The rendezvous time is 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions, call our Field Trip Chairman, Esther Allen, at 366-0786.

April - the month of enchantment!

### April 11 RACCOON CREEK WILDFLOWER RESERVE

Meet at Wildflower Reserve parking lot, Rt. 30 just east of Park entrance. Leader, Virginia Craig.

### April 18 - NORTH PARK

Meet at Pie Traynor Ballfield Parking Lot near the swimming pool. There should be Trailing Arbutus in abundance. Leader, Roger Kennedy.

### April 25 - CONNOQUENESSING CREEK AT BEAVER RIVER

This appears to be an interesting area. It was recommended by Mr. Buker and will be new territory for most of us. Take Turnpike West to Exit #2, route 18 to Koppel, route 351 across Beaver River and park on left at end of bridge; or from Zelienople take route 288 to Ellwood City and route 351 to bridge crossing Beaver River. Leader, Esther Allen.

May - the month of wonder!

### May 2 - JEFFERSON LAKE STATE PARK, OHIO

This is a small park rich in wildflowers, and it should be interesting to explore. Take route 22 to Steubenville and from there Ohio state route 43 approximately 15 miles. Watch for State Park sign by road on right. Meet at first parking area. Leader, Esther Allen.

### May 9 - GUFFEY HOLLOW

Meet at Irwin Turnpike Interchange Park-and-Ride lot. We shall be seeing Blue-Eyed-Mary and a host of other spring wildflowers. Leader, Peggy Wisner.

## NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

By the time you receive this bulletin, Anne and I will be on our way to another Elderhostel adventure. This time we are going to South Georgia College in Douglas, Georgia.

One course we will be taking is "The Mystery of Ferns". The instructor is Lloyd H. Snyder, Jr., co-author of the book, Field Guide to the Ferns and other Pteridophytes of Georgia.



Another course is entitled "Okefenokeeology". It is an on-site study of the flora and fauna of Okefenokee Swamp.

Elderhostel programs are open to anybody 60 years or older. (Anne is past 60, which also makes me eligible.) There are thousands of Elderhostel courses, given in 48 states and 25 foreign countries. Quite a few of them involve some aspect of botany.

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Our 101st Year

## DIPSACUS SYLVESTRIS

This is a reproduction of a nature print made by Virginia Craig. Virginia made the print from the dried flower head of an actual teasel plant.

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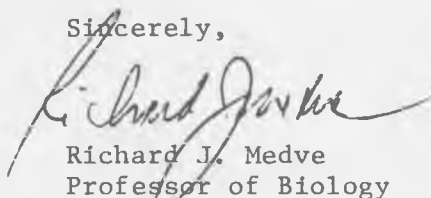
Dr. Richard J. Medve, a long-time member of the Botanical Society, is writing a new book, as you will see from this letter he wrote to Esther Allen --

Mrs. Esther G. Allen  
107 Idaway Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Dear Esther:

Thanks for the invitation to lead a field trip for the Botanical Society. For the next two years, however, I will have to decline your offer. I am writing a book on edible wild plants and will be on a sabbatical leave during the summers of 1987-88 to complete the field work for the book. During the summer of 1989 I will lead a walk for you that will emphasize edible wild plants. The author of the latest book on edibles will be available on that day to autograph copies of the book!

Sincerely,

  
Richard J. Medve  
Professor of Biology

## A WEEK ON THE BRUCE

Nine members of the Botanical Society have already signed up for the June 12 week on Canada's Bruce Peninsula...with several more "probables".

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	Price	Qty.	Total
Checklist of the Flowering Plants and Ferns of Allegheny County. L.K. Henry & W.E. Buker, 123 pp. 1951.	\$2.00	_____	_____
Ferns and Flowering Plants of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, D.L. Pearth. 115 pp. 1975.	\$3.00	_____	_____
Vascular Flora of Bedford County, Pa. L.K. Henry. 178 pp. 1978.	\$3.00	_____	_____
Western Pennsylvania Orchids. L.K. Henry, W.E. Buker, & D.L. Pearth, 75 pp. 1975.	\$3.00	_____	_____
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