

# Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## MAY MEETING

Our next meeting - Monday, May 11, 8 P.M. - will be held in Kresge Theatre on the Carlow Campus. Note that this is not our usual meeting place (Trinity Hall). Park in the same area as always.

Bob Little, author of a number of books on the subject and considered the foremost authority on Nature Printing, will give a demonstration. He will also have an exhibit in Carlow's Mellon Galleries, followed by a reception.

Needed are volunteers to hang prints on Monday, May 11 in the afternoon, receptionists, etc. To offer your services, call Dr. Mary Joy Haywood at 578-6175 or 627-7747.



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## MAY 1987

OUR 101ST YEAR

## SASSAFRAS ALBIDUM

The familiar mitten shape of the sassafras leaf is one of Bob Little's nature prints, also the fern to the left.

## WHAT GOES ON HERE?

Lots of things happening in the Botanical Society:

1. The Society planted its Centennial Tree at Carlow on April 13... Franklinia alatamaha.

2. We are considering two classification projects, Friendship Hill and Panther Hollow. We shall discuss them at our May meeting. We need your input.

3. Orders for photos of the Centennial Dinner will be taken at the May meeting.

4. Old issues of Trillia will be for sale at the May meeting.

5. A newly published book - Uncommon Fruits and Vegetables - can be ordered from Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, 15.68.

## PASTURE AND RANGE PLANTS

Many of us were impressed by the Phillips Petroleum book, Pasture and Range Plants, when we saw it at a recent Botanical Society meeting.

The price of the book is \$17.50, including all shipping and handling. Order from --

Fort Hays State University  
600 Park Street, Box 272  
Hays, Kansas 67601

## SUMMER WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

Members of the Botanical Society are invited to Oglebay Institute's Summer Wildflower Weekend at Terra Alta Mountain Camp, Terra Alta, WV, August 21-23.

Allison Cusick!!!! will lead the foray into the West Virginia high plateau country.

The weekend package is \$45 per person including meals, program, and tent lodging. We will have registration forms available at our May meeting.

I have been to an Oglebay weekend at Terra Alta, and personally would rate it A+.

## AN OPEN LETTER FROM PAUL WIEGMAN

### Members of the Botanical Society:

The Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory (PNDI) continues to collect information concerning the location, population size, and the status of endangered, threatened and rare plants in western Pennsylvania.

In 1986 our field work relocated several stands of *Viola appalachensis* in Somerset Co.; examined the *Cypripedium reginae* colony at Boleratz Fen, Erie Co.; located a new colony of *Dodecatheon meadia* in Bedford Co.; reviewed the status of several aquatic species growing in northwestern PA. glacial lakes; and visited other sites of special concern plants in western Pennsylvania.

This work is the basis for protecting these significant plants and habitats. Through the PA Department of Environmental Resources regulations or by pointing out critical areas which become projects of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, many significant plants and communities saved.

Part of the PNDI field effort is accomplished by dedicated volunteers; several of which are Botanical Society members. We thank them for their generous donation of their time and talents.

Others of you might also be interested in helping. Volunteers are provided with a list of species and locations in an area you choose. We will show you how, and what to look for in the field. If you find the plant, you will have several forms to fill out.

If you prefer confidentiality of the location, we provide that through several levels of security built into the system.

If you would like to do some field work for PNDI we would be glad to help you get started. Contact either:

Paul Wiegman or Charles Bier  
Western Pennsylvania Conservancy  
316 Fourth Ave  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
(412) 288-2777

## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All field trips are 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.

### 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. (Note: Allison Cusick tells us that the Trillium here is a hybrid, *T. erectum* X *flexipes*.)

### 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.

### May 16 - CEDAR CREEK PARK, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Meet at the Howard Johnson parking lot at junction of Routes 51 and I-70. Leader, Mark Bowers.

### May 23 - BEAVER COUNTY

In an area not previously visited by the Botanical Society we expect to see large stations of Pink Lady's Slipper and Whorled Pogonia. Meet at the Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve Parking Lot. Leader, Scott Shriner.

### May 30 - PANTHER HOLLOW, SCHENLEY PARK

We will be conducting a plant survey for the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. Meet at the small nature center in Schenley Park opposite Phipps Conservatory.

### June 6 - TITUS BOG

The Presque Isle Audubon Society members will join us on this outing. Meet at the rest stop on U.S. 6 and Route 89 between Union City and Corry. Leader, Bob Morgan.

### June 13 - FRIENDSHIP HILL

The National Park Service has asked us to conduct a plant survey here. From Pittsburgh take I-79 south to the Masontown exit (No. 21). As you come into Masontown, watch for brown and white signs directing you to Friendship Hill.