

Wildflowers

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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.

July 4 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

July 11 - SOUTH PARK

Meet at Park Headquarters on Brownsville Road just off intersection with Corrigan Drive. In addition to exploring for new plant species, we will learn about the edibility of some plants. Leader, John Doyle, Park Naturalist.

July 18 - EMLENTON, VENANGO COUNTY

Go north on I-79 to Route 80. Go east on 80, exit at Route 38 and follow 38 into Emlenton. Meet at Post Office parking lot on left after crossing river into town. Hopefully, Lizard's Tail and Helleborine Orchid will be on the agenda. Leader, Bob Hedin.

July 25 - ALLEN'S JUNGLE

107 Idaway Drive, Ross Twp., Allegheny County..... From Pittsburgh, follow McKnight Road north to Siebert Road (immediately past McKnight-Siebert Shopping Center). Turn left on Siebert and follow to Evergreen Road. Turn right on Evergreen and follow to Idaway Drive, the first street on right. 107 is the third house on the left. Guaranteed to be the most plant species for the shortest walk on record.

August 1 - MORAINES STATE PARK

Meet at the bike rental parking lot on the North Shore Drive. We will see, along with other things, *Brassenia schreberi*, Water Shield. Leader, Esther Allen.

August 8 - WIND RIDGE

Take I-79 to Waynesburg exit, then west on Route 21 to Wind Ridge. Meet at the Stokes store parking area. Look for an Amoco sign. Leaders, Arabelle Wheatley and Bob Buckbee.



Summer place or year round FOR SALE by members moving to FL. 109 WILD WONDERFUL ACRES near Wind Ridge, Greene Co. 60mi. S. of Pgh. 1890 2 STORY FARMHOUSE completely renovated early 70's. 5rms. 1/2 baths, Aluminum siding, windows, storm windows, Fully insulated, stone fireplace. Full basement, all electric but gas well on property can be used. Not farmed for 40 years. Varied terrain, streams, hills, old woods, old fields, Apples, walnuts, berries. Walk deer trails to see wild flowers, MANY UNCOMMON SPECIES, or sit on the porch and smell the wild crab, listen to the chat, the cuckoo and all the rest. Asking \$60,000 CALL (412) 428-3709

BOB TEMPLETON

Bob Templeton, a member of the Botanical Society for more than 50 years, passed away in March. For many years, Bob had been Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Pittsburgh.

JULY 1987

Our 101st Year

Here is the other half of Peggy Wisner's notepaper, this time enlarged to double size

SUMMER WILDFLOWER WEEK-END

For information about the Wildflower Weekend August 21-23 at Terra Alta Mountain Camp, write Nature Education Dept., A. B. Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay, Wheeling, W. Va. 26003 or call the Nature Center at (304)242-6855.

The week-end package is \$45 per person including meals, program, and tent lodging. Allison Cusick will be leading the field trips.

WEEK ON THE BRUCE

We have a glowing report of our week on the Bruce Peninsula, but not enough space. We shall try to get it in the August issue.

NO MEETING THIS MONTH

Monthly meetings are not held in July or August.

EDE REPORTS ON FIELD TRIPS

Ede Mock has commented on three of our recent field trips. Similar reports from other members are definitely welcome. If we get two reports on the same trip, so much the better.

Pink Lady's Slippers by the Hundreds

On May 23 I went on my first botanical trip of the year. It really was a winner! We saw Pink Lady's Slippers by the hundreds - maybe by the thousands. All seemed to be at the peak of perfection and were in a beautiful woodland setting. Some were in large clumps of flowers. Others grew individually or in twos or threes. Intermingled were many whorled pogonias, a perfect little orchid with greenish sepals and a dainty little flower. We also saw yellow lady's slippers in a different area. Other flowers such as wood geraniums and a few violets were still in bloom. About 20 lucky people enjoyed the trip. The leader of the trip, Scott Shriver, deserves our thanks and commendation for a good choice and good planning. And he only got us lost once!

Schenley Park

Just 7 members came out for the plant survey in Panther Hollow. But what we lacked in quantity, we made up in quality, having 4 of the best botanists in the Society. You could say that Anne, Betty, and I helped make up the quantity. 146 species were seen. It was interesting to see all of the introduced trees and shrubs as well as the native plants. Most of us had never hiked under the bridge before. May 30.

Our Own Titus Bog

As usual, our leader took us into the bog by the "best, driest way". At least now we would have no trouble qualifying for the jungle corps! Many beautiful little *arethusa bulbosa* were seen. One specimen was at least twice as tall as the normal sized plant. Also, one grass pink, *calopogon pulchellus*, was in bloom, with many seen in bud. There should be a good display of white fringed orchid, *habenaria blephariglottis*, later. Over 30 Botanical and Erie Audubon members enjoyed the day, good weather and no thunderstorms such as we usually have. We came out through the black, muck moat, up to the knees -- and it seemed easy and short after the experience we had entering the bog. June 6.