

Wildflowers

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AUGUST FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

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

August 6 - MARKLEYSBURG BOG

From Uniontown, take Route 40 East. As you pass the Summit Hotel, check your odometer. In precisely 12.2 miles, there is a narrow lane off to the right, leading to a church campground. This is where we meet. (Going along Rte. 40, there is a large log building on the left. The campground road is just beyond this building.) We expect to see the Green Adder's-Mouth, *Malaxis unifolia*, and with luck we may find a Yellow Fringed Orchis, *Platanthera ciliata*, that has escaped the bulldozer. Leader, Hersch Leapman.

Aug. 13 - SLIPPERY ROCK CREEK, ARMSTRONG BRIDGE AREA

Take I-79 or Rte. 19 north to Portersville; Rte. 488 West to Heinz Camp Road (on right) and follow this road to parking area by the bridge. Leader, Esther Allen.

Aug. 20 - No hike scheduled

Aug. 27 - CEDAR CREEK PARK, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Meet at Howard Johnson parking area at junction of Routes 51 and I-70. We hope to see Blue Monkshood, *Aconitum uncinatum* along the river, plus many other fall flowers. Leader, Mark Bowers.

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Our 102nd Year



HEMEROCALLIS FULVA

This sketch of the Day-Lily was made by Sister Constance Bahl at Touchstone, June 28, 1988.

NO AUGUST MEETING

As usual, we have no monthly meeting in August. However, we do have four slide selection meetings. Come to one or all of these, and be a part of "Wildflowers of Pennsylvania".

NORTH PARK FIND

Esther Allen reports Sweet Pepperbush, *Clethra acuminata*, right here in North Park.

PHIPPS OUTDOOR GARDEN

The beautiful, new outdoor garden at Phipps Conservatory is open daily to the public. It includes a pink and silver garden, perennial, medieval herb and changing gardens, sunny shrub and semi-shade gardens, and a dwarf conifer collection.

Among the plants are rare, exotic, native and hybrid species. There are flowers to be seen from late winter until heavy frost.

Striking features in the garden are the fountains, the hibiscus and palms from the Conservatory, and the benches for enjoying the vistas at leisure.

Free tours are given on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Reserved tours are available at 50 cents per person. For reservations and additional information, call 622-6966.

Note: The garden has just been closed for additional construction and will be re-opened about mid-August.

- Anne Bahl

SLIDE SELECTION MEETINGS

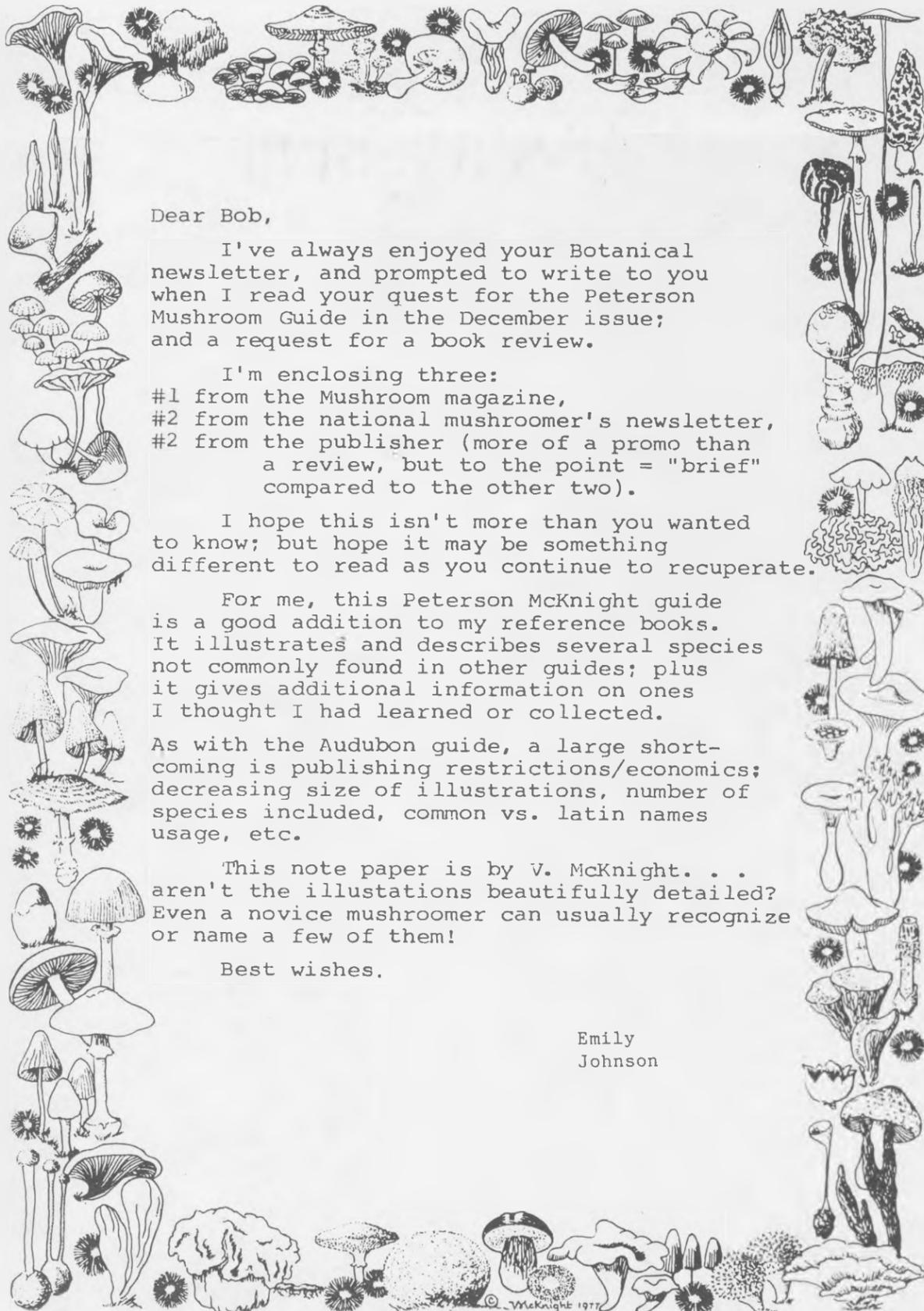
All members are invited to join in the selection of photographs for our book, "Wildflowers of Pennsylvania". Every one has an equal voice and an equal vote.

We use our regular meeting place, Trinity Hall on the Carlow Campus. Meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on these evenings:

Thursday, July 28
Monday, August 8
Tuesday, August 16
Wednesday, August 24
Wednesday, August 31

If you can't make the meeting but still want to submit slides for consideration, you can mail them to Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, Dept. of Biology, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213 -- or drop them off at the Convent on the Carlow Campus.

Call Bob Bahl at 921-1797 to find out which group of slides we will be working on at the next meeting night.



Dear Bob,

I've always enjoyed your Botanical newsletter, and prompted to write to you when I read your quest for the Peterson Mushroom Guide in the December issue; and a request for a book review.

I'm enclosing three:

#1 from the Mushroom magazine,
#2 from the national mushroomer's newsletter,
#2 from the publisher (more of a promo than a review, but to the point = "brief" compared to the other two).

I hope this isn't more than you wanted to know; but hope it may be something different to read as you continue to recuperate.

For me, this Peterson McKnight guide is a good addition to my reference books. It illustrates and describes several species not commonly found in other guides; plus it gives additional information on ones I thought I had learned or collected.

As with the Audubon guide, a large shortcoming is publishing restrictions/economics; decreasing size of illustrations, number of species included, common vs. latin names usage, etc.

This note paper is by V. McKnight. . . aren't the illustrations beautifully detailed? Even a novice mushroomer can usually recognize or name a few of them!

Best wishes.

Emily
Johnson