

# Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Monday, November 14, 8:00 PM - we have our regular monthly meeting at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., in Oakland. The program -

"Insects - Friends or Foes"

Esther Allen

We hope that Scott Shriver, our resident entomologist, will be able to attend.



## MAKE-UP NIGHT, NOVEMBER 8

By the time you receive this bulletin, we will have already selected 600 slides for our book, "Wildflowers of Pennsylvania". These are not necessarily final, because we have two goals -

1. To come up with the very best slide for each species.

2. To have the maximum number of members represented. Credits will be printed in the book.

These two goals are not incompatible. In fact, they complement each other. We are sure that there are some better slides that have not been submitted.

Therefore, we are having a make-up session on Tuesday, November 8. (Yes, we know it's Election Night.) If, for whatever reason, you didn't get those really good slides of yours in for the first judging, bring them in, and we shall compare them with our preliminary choice. You help with the choosing.

We shall be using our regular meeting place, which is Trinity Hall on the Carlow Campus. Starting time is 7 P.M.

If you can't come, then send your slides 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.

## QUEEN ANNE'S LACE

Flowerets delicate as the Queen's own lace,  
encircling 'round the ruby crown,  
Growing freely in land of waste,  
passed by all with unseemly haste.  
Pause -- and view this delicate tracery  
in country lane or city lot,  
Part of Nature's encompassing plan,  
created by God, but scorned by man.

- Ede Mock

## FIELD TRIP REPORT - SEPT. 17 - GREENE COUNTY

What a beautiful day for a botanical hike! It was overcast & rainy - with ominous black clouds forming in the West. But the cool air & moisture felt good & the colors were sharp & clear.

The woods were a fresh & hearty green. The blue lobelias were bluer than they were on any of our other trips. The tall bellflowers too. Purple loosestrife was a very bright purple, especially the younger ones.

The lichens were terrific - British soldiers, pixie cup, spoon lichens, & reindeer lichen - all fresh & holding their optimum moisture. We even saw sphagnum, a peat moss, growing on one hillside. The background was star moss. The ferns represented were Christmas, ebony spleenwort, & grape fern.

And both before our hike and afterward - Mrs. Haywood invited us to eat home-made vegetable soup, home-made bread & home-made apple pie. Delicious! We didn't need much persuasion.

We also hiked along the creek - which was full of minnows & farther downstream with muskies & suckers.

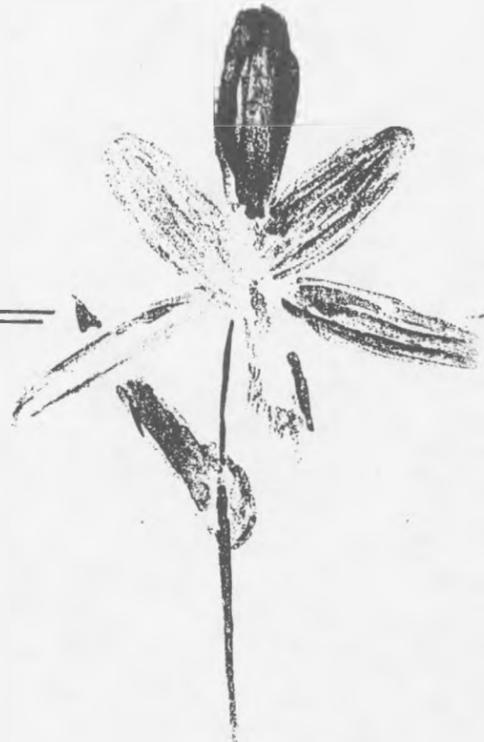
It was a very good & productive hike. Our thanks to Dr. Mary Joy & Mr. & Mrs. Haywood for their hospitality. Only 4 members present - the rest of you missed out on a great experience. (Ede Mock)

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## NOVEMBER

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## POGONIA OPHIOGLOSSOIDES

I take credit (or blame) for this water-color of the Rose Pogonia. It shows how the reds, greens, and yellows come out when printed in glorious black-and-white. (R. F. B.)



## WILDFLOWER OUTRAGE

While states like Texas and Ohio are spending thousands of dollars to plant wildflowers along the highways, the powers-that-be have ordered that the roadsides in North Park be sprayed to kill those same wildflowers.

Deplorable!



## FIELD TRIP REPORT - SEPT. 10 - RACCOON CREEK PARK

The dogwoods, maples & blackberries are starting to show their autumn colors in tones of red. The Virginia creeper is changing the grey bark of dead trees into beautiful displays of reds & greens. Even the Tree of Heaven is flaunting its golden leaves. Fall is nearly here!

We enjoyed a long hike through quiet woods near the base of a very high hill. There was a slight breeze - although the leaves on the trees farther up the hillside were barely moving.

Lavender & blue flowers - monkey flowers, tall bellflowers, blue lobelia, purple-stemmed & crooked-stemmed asters, blue vervain & forget-me-nots - still bloomed in shallow ditches beside the path. Most of the yellow composites are nearing the end of their summer except for some goldenrods.

Little brown toads were frequently seen as was a turtle nest with just the shells of the eggs remaining. Who knows if the turtles hatched out or were eaten by predators.

The park ranger showed us a hop vine near the park office. And we also saw black walnuts, hazelnuts, hickory nuts & maybe a butternut tree - looks like a good year for the squirrels and maybe some lucky people.

Esther led this most pleasant walk for ten Society members. (Ede Mock)



## OPEN HEART SURGERY

Tim Manka's mother is recuperating from a quintuple by-pass operation. She asks for our prayers.



## BEWARE THE RED DOT

Look at your name and address on the envelope. If it is preceded by a red dot like this •, it means your Botanical Society membership dues are delinquent, and this is the last issue of "Wildflowers" you will receive.

If you think our treasurer's list is in error, contact me, Bob Bahl, by November 18, and I will get you back on the mailing list.