

Wildflowers

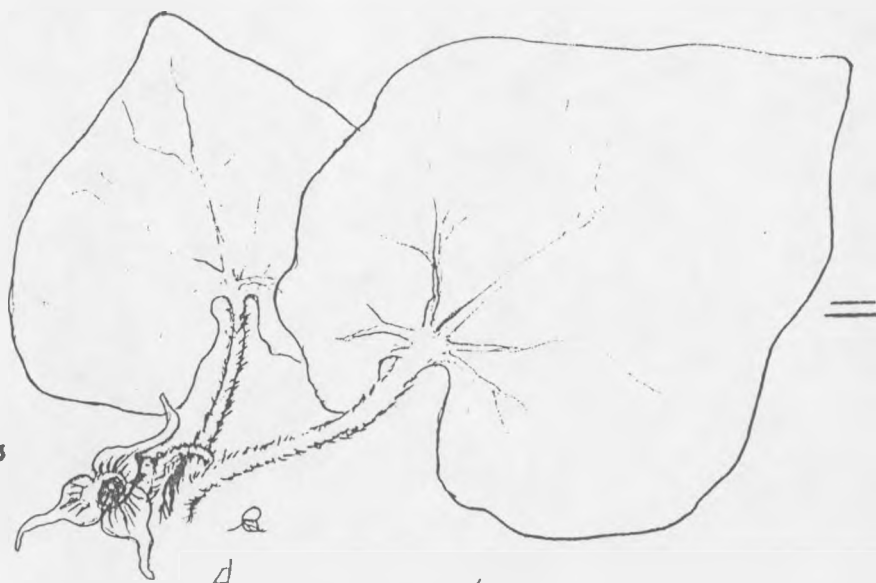
THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

MAY MEETING

Our next meeting - Monday, May 8 at 8 P.M. - at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Ede Mock will present a program, "Pleasure in a Pathless Wood."

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Asarum canadense
Wild Ginger

MAY 1989

Our 103rd Year

WILDFLOWERS OF PENNSYLVANIA

The next meetings of our committee for the Wildflower Book will be April 24 and May 16 at 7 P.M. at Carlow College.

- Mary Lou Brown

BETTY PUTNAM

Belatedly, we learned that our member, Betty Putnam, died this past December. All of us extend our sympathy to Sam Putnam.

BOB BUCKBEE

We enjoy keeping up with what the group is doing but won't be going on any field trips for a while yet. Won't be able to lead the local Spring Fling in Enlow Valley either as Bob had a severe stroke on our way back to Florida last May after leading the last one. Was in a hospital in North Carolina for two months. He is back to walking 1½ to 2 miles a day and is able to use the right hand for some things but speech is still only fragmentary - very frustrating. We think of you often and hope to make it to one of your outings maybe next year.

- Arabelle Wheatley

ASARUM CANADENSE

We have another delightful sketch from Phyllis Monk, this time of the Wild Ginger. The specimen was found in the Raccoon Wildflower Reserve.

DR. MARY JOY HAYWOOD

Mary Joy is back from her 'round-the-world adventure. She surprised us by popping up at the April meeting.

TITUS BOG REMINDER

If you're planning to visit the Titus Bog Sanctuary (owned jointly by the Botanical Society and the Presque Isle Audubon Society) you are reminded of the following:

1. Scheduled field trips are limited to two per year.
2. Random patrols are still being made at the Sanctuary.
3. Unscheduled visits should be made known to Sanctuary Chairman, Jim Stull, at 661 Benson Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 or phone (814)796-2070.
4. Try to limit the number in your party to six people.
5. No collecting of plants or animals is permitted.

- Jim Stull

VIRGINIA CRAIG

The last we heard from Virginia, she was on her way to Belize or some place like that. Can't keep track of that girl!

RED DOTS

Are those red dots still in front of your name on the envelope? If so, have you sent in your 1989 dues?

MAY 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, Scott Shriver, at 741-9249.



5-6-89 - POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST, Mahoning County, Ohio

From Pa. Turnpike (I-76) travel into Ohio and take the first Ohio exit, 16A. Proceed north on Rte. 680 toward Youngstown for 3.7 miles to second exit, #11. Turn right onto Rte. 224, Canfield-Poland Road (also known as Boardman-Poland Road), and continue on Route 224 to first traffic light. Turn right onto Rte. 170 to second traffic light, then right onto College St. Proceed to Parking Lot. Expectations: Trollius laxus (Spreading Globeflower) and Plantago cordata (no common name), Blue-eyed Mary, Virginia Bluebells, Wood Betony, Woodland Phlox (white variety) and other spring flora. Leaders: Al & Scott Shriver.

5-13-89 - CANOE CREEK STATE PARK, Blair County, Pa.

From Pittsburgh, take Rte. 22 east through Hollidaysburg, Blair County. About 7 or 8 miles east of Hollidaysburg, turn left onto Turkey Valley Road. (Watch for Canoe Creek S. P. sign.) Continue on Turkey Valley Road about 1/2 mile and turn right. Proceed to Park Office Building, our meeting place. This area should be new to most Botanical Society members. We will be seeing what is reported to be the largest stand of Cypripedium calceolus var. pubescens (Large Yellow Lady's-Slipper) in Western Pennsylvania. Also expect nice displays of Polygala paucifolia (Fringed Polygala), Aquilegia canadensis (Wild Columbine), and many violets. Leader: Al Shriver.

5-20-89 - SHALE BARRENS, Mineral County, W. Va. and FORD HILL RESERVE, Allegany County, Md.

From Pittsburgh, Take I-79 south to Morgantown; US 48 to Cumberland; and US 220 south. On Rte. 220, go about 8 or 9 miles south and look for Barton's Restaurant (large plastic cow in front), where we will meet our leader. It is reasonable to assume we will see these species in bloom at the Shale Barrens - Trifolium virginicum (Kate's Mountain Clover), Viola pedata (Birdsfoot Violet), Senecio antennariifolius (Shale Ragwort), Clematis albicoma (Shale leatherflower), and Lithospermum canescens (Hoary Puccoon). We will also see other non-blooming shale barrens endemic species. We should see these species in bloom at Ford Hill Reserve - Campanula rotundifolia (Harebell), Delphinium tricornis (Dwarf Larkspur), and Dodecatheon meadia + Dodecatheon amethystinum (Shooting Stars)!!! Leader, Dick Sluss.

5-27-89 - PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK, Erie County, Pa.

Drive north on I-79 to Erie (where I-79 ends) and follow signs directing to Presque Isle. Meet at Park Administration Building. We hope to see Lithospermum croceum (Hairy Puccoon) and Lupinus perennis (Wild Lupine). Members should be prepared to protect themselves against ticks. Light colored clothing with no (or little) exposed skin and a 50% Deet spray will be helpful! Leaders: Evelyn Anderson and Bob Sundy.

6-3-89 - TITUS BOG, Warren County, Pa.

Our own bog, jointly owned by the Botanical Society and the Presque Isle Audubon Society! As always, we plan to meet at the Rte. 6 rest stop just east of the Rte 89 junction between Union City and Corry. Our hope is to see a prime display of Arethusa bulbosa (Arethusa) and other bog endemic plants. Leader: Esther Allen.

- Scott Shriver