

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

MAY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 14, at 8 P.M. - at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 5th Ave., Oakland.

Mr. Richard McCoy, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Biologist, will present a program, "Mechanisms for Protecting our Wetlands".



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TITUS BOG

If you're planning to visit the Titus Bog (jointly owned by the Botanical Society of W. Pa. and the Presque Isle Audubon Society), you are reminded to let us know.

Scheduled field trips are limited to two per year, but you may visit the bog by contacting Jim Stull, Titus Bog Sanctuary Chairman. We ask you to limit your party to six people. Absolutely no collecting of plants or animals is permitted. Random patrols are still being made at the Sanctuary.

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PUBLICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Next meeting - Monday, May 7, 7:00 P.M. at Carlow. All members are welcome; this is not a closed group.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field trips are on Saturdays. Meeting time, through the month of May, is 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions concerning our field trips, call our Field Trip Chairman, Scott Shriver, at 744-9249.

5-5-90 - HELL HOLLOW, McCONNELL'S MILL STATE PARK
Lawrence County, Pa.
Leader: Scott Shriver

See last month's bulletin.

5-12-90 - QUEBEC RUN WILD AREA, FORBES STATE FOREST
Fayette County, Pa.
Leader: Scott Shriver

From Uniontown, take U. S. 40 East to the top of Chestnut Ridge. Turn right (south) immediately after Summit Inn onto Seaton Road. (This is also the turn-off for Laurel Caverns.) Go 6.5 miles to a left turn onto Mud Pike Road, an unmarked artery that branches off to the left just as Seaton Road curves sharply right at the 6.5 mile mark. Follow Mud Pike for 1.4 miles. Park in the hard-surfaced parking lot on the right side of the road.

This should be a new hiking area for most members of the Botanical Society. We will be in a forest setting and can expect to see many varieties of woodland wildflowers.

5-19-90 - RESTHAVEN WILDLIFE REFUGE, CASTALIA
Erie County, Ohio
Leader: Albert Shriver

Castalia is about 250 miles from Pittsburgh, so allow yourself ample time. Take the Ohio Turnpike to the Sandusky (Route 250) Exit. Then, turn right (north) on Route 250 for 6 miles, left on Route 2 for 6 miles, and left on Route 101 into the town of Castalia. From Castalia take Route 269 northward. The entrance to Resthaven is just a few hundred feet north of the entrance to "The Blue Hole" on the opposite side of the road. Meet in the parking lot near the Resthaven entrance.

The Botanical Society last visited Resthaven in 1985. We expect to see hundreds of the rare *Cypripedium candidum* (Small White Lady's-Slipper) orchids blooming in a wet marl prairie. Also expected are *Smilacina stellata* (Star-flowered Solomon's Seal), *Potentilla argentea* (Silvery Cinquefoil), and *Senecio pauperculus* (Balsam Ragwort).



MORCHELLA ESCULENTA

This illustration of the Yellow Morel in a patch of *Asarum canadense* (Wild Ginger) started out as a color photograph by our member and mycologist, Emily Johnson. We made a stat of it with a copying machine. Then it was put on a printing plate. The result -- we have lost the beautiful color and shading of Emily's original photograph, but we do have an artistic rendering in black and white.

Members, we welcome your contributions for this corner of "Wildflowers". Our reserve of illustrations is running thin.

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BOB BUCKBEE

Bob is improving slowly after the stroke almost two years ago. We are able to go places around here but I'm afraid we won't be back to PA very often so you'd better drop us from your list. Bob is busy with a big needlepoint project of sandhill cranes and I am trying to do Japanese brush painting. Best of luck on all the group's projects.

- Arabelle Wheatley

Editor's Note: We are not taking them off our list. Bob and Arabelle will always be on our mailing list no matter where they are.

5-26-90 - WOLF CREEK NARROWS (CONSERVANCY SIDE)
Butler County, Pa.
Leader: Howard McIlvried

From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North to the Slippery Rock Exit. Turn left onto Route 108 and proceed into the town of Slippery Rock. At the light in town, turn left on Route 258. Go one block and turn left on Water Street. Follow Water Street for about 2 miles until it crosses Wolf Creek on an iron bridge. Cross the bridge and park in the small parking area to the left.

Members should expect to see a plethora of late spring flora including a nice display of *Galeris spectabilis* (Showy Orchis). Other highlight species may include *Orobanche uniflora* (One-flowered Cancer-root), *Hydrastis canadensis* (Goldenseal), and *Arisaema triphyllum* (Jack-in-the-Pulpit).

6-2-90 - POWDERMILL NATURE RESERVE
Westmoreland County, Pa.
Leader: Bob Lederman

From Pittsburgh, take Route 30 East through Ligonier, then right (south) on Route 381. Proceed on Route 381 to Powdermill and meet at the Nimick Nature Center.

We will explore some of the flora around Powdermill, which should, hopefully, include a nice stand of *Spiranthes lucida* (Wide-leaved Ladies-tresses).

SPECIAL NOTE

Starting in June, all Botanical Society hikes will begin at 12:00 NOON rather than 1:30 P.M. Many members have been asking for an earlier start time for our hikes. If you have any problems with this "new" start time, please give me a call at 741-9249.

- Scott Shriver