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**THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.**

**MAY MEETING**

At our next meeting—8:00 P.M., Monday, May 13 at Carlow College’s Trinity Hall, our president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, will present the program

"Life on the Prairie Biome"

Prairies appear bleak and barren and flat. Hopefully, this presentation will prove all three of the above to be incorrect.

The area is unmarked and just inaccessible enough to remain unknown and untrampled. Although there aren't any rare plants, the expected varieties are plentiful. Along the way you'll see banks covered with wild Ginger and white and red Trilliums. Between the Mertensia patches are Violets, Squaw-Corn, Toothwort, Leeks, False Solomon's Seal, Selwyn's Seal, Jack in the Pulpit, May Apple, wild Lilly of the Valley, and Wood Anemone. You could see a greater variety by popping over to Raccoon Creek State Park, but their Mertensia display can't hold a candle to Stalk, Uvularia, Dwarf Ginseng and Wood Anemone. Members should be prepared for a mildly strenuous hike with at least 4 creek crossings and some banks to climb. Wear sturdy boots.

This isn't a trip for everyone, because of the time and effort required to reach the site. Traditionally take a leisurely 45 minute walk through the woods on the way down. This isn't a trip for everyone, because of the Lime and plastic surface. Ink is then rubbed over the indentation for Wissahickon's program. It's in "Dry Dot". Expect to see Virginia Bluebells, Solomon's Seal, Canada Mayflower, Twisted Stalk, Dwarf Ginseng, Wood Sorrel, and Wood Anemone. Members should be prepared for a mildly strenous hike with at least 4 creek crossings and some banks to climb. Wear sturdy boots.

May 4 — KNOW Fork natural area, Greene County, PA

Leader: Bob Morgan

Refer to April issue of "Wildflowers"

May 11 — SHALE barrens and Fort hill Reserve, Mineral County, WV and Allegany County, MD.

Leader: R. Bahl

Refer to April issue of "Wildflowers"

May 18 — SIX-MILE CREEK, ERIE County, PA

Leader: Tim Lyons

Start Time: 12:00 Noon

Directions: Take I-79 North into Erie County and I-90 East. Exit I-90 at Route 430 (the 4th exit) and meet in the N. E. corner of the "Country Fair" store. Expectations: (As per Tim Lyons letter of 3-27). Expect to see Virginia Bluebells, Solomon's Seal, Canada Mayflower, Twisted Stalk, Dwarf Ginseng, Wood Sorrel, and Wood Anemone. Members should be prepared for a mildly strenous hike with at least 4 creek crossings and some banks to climb. Wear sturdy boots.

May 25 — JENNINGS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER, BUTLER COUNTY, PA

Leader: Virginia Phelps

Start Time: 1:30 P.M.

Directions: Take I-79 North, Route 422 East, and Route 528 North to Jennings. Meet in the Nature Center parking area on the right.

Expectations: Virginia will lead us through a Jennings that few of us know - a Jennings of springtime. We will stroll through the woodland trails in search of Wild Geranium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Wild Oats, Violets, and White Clintonia. Then we'll move out into the prairie area to view the emergence of the summer flora. Virginia will also show us her American Columbus research site.

June 1 — No hike scheduled.

June 8 — TITUS Bog, HELL'S 1/4 ACRE Bog, and TOPLOVICH Bog, ERIE and WARREN Counties, PA.

Leader: Esther Allen

Start Time: 12:00 Noon

Directions: Take I-79 North and Route 6 East. We will meet at the Route 6 rest stop (although it is officially closed) just east of the Route 89 junction between Union City and Corry.

Expectations: Esther will take us on a whirlwind tour of bog country. Expect to see orchids - Arethusa, Rose Pogonia, and Southern Twayblade. We will also see Buckbean (it should be blooming), Three-leaved Solomon's Seal, Pitcher Plant, Sundew, and many other interesting plants. Plan to get wet feet.

June 15 — No hike scheduled.