

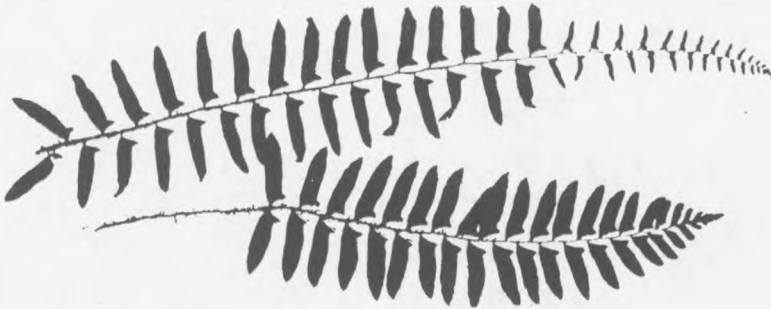
Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

April 1992

APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 13 at 8 PM -- at our usual meeting place, Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland.



Bonnie and Joe Isaac will present the program, "Ferns of Pennsylvania".

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REMINDER

Red dot in front of your name! Are your dues paid for 1992?

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field trips are on Saturdays unless otherwise specified. (We have a Monday trip on April 20). Any questions? Call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski, 412-343-6546.

March 28 - FRANKFORT SPRINGS and RACCOON CREEK
Refer to March issue of "Wildflowers".

April 4 NO TRIP SCHEDULED

April 11 - SETTLERS CABIN PARK
Refer to March issue of "Wildflowers". However, note this correction to the directions in the March bulletin: "from Parkway West...drive up hill and proceed straight through the four-way intersection..."

April 18 - EASTER SATURDAY, NO TRIP SCHEDULED

April 20, Monday - DUFF PARK, MURRYSVILLE, PA
Starting Time - 9:30 AM...until 12:00 noon
Leader - Emily Johnson

Directions: From Turnpike Exit 6 (Monroeville), take Rt. 22 east through Murrysville to School Road South. From the Turnpike, School Road South is 5.5 miles through seven traffic lights. Turn right at the Manordale Service Station, cross the railroad tracks and watch for the entrance to Duff Park on the right.

Expectations: This unusual weekday walk will emphasize fungi taxonomy. If fungi are few, this old growth forest also has a variety of spring ephemerals, trees, mosses, and ferns to enjoy. Paths range from easy to moderately difficult.

April 25 - CEDAR CREEK, WESTMORELAND COUNTY
Starting Time - 1:30 PM
Leader - Mark Bowers

Directions: Meet in the parking lot of the Howard Johnson's at the junction of Routes 51 and I-70.
Expectations: We should see a full range of spring species.

May 2 - TOMLINSON RUN STATE PARK, HANCOCK COUNTY, WV
Starting Time - 1:30 PM
Leader - Carl Patsche

Directions: From Pittsburgh take the Parkway West to Routes 22-30 West. Exit to Rt. 30 at Imperial. Proceed past Clinton and Raccoon Creek State Park. Just beyond the West Virginia state line, turn south on Rt. 8 and drive about 10 miles to the park entrance. We will meet in the swimming pool lot. From Weirton drive north about 10 miles to New Cumberland on Rt. 2. At the north end of New Cumberland the highway divides to form Routes 8 and 2. Take Rt. 8 up the hill and to the right about 5 miles to reach the park entrance.

Expectations: The park's Laurel and White Oak Trails feature large rock outcrops and their associated vegetation. Along the edges of the stream are phlox, trout lilies, and trilliums. In the rock talus are rock cresses, saxifrages, stonecrops, and columbines. Walking time is about an hour.

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DRYOPTERIS PHEGopteris

The silhouette of the Long Beech Fern, as well as the *Polystichum acrostichoides* that illustrates the April program, come from Esther Allen's collection.

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WE ARE INVITED

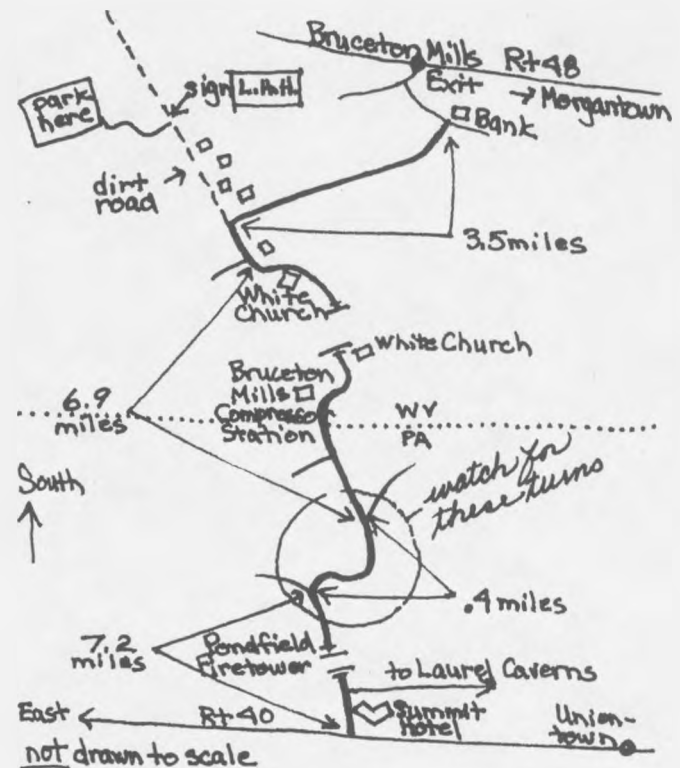
The annual Joint Field Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America, the Torrey Botanical Club, and the Philadelphia Botanical Club will be held on June 21 to June 25 (Sunday to Thursday) at Wilson College in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Field trips are planned to a variety of habitats in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and nearby West Virginia, including diabase outcrops, marl marshes, flood plains, vernal ponds, the C & O Canal, and upland and lowland forests. Evening programs will deal with various aspects of the flora and ecology of Pennsylvania.

The cost will be \$170 per person, double occupancy; this includes eleven meals and four nights' housing, plus trips, local transportation, and evening programs. Space is limited and prior registration is required. For full details and registration information, contact Field Meeting Chairman Larry Klotz, Biology Department, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg PA 17257, telephone (717) 532-1402.

May 9 - LOU HENRY HOOVER NATURE SANCTUARY
Starting Time - 1:30 PM
Leader - Kitty Witz Manon

Directions: From Rt. 48, exit at Bruceton Mills. After crossing a bridge into town, turn right onto the first major street (if you go past the bank, you've missed the turn) and proceed 3.5 miles to a T intersection where you turn right onto a dirt road. From Rt. 40, turn at the Summit Hotel and follow the map past the second white church to the T intersection, where you will go straight onto the dirt road. Then proceed on the dirt road until you see a small white sign with L.H.H. in black letters. Turn left and drive to parking area.



Expectations: This property of the Girl Scouts of South West PA is maintained as a nature sanctuary to be used by its girl members. It is a prime location which contains all of the spring blooming plants of this southern area. We hope to see both pink and yellow lady's slippers and dwarf ginseng.

(I would also like to add that our leader, sanctuary director Kitty Witz Manon, is the daughter of past member Dr. Warren Witz, who worked with Dr. Otto Jennings.



LONG BEECH
DRYOPTERIS PHEGopteris