

Wildflowers

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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

No monthly meetings are scheduled for July or August.



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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field trips are on Saturdays. Any questions? Call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski, 412-343-6546.

August 8 - MARKLEYSBURG BOG, FAYETTE COUNTY

Starting Time 1:30 PM

Leader - Bob Morgan

Directions: From Uniontown take Rt 40 east. At the Summit Hotel begin to measure mileage. At 12.2 miles look for log buildings (Leber Bakery) on the left and an oversized sign on the right which reads "Truck Warning...". At the foot of this sign is a blacktop driveway into a church camp where we will meet.

Expectations: We will be looking for yellow fringed orchid and green adder's mouth.

August 15 - CHALK HILL BOG, STATE GAME LANDS 50, FAYETTE COUNTY

Starting Time - 1:30 P.M.

Leader - Howard McIlvried

Directions: From Uniontown take Rt. 40 east to Chalk Hill. Turn left on the road marked "to Ohiopyle" (2.2 miles from the Summit Hotel). After crossing over Deer Lake, take the first left turn. Travel 1.5 miles to marked parking area on the right.

Expectations: We will be looking for cross-leaved milkwort, thread-leaved sundew, and white trumpets (pitcher plants). There is another site nearby at Gibbon Glade, which reportedly has a very large station of cardinal flower; we could drive here afterwards.



August 22 - FOREST COUNTY

Starting Time - 1:30 PM

Leaders - Joe and Bonnie Isaac

Directions: Drive to Tionesta by the route most convenient for you. From the intersection of Routes 62 and 36, take 36 south. Turn left onto German Hill Road (east) and drive for 4 or 5 miles. At Kiser Corners turn right (south) onto Nebraska Road. Drive to the bridge (Nebraska Bridge Fish Commission Access Site), where we will meet to form carpools. Aside from exploring a new area, we will concentrate on identifying ferns.

August 29 - TEN MILE CREEK, GREENE COUNTY

Starting Time - 1:30 PM

Leader - Dr. Mary Joy Haywood

Directions: Take I-79 south and exit at Ruff Creek. Turn left and left again onto SR221. Continue 4 or 5 miles to Lippincott. Just past the second church (a converted red brick school, Faith Baptist), turn left and meet at the Haywood home (third house on the right, brick with tall columns). We will be looking for northern slender ladies' tresses amongst diverse summer flora.

September 5 - Labor Day Weekend-- no trip scheduled.

- Jeanne Poremski



THYMUS SERPYLLUM

Anne and I discovered a patch of *Thymus serpyllum* in St. Mary's Cemetery near McKees Rocks. The Atlas of the Flora of Pennsylvania does not show this for Allegheny County or any of the other counties in the southwest corner of the state.

DAHLIA HYBRID

We start off with an apology. Even before we go to press, we know that the printed result is not going to catch the subtle shading of the original drawing, submitted by Debbie Thompson, one of our newer members.

To all of our artists, we offer this suggestion. Forget the greys. With our form of printing, the greys come out either totally black or totally white.



MAY 30 FIELD TRIP - PRESQUE ISLE

It wasn't at all necessary for me to see a tick, especially on my person, to make me aware of the danger they represent. Fortunately, Larry Smith has several in his pickled collection & we had a good look at them and also learned more about them. I am not aware of any useful purpose that they serve and maybe they will all be eradicated eventually. Similar to the smallpox campaign when I was in grade school.

There must have been a big storm at Presque Isle before our arrival. There were leaves & bits of leaves scattered all over the ground.

The violets had just bloomed & were a grayish color. I have heard that violets are sometimes candied & eaten but can find no confirmation of this in my books. The cinquefoil was in bloom and there were lots of white flowers on the blackberries. The foamflower & honey locust were blooming. The young oak leaves had a beautiful reddish color - the chlorophyll hadn't completely taken over yet. The black raspberries had no hint of color yet in their green.

The wild four o'clock was displaying its pink flower - first time I have seen it in bloom. The poison ivy was flourishing as usual! There should be lots of red & black raspberries this summer - if there is a lot of rain.

It was great to see Great Blue Heron fly over - as well as Canada geese. Hairy puccoon was a beautiful, strong golden color. I had previously seen it in Canada. Wild lupine with its shades of blue & purple was lovely, as was Canada anemone.

Our thanks to Jeanne Poremski - good choice of location and timing.

- Ede Mock



THE MYSTERY OF THE GREEN DRAGON

When we returned from our trip west, we found a nice healthy specimen of *Arisaema dracontium* growing in a dry part of our garden. How did it get there?

- Anne and Bob Bahl



FREUDIAN FRONDS

Why was Dr. Sigmund Freud deathly afraid of ferns?



WILDFLOWER STAMPS

The new wildflower stamps are supposed to be out the last week of July. Keep checking at your post office.