MAY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 10, 8 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Mr. Bill Paxton will give the program - Butterflies, Caterpillars, and Their Food Plants.

MAY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field Trips are on Saturdays. Most rendezvous times, but not all, are 1 P.M. For more details, call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski, (412) 343-6546.

May 1—Wolfe Creek
Starting Time: 1 P.M. (Please note the time)
Leader: Howard McNeilved
Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 north to the Slippery Rock exit and turn left onto Rt. 168 toward Slippery Rock. Travel about a mile to an intersection where there is a Dairy Queen on the right. Turn left here and continue to the first paved road on the right. Turn right. Go past a dairy farm on the left to a T intersection. Turn right and park in the lot on the right before the bridge. **** We will explore the Conservancy property first and then, weather and time permitting, explore the adjacent tract owned by Mr. McNeilved. The second part of the walk is more strenuous.

May 2—Harrisonville Shale Barrens, Fulton Co., PA
Starting Time: 1 P.M.
Leader: Dorothy Fornof
Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to the Slippery Rock exit and turn right immediately past the large white house on the right. Travel 1.5 miles on Fish Ridge Rd. to a white house with a green roof (on the left). **** We will be taking a first look at second growth forest, overgrown pasture, and a deep valley streambed. The rugged terrain includes a steep descent to the valley and the return to the ridge.

May 3—Chartiers Creek, Allegheny/Washington Cos.
Starting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Leader: Jeanne Poremski
Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to the Bridgeville exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and turn right again at the T intersection at the service stations. Several hundred feet south, turn left into King's Restaurant. Meet in the rear of the parking lot before going to the site. **** We are going to visit a most outstanding station of Senecio antennariifolius (cat's paw ragwort). It is May, so let's show the Mayapple, as sketched by our member, Tammy Watychowski.

May 4—Harrisonville Shale Barrens, Fulton Co., PA
Starting Time: 1 P.M.
Leader: Dorothy Fornof
Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the Turnpike to Breezewood, where you exit to Rt. 30 east toward McConnellsburg. Travel 11 miles to Harrisonville at the intersection of Rts. 30 and 655. Continue east on 30; the road will climb and bend to the left. When it bends to the left at the shale cut, park on the left. **** We will see most of the specific shale barren species, and will be looking for the endangered Senecio antennariifolius (cat's paw ragwort).

May 15—Home of wildlife author, Dr. Scott Shalaway
Fish Ridge, south of Cameron, Marshall Co., WV
Starting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Leader: Dr. Scott Shalaway
Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to the Waynesburg exit. Take Rt. 21 to the West Virginia border, where it becomes Rt. 891. A few miles into WV, Rt. 891 ends at US 250. Turn left onto 250 and travel about 4 miles to Cameron. Follow signs for 250 through town, past the high school on the right. About 4 miles later, just past the white church on the left (Big Run Christian Church), bear to the right off 250. Travel 7 miles and turn right immediately past the large white house on the right. Travel 1.5 miles on Fish Ridge Rd. to a white house with a green roof (on the left). **** We will be looking for the endangered Senecio antennariifolius (cat's paw ragwort).

FLORA OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mary Jane Beippler has alerted us that Flora of West Virginia by Strasbaugh, revised by Core, is now back in print. Flora of West Virginia, 2nd ed., 5 x 8 1/2, 1079 pages, cloth, ISBN 0-89092-010-9 is available from Seneca Books, Route 6, Box 81-B, Morgantown, WV 26505 for $40.00 plus $2.00 for shipping. Tel: (304) 594-1324.

PODOPHYLLUM PELatum

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Podophyllum comes from the Greek word ωτόσωφολοουο, which means "duck-foot-leaf".

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY PLANT SALE — MAY 7, 8, 9

Something special, something different, old favorites - plants for everywhere you want them - those are what you can get at Phipps on Friday and Saturday from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and on Sunday from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, hanging baskets and container gardens will be waiting to beautify your home and garden. If you have any boxes to carry your plants, they will be appreciated.

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