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THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

JULY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Any questions? Call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski. (412)343-6546.

July 10, 1993--Ferris Fen, Boleratz Bog, PA
Starting Time: 12:00 Noon
Leader: Scott Shriver
Directions: From I-79N exit at Rt. 198 and proceed east to Sangertown, turn left onto Rt. 19, and proceed through Cambridge Springs. After crossing a bridge over French Creek, drive 1 mile or more to the State Game Lands parking lot on the right (golf course on the left) where we will meet. Boleratz Bog may prove to be a very difficult challenge, since there was a good deal of treefall here after the infamous tornadoes. This will be our first visit since then. At any rate, be prepared for wet feet.

July 10 & 11, 1993--Special Two Day Outing (Come to one or come to both)
Saturday--Dolly Sods Wilderness Area
Tucker and Randolph Counties, WV
Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.
Leader: Esther Allen
Directions: From I-79S in Morgantown, take I-68 east 4 miles uphill to the Dolly Sods area. Meet at the National Forest Picnic Grounds. **** The outstanding flora of the heaths, bogs, and rocks of Dolly Sods is unique and promises a long plant list.

Sunday--Spruce Knob and Spruce Knob Lake
Randolph and Pendleton Counties, WV
Starting Time: 10:00 A.M.
Leaders: Esther Allen, Jeanne Poremski
Directions: From Davis WV take RT. 32 south to Harmon and RT. 33 south to Seneca Rocks. We will meet in the parking lot at the base of the highly visible quartzite rock face and then caravan to the next stop. **** On the peak, the highest point in WV, we will enjoy a more alpine environment with a great number of species. At the lake we will look for Malaxis unifolia (green adder’s mouth).

July 24, 1993--no trip scheduled

July 31, 1993--Jennings Prairie, Butler County, PA
Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.
Leader: Environmental Center Staff
Directions: From Davis WV take RT. 32 north to Harmon and RT. 33 east to Seneca Rocks. We will meet in the parking lot at the base of the highly visible quartzite rock face and then caravan to the next stop. **** On the peak, the highest point in WV at 4862’, we will enjoy a more alpine environment with a great number of species. At the lake we will look for Malaxis unifolia (green adder’s mouth).

August 7, 1993--Moraine State Park
- Jeanne Poremski

HOLLY PECK

Our newest member, Holly Peck, rates special mention. Holly is the granddaughter of Werner Boker.

STAMPS

The Post Office tells me that the wildflower stamps are no longer available in Pittsburgh, but there is a new series of garden flowers.

BLUE KNOB STATE PARK

Sister Constance Bahl is working as a research volunteer at Blue Knob State Park. She is compiling a checklist of the wildflowers in the park.

ROSA RUGOSA

The highlight of our New England trip was seeing the Wrinkled Rose in profusion along the Connecticut and Rhode Island coasts. In white and pink, it ranged from ground cover to shrubs, and was quite common.

PHANTOM ORCHID

Scott Shriver has just returned from a trip to the Pacific Northwest. He did not come back empty-handed. While in the state of Washington, he found the illustrious Phantom Orchid, Erythrocyton austica.

ERIN GO BRACH

Our globe-trotting president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, is off again! By the time you get this Bulletin, she will be in Ireland.

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN

Bob Morgan is headed for the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore and points in between.

NEW MEMBER

Our new member, Ann Sawchuck, tells us why she joined our society:

"I would like to become a member of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Howard McIvied recently spoke at my garden club on wildflowers -- he showed us his wonderful slides -- and inspired all of us to learn more! Enclosed is my check for $5.00."

GARDEN IN THE WOODS

Our expectations were high as we prepared to visit the Garden in the Woods, the botanical garden of the New England Wild Flower Society. When we got there, we weren't let down. It was everything it was said to be and more.

This landscaped garden even surpasses the Hideaway on Idaweirt, and that's saying something.

This garden, near Sudbury, Massachusetts, displays 1500 varieties of wild plants growing in protective cultivation. These include over 200 rare and endangered species. (Heloniopsis lutea, Symphoricarpos albus).

There is a series of specially designed gardens -- woodland groves, lily pond, sunny bog, pine barrens, western garden, rock gardens, and meadow.

There was only one negative. The Sunday attendants knew less about the place than I did, which was nothing. So there, by all means, but do it on a weekday, when the regular staff is on hand.

- Anne and Bob Bahl

CYPRIPEEDIUM KENTUCKIENSE

The latest orchid on my life list is the Kentucky Lady's-Slipper, Cypripedium Kentuckiense. I had a problem, though. This orchid isn't listed in Gray's Manual. It isn't in Britton & Brown. It isn't even in Luer's great book on orchids.

I searched every volume in my library, and couldn't find a word on it. So, I did the sensible thing. I called our orchid expert, Scott Shriver. Sure enough, Scott knew all about it and is sending me a sheet.

NO MEETING IN JULY

We have no monthly meetings in July or August.