The meeting will be at our usual place -- Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland -- on Monday, October 10, at 8:00 P.M.

WHAT HAPPENED?

I suppose there had to be a first time. In the 14 years that we have been putting out Wildflowers, we always got the information in the hands of our membership in time for the first field trip of the month.

But not last month! We had a trip scheduled for September 3 to the Shale Barrens, but not a single member had received the bulletin by that time.

Whose fault?

It wasn’t Jeanne’s fault. She had the material to me in plenty of time -- hand-delivered as usual.

It wasn’t my fault. I got on the lay-out and paste-up immediately, if not sooner.

It wasn’t the printer’s fault. He was actually four hours ahead of schedule.

We can’t blame Anne, the best helpmate in the world when it comes to folding, inserting, sealing, addressing, and sorting the bulletins (the best in everything else, too). She was her usual efficient self, and we had the job done in record time.

That leaves only the Postal Service. We’ll let you judge. The mailing was taken to the Post Office early in the morning on Friday, August 26. My copy arrived at the house on Tuesday, September 6... eleven days late.

By comparison, the Pony Express in 1860 carried the mail from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California in 8 days.

The September 3 trip would have been a disaster except for Jeanne Poremski and Esther Allen. The two of them got on the phone and tried to contact all the “regulars”.

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Our hearts go out to Howard and Shirley Molchard.

Their son, Tim, was on USAF Flight 427 on September 8.

Anybody who has experienced the loss of a child knows that there is no greater grief than this...none.

God be with you, Howard and Shirley.

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Hazel Carter

Hazel Carter, a member of the Botanical Society for 67 years -- longer than other member -- has moved to Woodbury, New Jersey. She is in an assistive living residence near her daughter.

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ASTER NOVAE-ANGLIAR

The sketch of the New England Aster was made by Anne Bahl.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS


Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From I-79, take the Portersville exit and turn left toward Rt. 19. Take Rt. 19 north and after passing Rt. 488 on the left, take a road that goes off to the right in a Y (West Park Drive). After going over Rt. 422, travel less than a mile to the bicycle rental area on North Shore Drive.

Expectations: This will make for a long species list including Nodding Ladies’ Tresses (Spiranthes cernua).

October 8, Duff Park. Westmoreland Cty.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Veronique Schreurs

Directions: From Turnpike Exit 6 (Monroeville). take Rt. 22 east 5.5 miles through Murrysville to School Rd. Turn right at the Sheetz filling station, cross the RR tracks, and watch for the entrance to Duff Park on the right. Meet in the parking lot.

Expectations: Our goal is to study the trees in the old arboretum, using buds and bark if they have shed their leaves.


Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: North Park can be reached by taking Babcock Blvd. from McKnight Rd.; or the Yellow Belt from the Mount Nebo exit of I-79. Meet in the parking area on Wildwood Rd. (at the Babcock Blvd. intersection) across from the cannon and the Tastee Freez.

Expectations: Our goal is to study the trees in the old arboretum, using buds and bark if they have shed their leaves.

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AUTUMN AT Phipps CONSERVATORY

A highlight of autumn in Pittsburgh is the Fall Flower Show at Phipps Conservatory. This year, the show, titled “The Colors of Autumn”, will open on Saturday, October 8. The last day will be Sunday, October 30. A magnificent topiary peacock is one of the features.

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CHUCK Hissen

We were happy to see Chuck Hissen at the September meeting. He underwent angioplasty during the summer.

CONDOLENCES

....to Virginia Phelps on the loss of her brother....and to Anne and Bob Bahl on the deaths of their brother-in-law and nephew (father and son) this past summer.