

Wildflowers

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

OCTOBER MEETING

At our Christmas meeting last December, we saw some of the most amazing slides of our whole life. One of our members, Bob Madjaric, showed action-stopped insect and flower pictures that defy description. We prevailed upon Bob to give a program, and so, at our next meeting, he will not only show us these high-speed pictures, but he will demonstrate just how he does it.



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.

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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 later*.

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".

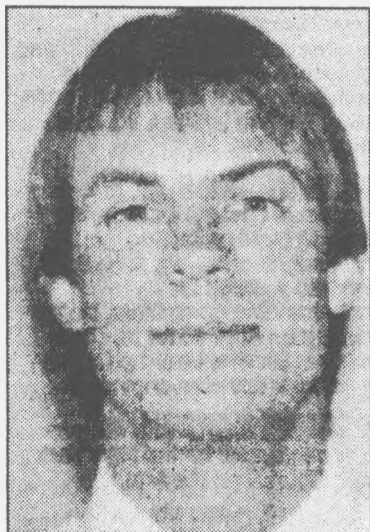
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Our hearts go out to
Howard and Shirley McIlvried.
Their son, Tim, was on
USAir Flight 427 on
September 8.

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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Timothy McIlvried

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-ANGLIAE

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



OCTOBER FIELD TRIPS

October 1, 1994--Moraine State Park, Butler Cty.
Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From I-79N, take the Portersville exit and turn left toward Rte. 19. Take Rte. 19 north and after passing Rte. 488 on the left, take a road that goes off to the right in a Y (West Park Drive). After going over Rte. 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 Rte. 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: The trail we explore will depend on the day's weather.

October 15, 1994--North Park Arboretum, Allegheny Cty.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: North Park can be reached by taking Babcock Blvd. from McKnight Rd.; Wildwood Rd. from Rt. 8; 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.

-- Jeanne Poremski (412)343-6546

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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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-- Anne Bahl

CHUCK HISSEM

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

CONDOLENCES

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....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.