

Wildflowers

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

FEBRUARY MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13 -- 8:00 P.M. -- at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

The topic will be *The Bruce Peninsula*, but we will not have a single speaker. Instead, the program will be given by the "Bruce Alumni" -- our own members who have experienced the Bruce, either with a group or on their own.

So far, we have these members lined up --

Joan Gottlieb
Virginia Phelps
Anne Bahl
Bob Bahl
Phyllis Monk
Billy Monk
Scott Shriver
Al Shriver
Clete Smith
Emily Johnson

But, that need not be all. Others are welcome to join. Bring slides, no more than 30. Bring them in a Kodak carousel, if you can.

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A WEEK ON THE BRUCE

As of our last meeting, January 9, there were 19 members of our Botanical Society who had sent in deposits for the "WEEK ON THE BRUCE" this June, and I understand that several more have joined since then.



Yes, the spots are filling up fast. If you want to go, our advice is to call Dr. Mary Joy Haywood the minute you get this bulletin -- 412-578-6175.

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NOMENCLATURE

It's nice to see somebody using the latest botanical nomenclature -- like this Foodland ad --

CHRISTMAS POSIES 4.98

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

BOWMAN'S HILL WILDFLOWER PRESERVE
P.O. BOX 103, WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA 18977 (215) 862-2924



Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve provides internships to qualified students wishing to learn about native plants and public gardens. Interns work closely with the Preserve staff and receive intense training in the following areas:

Native Plant Propagation

Interns will learn the theory and techniques of growing native plants from seeds, cuttings, spores, divisions and so forth. They will also assist the Propagator with the daily care of the Preserve's native plant nursery.

Groundskeeping and Trail Maintenance

Interns will assist the groundskeeping staff in the care of the Preserve's native plant collection. This includes planting wildflowers, removal of invasive species, pruning woody plants, and maintaining the Preserve's 26 trails and habitats.

Interpretation and Education

Interns will assist the Museum Educator in all aspects of the Preserve's educational program. Interns help with tour guiding, exhibit preparation, and interpreting the Preserve's native plant collection to the public. Interns also participate in a weekly botany class and receive training in taxonomy, plant identification, herbarium care and plant collections records.

The internship program begins at the end of May and runs for 10 weeks and includes a cash stipend. Field trips to other botanic gardens and natural areas round out interns' understanding of plants and public gardens. Interns are required to keep a daily journal of their internship and submit it for review upon completion.

Applicants must be of college level ability and have completed course work in botany, horticulture and/or related environmental studies. Applicants should be capable of rigorous outdoor work including lifting, digging and sustained walking which are required at times during the course of the internship. Interns are responsible for making arrangements for housing and provide their own transportation.

Intern applications are available by contacting the Preserve at (215) 862-2924. All applications must be received by March 15.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is an 80-acre preserve located on the north side of Bowman's Hill about two miles south of New Hope, Pennsylvania on River Road (PA, Route 32). The Preserve's plant collection of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, and ferns represents nearly one half of Pennsylvania's native flora.

The Preserve's Mission is to lead people to a greater appreciation of the beauty and value of native plants and inspire on the part of the public an ever increasing commitment to the conservation of Pennsylvania's natural heritage.



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SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS

The sketch of Skunk Cabbage, our earliest bloomer, was made by my favorite artist, Anne Bahl.

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YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

For 10 years, I have been trying to get a copy of Carlyle A. Luer's out-of-print "The Native Orchids of Florida". Several times I almost had one, but each time it slipped away. This Christmas, Santa Claus (instigated by my wonderful daughters) finally brought me one.

How is that for role reversal? It used to be that I was Santa Claus for *them*.

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HELP!

No, this time we are not asking for your assistance. We're offering help to you.

If you are like most of us, you have accumulated a pile of pix in a G.O.K. file. Some of us put them in the genus *Darnifino*.

Help is on the horizon. Phyllis Monk, our new program chairman, is planning to have a panel of experts at one of our monthly meetings to identify your slides. The date hasn't been set, but start gathering your slides.

Dance at Pgh. Airport
Holiday Inn, Heartbeat Lounge
every Monday 12 to 3:30 pm.
Free lesson with John Dryden
from 12 till 1:00. Cost \$3.50 All are
welcome. Once a month parties
are covered. dish o. \$2.00 for our
scholarship fund. Party schedule
herewith: Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 13,
April 17, May 15, June 13, July 3,
Aug. 2, Sept. 11, Oct. 23,
Nov. 20 Dec. 11
Free snacks &
Beverages

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- Sabina Walsh

WILDFLOWER CATALOG

I have just received a very informative catalog on wildflowers. Each flower is *illustrated in color*. Specifics are given for blooming period, germination time, sowing depth, light and soil requirements, etc.

Write to Wildseed Farms, Inc., 1101 Campo Rosa Road, Post Office Box 308, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, or call toll-free 1-800-848-0078.

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RED DOT IN THE MORNING, MEMBERS TAKE WARNING

Check the address label on the envelop. If there is a red dot in front of your name, it means that Walt's computer says that your 1995 dues haven't been paid.

Maybe the computer is wrong. It has been known to make mistakes. If so, notify me -- Bob Bahl -- and I will get things straightened out.

However, if you just didn't get around to sending in your current dues -- \$5 for single dues, \$8 for family -- mail it immediately to Robert F. Bahl, 401 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Even with postage up another notch, we could still afford to keep delinquents on the mailing list, but it wouldn't be fair to the other members.