

Wildflowers

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MAY 8 MEETING

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



Phyllis Monk will present a program on the *Plants of Virgin Gorda*. One of the Lesser Antilles, Virgin Gorda is in the British Virgin Islands, about 100 miles east of Puerto Rico, and sits in the warmth of the eastern Caribbean.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

May 6, 1995--Roaring Run, Armstrong County

Starting Time--1 PM

Leaders--Scott and Loree Speedy

Directions--Take Rt. 22 east from Monroeville to PA Rt. 286 (Golden Mile Highway), which eventually becomes Rt. 380 beyond the commercial development. Stay north on 380 to Rt. 66. Go north on 66 to Apollo and cross the *Kiskiminetas* into town. Once across the bridge, you will see a traffic light and a shopping center to the left. Park in the lot; we will meet in the corner of the lot closest to the bridge.

We will look for a list of plants found by the Botanical Society 80 years ago in this Appalachian ravine.

May 13, 1995--Municipal Forest; Village of Poland, Ohio

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Randy Jones or Jeanne Poremski

Directions--From the PA Turnpike (I-76) travel into Ohio and take the first exit, 16A. Proceed north on Rt. 680 toward Youngstown for 3.7 miles to the second exit, #11. Turn right onto Rt. 224, Canfield-Poland Rd (also known as Boardman-Poland Rd.), and continue to first traffic light. Turn right onto Rt. 170 to the second traffic light right onto College St. Proceed to the parking lot.

This beautiful municipal forest is home to many spring species such as *Collinsia verna* (Blue-eyed Mary), *Mertensia virginica* (Virginia Bluebells), *Pedicularis canadensis* (Wood Betony), and *Phlox divaricata*, white form (Woodland Phlox).

May 20, 1995--New Trail, Hell Hollow; McConnell's Mill State Park, Lawrence County

Starting Time-- 1 PM

Leader--Esther Allen

Directions--From Pgh. take I-79 north to the Portersville exit. Turn left onto Rt. 488 to the intersection of Rt. 19. Turn right onto 19N. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto Kildoo Rd., or travel an additional .9 miles to a left onto Johnson Rd. and into the park. Another entrance is from Rt. 422, west of I-79 and 19. On entering the park, follow signs to the mill. Make a hard left and cross the covered bridge. Continue for .8 miles to Trusel Rd.; turn left. Proceed 2.4 miles to Shaffer Rd.; turn left. Meet in the parking area .5 miles on the left.

This area is home to a good list of bloomers including *Kalmia latifolia* (Mountain Laurel).

May 27, 1995--Stanton's Cabin, Fayette County

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Ellie Stanton

Directions--Take the PA Turnpike (I-76) to the Donegal exit and turn left onto Rt. 31. Drive two miles to the intersection of Rt. 381; turn right. Meet here in the lot of Sarnelli's Market.

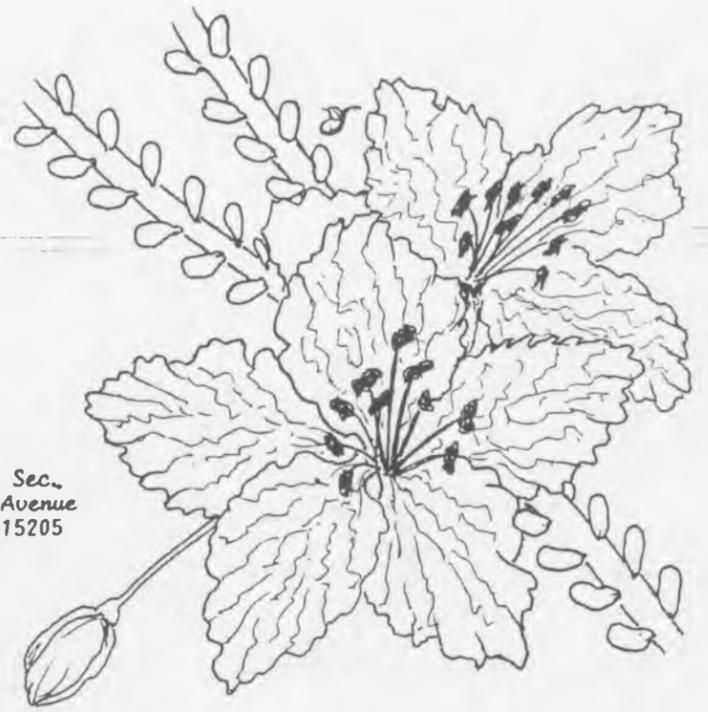
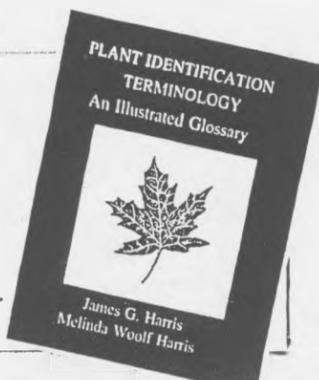
Hopefully, the timing of this walk in the Laurel Highlands will allow us to see blooming *Clintonia borealis* (Yellow Clintonia). There will probably be a stream crossing that can be negotiated most simply by removing your shoes.

(Jeanne Poremski - 412-343-6546)

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PLANT IDENTIFICATION TERMINOLOGY BOOK

I still have a few of these books available...five to be exact. They will go to the first 5 members who call me, Bob Bahl, at 412-921-1797. The price is 11.85. I will bring your book to the May meeting, or you can add 1.74 and I will mail it to you.



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PARKINSONIA ACULEATA

The sketch of the Jerusalem Thorn Tree was made by Phyllis Monk. Phyllis will be showing this and other Caribbean flowers at the May 6 meeting.

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80th ANNIVERSARY FIELD TRIP

The modest Botanical Society was such an odd-looking bunch "dressed in various knock-about costumes...that the boys in Apollo knew that the rumor had come true; for it had been reported that a moving picture company was to stage a Wild West show, using Roaring Run as its stage". From *Tullia* No. 4, 1913-1915, "The Marvels of Roaring Run".

This 80th anniversary field trip, scheduled for May 6, will re-investigate the marvels of Roaring Run.

(Loree Speedy)

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NEVILLE DAVISON JR.

Neville Davison Jr., a member of our Society for many years before he moved to Ohio, has died. He was a brother of the late Mary Louise Johnson.

A memorial service is being held at 2 PM, Saturday May 6, at the Sewickley Presbyterian Church.

This obituary is reprinted from the Sewickley Herald.

OBITUARIES

Neville Craig Davison Jr. dies, descendant of pioneers

BY DONA S. DREELAND
Staff writer

Another bit of Western Pennsylvania history has passed with the death of Neville Craig Davison Jr. Mr. Davison, 84, son of Neville Craig Davison Sr. and Jessie Boardman Davison, died June 18, 1995.

Mr. Davison was descended from some of the oldest and most distinguished families in the area, going back to pioneer times.

His ancestors include Gen. John Neville, a commander of Fort Pitt under the British, Isaac Craig, who helped bring the glass-making industry to Pittsburgh, and Neville Craig, owner of the Pittsburgh Gazette, the first paper west of the Alleghenies and the forerunner of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Mr. Davison went to Kent School in Connecticut and Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh. He



NEVILLE DAVISON with granddaughter Rachel.

worked at the American Bridge Co. and Rust Engineering. He was an artist who created pictures of homes.

doorways, stairways and trees in pen and ink sketches, much of his inspiration coming from the Sewickley Valley.

After his retirement, Mr. Davison helped to deliver Meals on Wheels before moving to Bristol Village, a retirement community, in Waverly, Ohio, where he and his wife, Mary Ellen, have lived since the 1980s.

Mrs. Davison was a former nursery-school teacher at Sewickley Academy in whose honor a building was named.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four children, Neville Craig Davison III, and his wife, Jane, of Hudson, N.H.; James Syer Davison, and his wife, Virginia, of Camp Hill, Pa.; Rachel Davison and her husband, Larry Davidow of Brooklyn; and Katharine Gerwig and her husband, David, of Richmond, Ind.

Also surviving are five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ellen Davison, of Sewickley.

PHIPPS SPRING PLANT SALE

Come to Phipps during Mother's Day weekend for special and unusual plants, including wildflowers. Three days --

Friday May 12 - Noon to 6 PM

Saturday May 13 - 10 AM to 6 PM

Sunday May 14 - 10 AM to 4 PM

(Anne Bahl)

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VOLUNTEER

Another wildflower has popped up in our garden -- out of nowhere. This time it's Early Saxifrage, *Saxifraga virginensis*.

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SPELLING BEES

Our member, Alice Guilday, is into entomology, too.

In the Vintage Senior Program's 4th annual Spelling Bee, she was the winner of both the local competition and the county competition. Her winning word was "sonorous". (Sounds good to me!)

Now, she moves on to the State finals in York, PA on June 16.