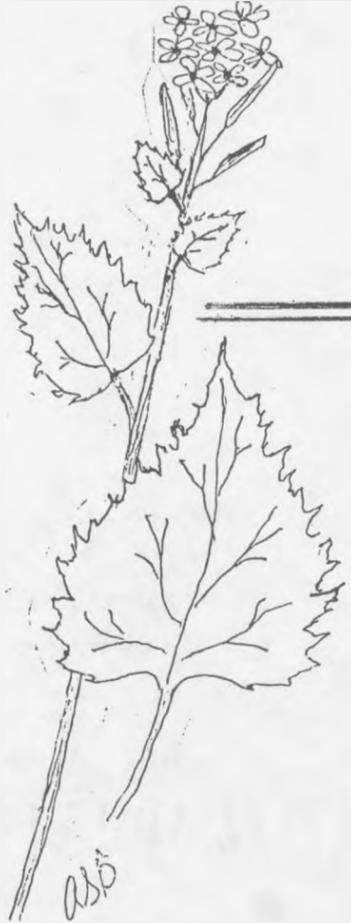


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DOUBLE ISSUE

This issue is for both July and August...for the usual reason. (Poor Jeanne!) Anne and I will be off to California via Wind Cave and Glacier National Parks. When we have completed this trip, we will have seen every national park in the lower 48 save two. The two remaining ones -- Voyageurs and Isle Royale.

The reason for this trip -- there are 3 California Poppies that I haven't taken a picture of.

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NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST

We have no monthly meetings during the summertime -- July and August. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 10.

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ARE YOUR DUES PAID?

I'm the nice guy. I keep sending out bulletins even if dues aren't paid. After all, I don't have to worry about where the money is coming from.

Walt, he's the bad guy. He says if they haven't paid up, yank them from the list.

So, if you haven't paid your 1995 dues, don't expect any more copies of *Wildflowers*.

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Everybody has a favorite wildflower. Anne Bahl sketches hers...Garlic Mustard.

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

July 8, 1995--No trip scheduled.

July 15, 1995--Garden of Walter Gardill, Grosick Rd., Ingomar Garden of Esther Allen, 107 Idaway Dr., Ross Twp.
Starting Time--1 PM

Directions--From Pgh. take I-279 north and exit at McKnight Rd. Drive completely through the commercial district. After the intersection with Cumberland Rd. (to Passavant Hospital) watch for the exits to Ingomar Rd. Take the second ramp (not to North Park) to the intersection with Rt. 19 (Amoco on the right). Continue on Ingomar Rd. for .8 mile and turn right onto Grosick Rd.; proceed to the sixth house on the left.

Walter's garden is a demonstration of man vs. deer, so we will see methods with which he has experimented to keep them from eating everything he grows. Esther's garden is a treasure trove of mostly native specimens, creating an excellent learning environment.

July 22--no trip scheduled.

July 29, 1995--Jennings Prairie, Butler Co.

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Jeanne Poremski

Directions--From I-79 north take Rt. 422 east. Exit at Rt. 528 and drive north through Moraine State Park to Jennings Environmental Education Center. Meet in the parking lot on the left.

This is high season on the prairie, when Blazing Star Virginia Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*) are in bloom. There is usually always a surprise.

August 5, 1995--Markleysburg Bog

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Phyllis Monk

Directions--From Uniontown take Rt. 40 east. At the Summit Hotel, begin to measure mileage: at 12.2 miles look for log buildings (Leber Bakery) on the left and an oversized "Truck Warning" sign on the right. At the foot of this sign is a driveway into a church camp, where we will meet at the pavilion.

August 12, 1995--Friendship Hill, home of Albert Gallatin Fayette Co., near WV state line

Starting Time--** 12:30 PM **

Directions--From north of Uniontown, take U.S. 119 south twelve miles to Smithfield. Turn right at the stoplight and continue south through New Geneva to the park.

Note the starting time. We will be given a tour of the house with information on Gallatin the man and his family, the evolution and architecture of Friendship Hill, the development of New Geneva, and Gallatin's public and political career. Afterwards, we will hike the trails through the beech woods, down to the river, and back. It is similar in terrain to the Wildflower Reserve at Raccoon except that the descent is longer and probably steeper.

If you have never been here before, don't miss this opportunity to discover one of the great men who built the United States.

August 19, 1995--Thom's Run Area, Allegheny Co.

Starting Time--1 PM

Directions--From Pgh., take I-79 north and exit at Mt. Nebo Rd. Turn right. At the crest of the hill turn right onto Roosevelt Rd. and drive to Reilly's Summer Seat Farm on left, where we will meet.

Be sure to protect yourself from the sun; the location we will be visiting is mostly exposed.

August 26, 1995--No trip scheduled.

September 2, 1995--No trip scheduled.

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This is YOUR publication.

Articles, announcements, sightings, travel plans, poems, illustrations ... all are welcome. Just get them to me by the 18th of the preceding month.

(Jeanne Poremski - 412-343-6546)

Dear Bob

June 4 '95

I can't remember if I wrote you that Bob Buckbee died last July 30 1994. We knew he had a defective pacemaker which he refused to have replaced - He had been doing as well as usual, having a daily wheelchair trip around this place to watch the wading birds and plants, and just went suddenly and quietly. He had endured six and a half years without speech or writing or the reading he used to do, since he had the stroke in '88.

I am still doing water colors of nature, subjects up close especially birds, and sell enough of them to make it interesting. I have been going on trips with the local Audubon group and the Charlotte Harbor environmental center people and have got back into the Native Plant Society and also back into square dancing.

We have appreciated seeing your bulletin all this time, but now I feel you should drop my name, as it is very doubtful if I will ever get back to western Pennsylvania much - and postage keeps going up and up.

I will remember all the great trips we had with you and wish you good luck with all your new projects.

I have moved to a different apartment in the same building 23033 Westchester blv D505 Port Charlotte FL 33980

Anabelle Whalley

POETIC LICENSE

I'm a poet and don't know it. My feet show it. They're long fellows.

With a bit of inspiration from Joyce Kilmer, I try my hand at poetry...dedicated to those outfits (I do not name them lest I give them free publicity) who insist on defacing our trees with their signs.

Ads

I think that I shall never see
An ad as lovely as a tree.

With placards bold and nails and staples,
These hucksters cover oaks and maples.

And if they do not stop this gall,
I may not see a tree at all.

R.F.B.