

Wildflowers

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OCTOBER MEETING

On Monday, October 9 at 8 PM, Paul Wiegman will present --

"Lake Pleasant - Northwest Pennsylvania's
Glacial Jewel"

This meeting will be at our usual location, Trinity Hall on the Carlow College Campus, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Paul Wiegman is director of Natural Science and Stewardship at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.



FIELD TRIP

Our last one of the year--

October 14, 1995--Moraine State Park, Butler Co.
Starting Time--1 PM
Leader--Esther Allen

Directions--From Pgh., travel north on I-79 and exit at Portersville; turn left toward Rt. 19. Take 19 north. After passing Rt. 488 on the left, take a road that goes off to the right in a Y (West Park Drive). Turn onto North Shore Drive near the Bicycle Rental and follow its curves for a mile or two. After going through a four way intersection (following the split in the road), turn right and park in the lot for the restaurant. If the gate is closed, park at the intersection.

We will see Nodding Ladies'-Tresses (*Spiranthes cernua*), several kinds of Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.), and many different kinds of tree and shrub fruits.

- Jeanne Poremski, 412-343-6546



SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Contrary to rumors, Jeanne Poremski was not paid a trillion dollars for leading the Civic Garden Club tour to Jennings Prairie. It was only a billion.

Truthfully, she got the same as she gets for leading Botanical Society field trips -- a hearty "thank you".

Thanks to two late applicants, the Garden Club was just able to pay for the chartered bus.



PHIPPS FALL FLOWER SHOW

The theme of this year's show is *Discovery*. Will you be able to discover the surprise in each room? The opportunity to do so extends from Saturday, October 7 through Sunday, October 29, 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. -- closed Mondays. There are only twenty-three days to enjoy this feast of fall flowers.

- Anne Bahl



BIG, BIG NEWS

Our self-styled "orchid nuts"...Scott and Al Shriver and Clete Smith...had some major accomplishments this season.

They located *Spiranthes casei* in McKean County. It had not been found in Pennsylvania since the 1920's.

They also found Western Coralroot, *Corallorhiza maculata* var. *occidentalis* in Clinton County....a new record for Pennsylvania!

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SOLANUM DULCAMARA

The sketch of the Bittersweet Nightshade was drawn by Anne Bahl.



BRUCE VIDEO

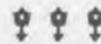
Rich Noel made a video of our *Week on the Bruce* last June. Copies of the video are available for just \$20....or you can borrow one no charge. Rich's phone number is (412)835-3254



NEXT YEAR ON THE BRUCE

A letter from Terry Ingram of the Eagle Foundation --

"First the good news. Nancy and I will be sponsoring another week on the Bruce next summer. The dates are June 22 to 29th. This should be late enough to get the grass pinks, rose pogonias and showy ladystippers. Of course, we may miss some of the early ones like the cliff primrose."



SPIRANTHES OCHROLEUCA

If Mohammed can't go to the mountain, then let the mountain come to Mohammed.

I can't get around like I used to. I have not been on a field trip the last three years. How I miss those field trips!

So, now the wildflowers have to come to me. The latest one to pop up in our garden is the Nodding Ladies'-tresses, *Spiranthes ochroleuca* -- a single specimen.

We certainly never planted it, and have no idea how it got there.

Anne, our resident orchid spotter, espied it on September 19, just starting to break out in bloom.



- Bob Bahl

HONEYMOON IN YOSEMITE

Billy Monk promised Phyllis a trip to Yosemite if she would marry him. So, he took her there this summer, forty years later.



FRASERA CAROLINIENSIS

Virginia Phelps reports on her "babies". There were 29 blooming stalks of the American Columbo at Jennings this year.



REQUIESCAT

Personally and collectively, we extend our sympathy --

to Mark Bowers, whose father has died. Earlier in the summer, Mark lost his mother, too.

to Tim Manka, whose mother, Louise, died on September 19. Mrs. Manka was a frequent visitor to Botanical Society and Wissahickon meetings. Tim says that his love of nature was imbued in him by his mother.

to Dr. Mary Joy Haywood and to her mother. Mrs. Haywood lost two brothers (Mary Joy's uncles) within a month, one of them the day before our September meeting.