
WILDFLOWERS

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Our Meetings Will Start at 7:15 p.m.

At February's meeting, members agreed to a change of meeting time. Many felt that a start time of 8:00 was too late.

Our meetings will now begin at 7:15 p.m.

Will an earlier time mean less parking spots? Dr. Haywood explained that all evening classes begin at 6 p.m., so an earlier start time would not affect the number of spaces available.

Dr. Haywood stressed that any member not feeling safe in the college parking lots can use the services of campus security. Security officers can accompany members to and from their cars.

She also reminded us that a second upper lot, across the street from Terrace Avenue, has a security guard in a kiosk. Drive through the upper lot adjoining the campus, turn right onto Terrace Street; the entrance to this second lot is about 100 yards on the left. Perhaps the more able-bodied members, or members arriving together in a carpool, can use that lot, and leave spaces below for members arriving by themselves.

We hope that the earlier meeting times will allow more members to attend our meetings. If you would like detailed directions to the meetings from all points, contact Loree at (724) 872-5232 or yoree@sgi.net.

When you attend the monthly meetings, please place a note on your dashboard saying "Botanical Society Meeting," or use your parking permit.

The Next Meeting is March 11

The next meeting will be Monday, March 11, 7:15 p.m., at Kresge Theater, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA (Oakland). Kresge Theater is on the top floor of the Grace Library and is accessed from the upper campus.

Jeff Wagner will present "Disturbance in Rare Plants." He will discuss the natural factors, such as beaver activity, that make a plant rare.

Jeff is an ecologist at the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and is the director of the National Heritage Inventory for Western Pennsylvania.

Wildflowers of Pennsylvania wins "Best of Category" for 4-color printing

At the 36th Annual Exhibition of Western Pennsylvania Printing, *Wildflowers of Pennsylvania* received the award for "Best of Category" for a paperbound book printed in four or more colors.

Judged by the editors of National Geographic magazine, the Western Pennsylvania Printing Awards recognize the best of each year's graphic design and advertising entries. The association recognizes "excellence of achievement, effort and talent" for productions ranging from annual reports and capabilities brochures to creative die-cutting or pop-ups.

The awards were presented at a luncheon on January 15, 2002, sponsored by the Printing Industry of Western Pennsylvania. On behalf of the Society, book co-author Phyllis Testal Monk accepted the award. Over forty categories of printing were judged, and several hundred

people from area printing companies and the honorees attended the gathering.

There were outstanding examples of quality productions and creativity in this exhibition, and the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania is honored to be among them.

Dues reminder

Rates are \$10 individual and \$15 family. Students pay half-rate. Make your check payable to BSWP and send to:

BSWP, Loree Speedy
279 Orr Road
West Newton, PA 15089
(724) 872-5232; yoree@sgi.net

Glade Run and Maple Moon

- Glade Run Gardens Spring Symposium is an educational workshop to benefit the Therapeutic Horticulture program at Glade Run. The event will be held Saturday, March 23, at Glade Run in Zelienople, PA. Brian Hill will speak on the history and ecology of French Creek. Breakout sessions include Attracting Butterflies to your Garden, Living Healthy Soil and Lighting Your Garden. For information, please call (724) 452-4453 ext. 236.
- During the month of the Maple Moon, sample the sweetness of the maple season. Learn the history and lore of the maple sugaring process. "Tap" and collect "sap." Boyce Park Nature Center presents a Maple Sugaring Festival on Saturday, March 16. Tours begin 11 a.m. and at 1 p.m. All ages are welcome. For more information, call (724) 733-4618.

How Can You Help The Wildlife Resource Conservation Fund?

The Wildlife Resource Conservation Fund directs resources toward endangered and

threatened species—both plants and animals—and educates both children and adults on how to help recognize and preserve some of Pennsylvania's most sensitive flora and fauna.

The fund awards resource conservation grants every year toward projects that protect or study plants birds, mammals, reptiles, and other species. The fund relies heavily on tax refund donations, the purchase of the otter license plate, and direct donations.

How can you help?

- ✓ Donations of any amount. Make a check out to Wild Resource Conservation Fund, PO Box 8764, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8764
- ✓ Adorn your car with the Otter Plate for a one-time cost of \$35 when you renew your driver's registration.
- ✓ Select the Wild Resource Conservation Fund for the PA State Tax Refund Check-off.

Joint Field Meeting will be May 26-30

The 2002 joint field meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America, the Torrey Botanical Society and the Philadelphia Botanical Club will be held from Sunday, May 26 to Thursday, May 30, in Adams County in southwestern Ohio.

There will be all-day field trips in Adams, Scioto and Highland Counties. This area has relict prairie communities on soils underlain by dolomitic limestone and vast mesophytic forests with high floristic diversity. There will be evening programs of botanical and geological interest.

The price of the meeting is \$235.00 per person, and includes double occupancy housing, meals, field trips, transportation to field trips, and programs.

The deadline for registration is May 3, 2002. For more information, contact Victor Soukup at (513) 761-2568 or e-mail at soukupvg@email.uc.edu.

Field Trip Schedule

Registration is not required. Everyone is welcome, including non-members. For questions, call the trip leader or Loree at (724) 872-5232.

Saturday, March 16, 2002
Yellow Creek State Park, Indiana County
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Leaders: Scott Speedy (724) 639-3517

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Route 22 East, which eventually merges with Route 119. Near Blairsville, exit Route 22 and take Route 119 North to Route 422 East. Or take Route 22 East to Route 286 (Golden Mile Highway). Continue east on Route 286 until you reach Route 422 just before the town of Indiana.

Travel Route 422 east 12 miles, and turn right onto Route 259 South. Meet at the park office on the right, a short distance ahead on Route 259.

We will search for the Snow Trillium that has been found here in the past. We cannot guarantee that the plant will be found, but we will search for the limestone float under hemlocks and big sugar maples.

Saturday, March 30, 2002
Moraine State Park – northern part, Butler County
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Leaders: Melanie Petridis and Mark Bowers

Directions: From Pittsburgh, travel I-79 North to Exit 108 (Route 108/Slippery Rock). Take PA 108 east toward Slippery Rock. Travel a little over ½ mile to West Park Road, where there is a Dairy Queen and gas station at this intersection. Turn right (south) onto West Park Road and **mark mileage**. A little over 1 mile from the Dairy Queen, take the left turn onto Kelly (at the apex- challenged conifer). From

this point, travel 0.6 mile to the second house on the left, taking the second driveway that can be seen, #221. You will see Shaffer Greenhouse across the street. Please park in the drive. As this is a private property, car pooling will be appreciated.

This field trip is co-sponsored by the Bartramian Audubon Society. We will search for Harbinger-of-spring (*Erigenia bulbosa*), a herbaceous perennial bulb of seeps and spring heads on wooded slopes. We'll also be watching for Running Strawberry-Bush (*Euonymus obovatus*), not your normal neighborhood Euonymous!

Sunday, April 7, 2002
Shale Barrens in Green Ridge State Forest, Maryland
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Leaders: Charles and Martha Oliver
(724) 887-6756

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to Exit 148 in West Virginia to pick up I-68. Or travel Route 40 from Uniontown to pick up I-68 in Keyser's Ridge, Maryland.

Continue on I-68 to **Exit 64** (MV Smith Rd/Green Ridge State Forest). Follow the signs for the Forest Headquarters, which is a few miles from the exit. We will meet here. Bring a brown bag lunch; restrooms are available.

Or, take the PA Turnpike East to Breezewood, PA and travel I-70 south to pick up I-68 and head west to Exit 64.

Expectations: Phlox subulata brittonii (Moss Phlox) will be prime; Saxifraga virginiana; Opuntias and ferns endemic to shale barrens. We will also visit nearby Larenim Park in West Virginia.

Bring a brown bag lunch for the Headquarters. Please note that we are meeting on **Sunday at 12 noon**.

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The Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania - Membership Information

The Botanical Society was founded in 1886. The object of the Society shall be to bring together those who are interested in Botany and to encourage the study of this science and a knowledge of plants. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individual and \$15.00 for family. Students can join at half-rate. To join, mail your name, your address, and check payable to "Botanical Soc. of W PA" to Loree Speedy, 279 Orr Road, West Newton, PA 15089. Your membership includes a subscription to the monthly bulletin WILDFLOWERS.

The Society meets the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 7:15 p.m. sharp, at Kresge Theater, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland. All are welcome to the informative program and business meeting.

Wildflowers of Pennsylvania – Ordering Information – 400 pages of text and 612 color photographs

Wildflowers of Pennsylvania can be purchased for \$20.00 (plus \$1.40 sales tax for PA residents). Forward your check, made payable to Botanical Society of Western PA, to Dr. Haywood at the address below. If you order by mail, add \$2 postage and handling for one book, \$3.00 for two, \$4.00 for three, \$4.50 for four. Send your request to Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, RSM, Ph.D., 3333 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3165 (412) 578-6175; mjhaywood@carlow.edu