
WILDFLOWERS

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The Next Meeting is April 8

The next meeting will be Monday, April 8, 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.

Elizabeth Barrow will present a lab and a talk on lichens and mushrooms and other fascinating plants, from a different perspective.

Liz is a technical writer and a member of the Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club. She was sucked into mycological associations by life in general: beer (the yeast in her home brew), mountain-biking (nothing like a bike for getting around in the woods) and trees (most fungi are associated with some sort of plant). She moved to Pittsburgh 20 years ago to attend CMU, and hasn't wanted to escape yet!

Feel free to bring your own mushrooms or lichens to examine under the microscope.

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

Don't forget that meetings will now begin at 7:15 p.m. When you attend the monthly meetings, please place a note on your dashboard saying "Botanical Society Meeting," or use your parking permit.

Enlow Fork Spring Extravaganza will be Saturday, May 4

Nestled within the remote, rugged valley of the Wheeling Creek Watershed lies the beloved Enlow Fork Valley. This secluded valley

provides a fine example of our region's native riverbottom forest and forms the meeting ground for both southern and northern species. Here one can find rare wildflowers, including a profusion of Blue-eyed Mary's. This site provides excellent breeding grounds for the Cerulean Warbler.

Ancient Americans chose Enlow Fork Valley for camps and burial grounds. Today, anglers, hunters and nature lovers are attracted to the valley's rich diversity of wildlife.

The Wheeling Creek Watershed Conservancy is sponsoring the 2002 Enlow Fork Spring Extravaganza. The event is scheduled for May 4, rain or shine.

The day begins at 7:30 a.m. with guided bird walks directed by local ornithologists, Marjorie Howard and Ralph Bell. Birders will meet in the Richhill Firehall parking lot (behind the Community Church) in Wind Ridge.

A series of wildflower tours led by members of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania will begin in the game lands parking lot around 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 3:30 p.m. The walks will follow the old road that weaves its way along the creek.

At 1 p.m., Professor Ben Stout of Wheeling Jesuit University will lead a humorous and informative macroinvertebrate stream study. At 2:30 p.m., find out what plants live in the valley's waters from Professor Mary Joy Haywood, President of the Botanical Society.

All are welcome. Please dress for a day outdoors. Wearing blaze orange is strongly recommended since this is the middle of spring

gobbler season. Bring a brown bag lunch. Light refreshments will be available.

Directions to Enlow Fork Natural Area are listed under the Field Trip Schedule. For more information, please call (724) 627-7817 or email attilia@fadco.com.

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

Members present Wildflower Photography and Identification Workshops

- Clifton McGill will present a Wildflower Photography Class on Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Frick Environmental Center. Learn specific techniques and how to select the proper film, lenses and camera accessories. Learn how to combine aesthetic and documentary styles to produce stunning images. A 35 mm camera, moderate telephoto lens and a tripod are the optimal items to bring. The class is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Field Institute. For more information, call (412) 255-0564.
- Esther Allen and Scott Speedy will offer a Spring Wildflower Workshop on Thursday, April 25 and Saturday, April 27. The Thursday classroom session will be held downtown from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A wildflower identification walk will be held Saturday, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve.

Skills acquired in this workshop will enable you to continue identifying and enjoying wildflowers throughout the year. The class

is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Field Institute. For more information, call (412) 255-0564.

Nursery-Propagated Native Plants on Sale May 4

The Audubon Center for Native Plants will hold their Spring Wildflower Sale on Saturday, May 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many species of nursery-propagated native plants will be available.

Sales will be held at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, 614 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. For information, call (412) 963-6100.

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Route 28 North to Route 8 North/Butler exit. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Sharp's Hill/Kittanning Road. Kittanning Road soon becomes Dorseyville Road. Travel 4.3 miles, passing two stop signs. Beechwood is on the left about a half-mile past the Cross Keys Inn.

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, April 13, 2002
Braddock's Trail Park, Westmoreland County
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Leader: Susan Hitchins (724) 446-9728

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the PA Turnpike to Irwin exit and head west on Route 30. Turn left at the first light after the Turnpike Entrance onto Norwin Avenue (Norwin Hills Shopping Center). At the end of Norwin Avenue, turn right on Barnes Lake Road and go approximately 2 1/2 miles to a light (Clay Pike). Turn right onto Clay Pike, then left at the next light onto Guffy Road. Continue 1/4 mile to Kerber's Dairy on the right, where we will meet.

Expect Blue-eyed Mary, trillium and violets in a rich limey valley.

Sunday, April 21, 2002

Wilmore Dam, Cambria County

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Leaders: Debbie and Tom Bodenschatz
(814) 495-5252; debpaca@netscape.net**

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Route 22 East through Blairsville and Armagh. About 15 miles from Armagh, take Route 219 south and travel 6 ½ miles to the South Fork-Portage exit. Head east (or north) on Route 53 for approximately 3 miles to the junction of Route 160, at the first stoplight in Wilmore. Meet at the restaurant on the left at this intersection.

This is a joint trip with the Allegheny Plateau Audubon Society. We will see ephemeral spring flowers in a beautiful forested hillside.

Saturday, April 27, 2002

Beaver Creek State Park, Ohio

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Robert Cox

Directions: From Pittsburgh, follow US Route 30 west to the West Virginia state line. Continue west on Route 30 through the town of East Liverpool. About 6 miles from East Liverpool, exit US Route 30 at the State Route 7, Rogers exit. Travel Route 7 north about 2 miles to the entrance to Beaver Creek State Park on the right. Continue to the parking lot on the right, just past the park office, where we will meet.

Expect a spectacular display of trilliums and other wildflowers in this unique valley.

Saturday, May 4, 2002

Enlow Fork, Greene County

Times: 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Leaders: Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania

Directions: I-79 south to I-70 west. Proceed 11.6 miles to the Claysville exit (Exit 2). At the stop sign at the bottom of the exit ramp, turn

right and right again on U.S. 40 towards Claysville. At center of town, 0.8 mile, turn right just beyond Sacred Heart Church on PA 231 South.

Proceed 3.5 miles to a fork; PA 231 goes left, but you should bear right on the high road (Burnsville Ridge Road) toward Good Intent and West Finley.

Continue 8 miles into West Finley. At the stop sign in West Finley bear left towards Graysville on West Finley Road. Cross the bridge over Enlow Fork after 2.4 miles, and turn right immediately onto a small bridge with a wooden floor (Walker Hill Road).

Follow this road 1.6 miles. After passing a blue 3-door garage, make a very sharp right onto Smokey Run Lane. You will see a State Game Land sign. Follow this road downhill 1.3 miles to a game lands parking lot on the left.

Alternate Directions: To get to Enlow Fork Natural Area (SGL 302) from I-79, take Exit 3, then follow Rte. 21 west through Waynesburg to Wind Ridge. At the eastern edge of Wind Ridge, turn north to follow Nebo Ridge Road for about three miles.

Make a right onto Walker Hill Road then left onto Smokey Row, the dirt road that leads to the game lands parking lot.

See details on the Enlow Fork Spring Extravaganza above. Pick your time to visit or stay all day. Wildflowers walks begin 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. President Mary Joy Haywood will present an Aquatic Botanical Survey at 2:30 p.m.

These trips are scheduled for May – Look for more May trips and information in next month's newsletter!

Saturday, May 11 – Celebrate Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week with Esther Allen at Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve

Saturday, May 18 – Crooked Creek Dam with Luc Berger
Sunday, May 19 – Aultman Run, Indiana County with the Aultman Run Watershed Association

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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.

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