
WILDFLOWERS

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The Next Meeting is May 13

The next meeting will be Monday, May 13, **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.

Dr. David Jett will present Famous People and the Flowers They Loved. This is a history lesson with slides and flowers.

David is writing a book about famous historical figures and the impact that their love of flowers had on our history. He will present several entries from the book, including Napoleon's wife Josephine and her plea to bring back an Old World Rose.

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

Meetings will now begin at 7:15 p.m. When you attend, please place a note on your dashboard saying "Botanical Society Meeting," or use your parking permit.

What Should Our Wildflower Be?

What wildflower should represent the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania?

At April's meeting, President Haywood suggested that members nominate a wildflower that we can adopt as the Society's flower.

Please give some thought and share your input. A few short sentences or paragraph will explain

why your nomination will benefit us for the next 100 years. We will vote for the best entry at our Holiday Party in December 2002.

Send your entries to Dr. Haywood at: 3333 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3165; mjhaywood@carlow.edu.

Order from Chaos: Linnaeus Disposes

Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus devised comprehensive, consistent schemes for classifying and describing plants and animals. By assigning two-word scientific names to all species, he laid the foundations of modern biological taxonomy.

The Hunt Institute of Botanical Documentation presents Order from Chaos: Linnaeus Disposes from April 28 through July 31, 2002. Pages of manuscripts, plant portraits, portraits of botanists, and rare books will highlight the achievements of Carl Linnaeus.

On display will be key works by Linnaeus, including his *Species Plantarum* and *Genera Plantarum*, the starting points of binomial nomenclature.

The Institute is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is also open Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (except May 12, 19, 26, and 27 and July 4). This Institute is located on the 5th floor of the Hunt Library at Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in the Oakland section of the city. (412) 268-2434
Web site: huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu

Advice from Ranger Manka

Boy Scout: Mr. Manka, thank you for helping me get the Landscape Design Merit Badge.

Ranger Tim Manka: But I never talked to you about that badge, young man.

Boy Scout: Yes, but you donated the book *Wildflowers of Pennsylvania* to my local public library!

Does your local public library have a copy of *Wildflowers of Pennsylvania*? If not, please consider donating a copy. You will educate our young people about the flora of our area.

The cost is \$20.00 plus tax. Ordering information is found at the back of this newsletter, or call Dr. Mary Joy Haywood at (412) 578-6175.

Lead a Nature Walk in a Pittsburgh Area Park

Do you have good generalized knowledge of local flora or fauna? Would you like to share that knowledge with others and meet interesting people? If so, then please consider leading nature walks, scheduled for a different park each Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., April through October 2002. Many interesting excursions have been developed in the city's parks and along the Three Rivers, Washington's Landing and Southside Slopes.

These outings are free to the public and are sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Field Institute. Your organization can choose to receive equal billing in all nature walk listings.

If you would like to lead a short hike, showing folks the birds, wildflowers and other wildlife along the way, please contact Sean Brady at sbrady@wpfi.org or (412) 255-0564. All personal specialties, e.g., birds, botany, mushrooms, are welcome!

Where Can You Buy a Quality Magnifier?

One of the best field tools for botanical study is the pocket magnifying lens. Such a tool can be as hard to find as a comfortable pair of hiking boots.

Edmunds Scientific sells 7X, 10X, and 20X Hastings Triplet Magnifiers, and Machinist's 3-lens magnifiers. These quality lenses offer distortion-free, color-correct viewing. The prices range from \$25 to \$50, but the optics are excellent.

Call for a free catalog at 800-728-6999 or visit their website at www.scientificsonline.com.

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, May 11, 2002

Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver County

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Esther Allen (412) 366-0786

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the Parkway West (I-279 south/US 22-30) to the Airport Expressway (Route 60).

Continue past the Airport entrance to Exit 7 – Clinton. At the end of the ramp, turn left and continue 1.1 miles to Route 30. Turn right on Route 30 and drive 4.7 miles to the entrance for the Wildflower Reserve, on the right, just over the hill. Meet in the parking lot.

Come celebrate Pennsylvania Hiking Trails Week with a slow and pleasant nature hike through the state's premier wildflower reserve, led by the daughter of Grandma Gatewood, the first woman to hike the Appalachian Trail!

Saturday, May 18, 2002

Crooked Creek Dam, Armstrong County

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Leader: Luc Berger (412) 683 3131

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Route 28 North to Exit 17 in Freeport. Then take Route 356 South for 7 miles. At the junction with Route 56, keep left and follow signs for Leechburg. In Leechburg, join Route 66 North for 9 miles. The park entrance is just after Myrt's Route 66 Cafe. We will meet by the Resource Manager's Office.

We expect to see Calyose *Houstonia*, a 5-petaled white bluet, and Moonseed, a poisonous vine masquerading as a wild grape, as we explore the wetland and nature trail.

Note that we are starting at 11:00, as the Corps of Engineers closes its dam sites at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2002

Aultman Run, Indiana County

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Leader: Loree Speedy (724) 872-5232

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Route 22 east (I-376) to Route 286 (Golden Mile Highway), to the town of Saltsburg. Continue on Route 286 for a little over 10.75 miles to the Golden Pheasant Inn in Jacksonville, on your right, where we will meet. We will join members of the Aultman Run Watershed Association.

Saturday, May 25, 2002

Hunter's Lane, Westmoreland County

Time: 1 p.m.

Leader: Walt and Dana Shaffer

Directions: Travel the PA Turnpike to Exit 91 – Donegal. Follow Route 31 east for 3 miles and turn left onto Route 381. Proceed about 1.3 miles and turn left onto a township road called Hunter's Lane (marked by a small sign). Follow this road for about 200 yards, and park on the left edge of the road just before the bridge.

We will explore the abandoned railroad grade through floodplain and wet meadow.

Saturday, June 1, 2002

Trail Work Day at Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver County

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the Parkway West (I-279 south/US 22-30). Exit the Parkway to continue on US Route 22 to the exit for Route 18. Turn left on Route 18 north and travel 7 miles to the Park office on the left.

For many years, Botanical Society members have enjoyed outings to Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve. This is an opportunity to show our appreciation to the park staff who make the Reserve a special place for those who love native wildflowers.

Volunteers should bring water; heavy work gloves and boots are recommended. "Friends of Raccoon Creek" will be providing lunch.

RSVP to Pat Adams (724) 899-3611

padams@ata-pa.com by May 29 if you plan to attend.

Projects might include bridge construction, trail work, and erosion control in the main part of the park. We will join members of the Western Pennsylvania Field Institute.

Saturday, June 8, 2002

Buffalo Creek Watershed, Washington County

Time: 1 p.m.

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to I-70 in Washington. Take I-70 west to Exit 17 (Jefferson Avenue/ Route 18). At the end of the ramp, turn right and travel 0.1 mile to Jefferson Avenue (second red light). Turn right and continue 0.3 mile to the next red light and bear left onto Route 844 at the Amoco. Continue 3.9 miles and turn left onto Route 331 at the red barn. Travel 7.1 miles and turn left onto Route 231. We will meet near the "humpback" bridge.

We will prepare a plant inventory for the Buffalo Creek 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.

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