

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



APRIL MEETING

Monday, April 12, 8:00 P.M. at the Potting Shed of Phipps Conservatory, Schenley Park.

Our speaker — Dr. William Coffman of the Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh — "Ecological Impact of Mt. St. Helens Eruptions."

The spring Flower Show will be in progress at Phipps then, and Anne Bahl has offered to give a conducted tour from 7 to 8 P.M. for Botanical Society members only. Come to the front entrance. Admission to the Flower Show is \$1.00.

BIRD AND FLOWER STAMPS

The U. S. Postal Service will release on April 14, 1982 a new stamp issue depicting the official bird and flower of each of the fifty states.



FIELD TRIPS

Jasper Brown, field trip chairman, announces this schedule. Meeting time is 1:00 P.M.

April 17 - Wildflower Reserve, Raccoon Park

Meet at the parking lot. Enter the reserve from U.S. Rte 30, a few miles west of Clinton. The entrance is on the right, shortly after crossing Raccoon Creek. Probably too late for the snow trillium, but other early flowers should be showing. Leader Virginia Craig.

April 24 - North Park

Meet at the parking area along Wildwood Road, near Babcock Blvd. Trailing arbutus should be in bloom. Leader Esther Allen.

May 1 - Cucumber Falls Area, Ohiopyle

Meet at the parking lot near the falls. Drive through Ohiopyle on State Rte. 381. Immediately after crossing a crumbling concrete bridge, turn right. The parking lot is on the left, after going over the crest of the hill. We expect a variety of spring bloom. Leader J. S. Brown.

May 8 - Harrisonville, Pa.

It has been a few years since we visited a shale barren area. *Viola pedata*, *senecio antennariifolius*, and *phacelia dubia* will be three of the plants we can expect. Drive through Breezewood on U.S. Rte. 30. Harrisonville is about 11 miles east. Turn right on Pa. Rte. 655. Meet near the rocky cliffs, which will be on the right and a stream on the left. Leader W. E. Buker.

May 15 - Wolfe Creek

Leave I-79, driving north, at the Slippery Rock exit. Turn left on State Rte. 108, toward Slippery Rock. Meet at the Dairy Store parking lot, about a mile from I-79. Leader Howard McIlvried.

COREOPSIS GIGANTEA

Anne and Bob Bahl have just returned from a trip to Channel Islands National Park, famous for its enormous stands of Giant Coreopsis.

AUREOLARIA VIRGINICA

We just didn't have the space, so we have postponed the continuation of Forrest Piehl's article on False Foxglove until the next issue.

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ANEMONE PATENS

What could be more suitable for our April issue than Isabel Teare's felt pen rendition of the Pasque Flower?

HELEN BLAIR MEMORIAL AWARD

The Botanical Society will present the Helen Blair Memorial Award for the best botany exhibit at the Buhl Planetarium School Science Fair. The fair will be open to the public April 7-10 at the Gymnasium of Allegheny Campus of Community College, North Side. Thanks to Dorothy Pearth, Esther Allen, and Virginia Phelps for serving as judges.
(Tim Manka, President)

TRILLIUM NIVALE

Snow trillium planted by the Botanical Society in Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve last spring is now coming up and starting to bloom. (Esther Allen)

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Your officers are working hard to publish a new membership list. If you are one of the 25 people who have not paid your 1982 dues yet, please send them to Howard McIlvried, 8723 Highland Road, Pgh., Pa. 15237 so that you will be included in the list.

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

If you received a copy of "Wildflowers" and are not a member of the Botanical Society, it is because some present member submitted your name as a person interested in botany.

We invite you to attend our meetings and come along on our field trips. If you enjoy them, then join our society. Membership is only \$5.00 per year; family membership is \$8.00.

MARY LOUISE JOHNSON

The Botanical Society has been honored many times in having Mary Louise Johnson as a guest speaker, including a program just last month on Shells. We re-print here a citation from the Sewickley Herald —

Woman of 1981 named



Mary Louise Johnson

WOMAN OF THE YEAR: Mrs. Mary Louise Davison Johnson, of Edgeworth, for: Her outstanding contribution to the future of the younger members of our community in inculcating them with a love of nature; for sharing a lifelong study of horticulture in sowing seeds of instruction in nature's ways to young and old; and for

giving of herself unselfishly as a volunteer in the field of nature study and conservation.

We believe the selection of Mrs. Johnson will find favor from every person who has ever basked in the radiating sunshine of her smile as well as those who have walked with her along woodland paths to have her point out the beauty and usefulness of plant life and the harmony of the sylvan scene.

During the past year, in spite of failing vision, she continued her classes of instruction in local public schools and her teaching of adult instructors in the Nature Trail Guides program which she founded in 1976.

Long before the present environmental movement began, Mary Louise Johnson was advocating conservation and active in scores of efforts in that field.

She has been instrumental in the founding of garden clubs, has demonstrated her skills in her career as a landscape architect, and has given advice freely and willingly on every aspect of nature.

In her field of expertise, she is outstanding; in her community work, she is outstanding, and, as an example of personal courage, she is outstanding.