

# Wildflowers

## THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

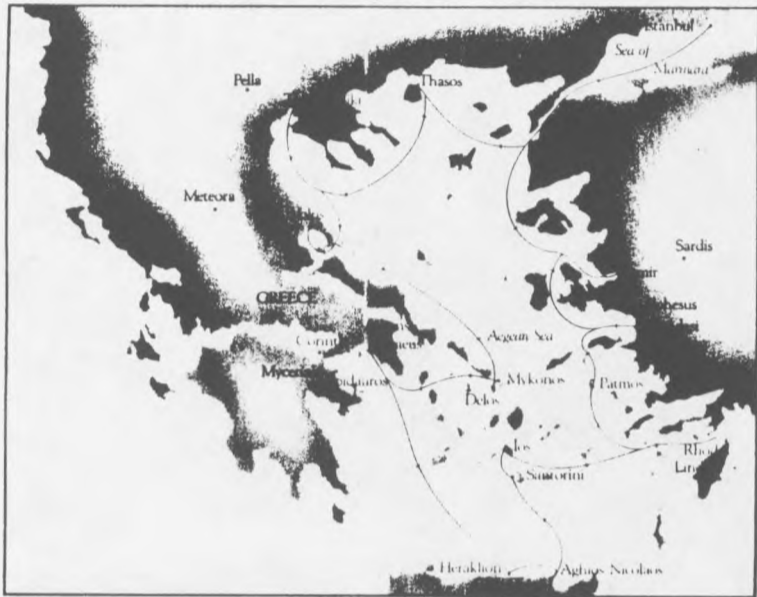
### TWO-MONTH BULLETIN

This bulletin is intended to cover our activities for both September and October.

The reason: Anne and I are leaving September 18th for a 16-day cruise of the Aegean Sea, a trip sponsored by Carnegie Institute.

It's the worst possible time for botanizing in the Mediterranean, coming just at the end of the dry season, but we hope to find some ΑΠΡΙΟΛΟΥΛΟΥΔΑ.

That's Greek for "wildflowers".



### MONTHLY MEETINGS

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, at 8:00 P.M., at Carlow College, with the entrance off Fifth Ave. in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Just remember that this section of Fifth Ave. is one-way, heading in the direction of downtown. No problem with parking!

September Meeting - Monday, the 12th

Traditionally, this is Members' Night, sort of a show-and-tell thing. Each person brings up to 12 slides of botanical interest taken during the past year.

Any guests are welcome to show their slides, too. I still remember the first Botanical Society meeting that I attended. It was one of these September Members' Nights, 15 years ago. I had come in cold, not knowing what to expect. As you can see, I have been around ever since.

October Meeting - Monday, the 10th

Esther Allen will present the program, "Plants, the World's Pioneers." She will outline the importance of plants to the world and mankind.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

On October 7, the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania begins its 98th year. It was founded on that date, 1886.

### PENNSYLVANIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Reminding you - the first meeting of the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society will be held Saturday, September 10, 9:00 A.M., Ohiopyle State Park.

For more details, go back to the July issue of "Wildflowers".

### WHERE'S OUR PRESIDENT?

Tim Manka is off on a Boy Scout encampment in Philmont, New Mexico.

September/October, 1983

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### WHAT FERN IS THAT?

It's not a fern at all. It's a photoprint of ailanthus leaves starting to lose their chlorophyll.

### FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise stated, all field trips start at 1:30 P.M. Note the 10 A.M. starting time for October 1. If you need more information than is given here, call our field trip chairman, Jasper Brown, at 364-8229.

Saturday, September 3 - Ohiopyle

Follow State Rte. 381 south past the park. Then after crossing a crumbling bridge, turn right up the hill and meet on the left just before crossing an iron bridge. Mark Bowers, leader.

Saturday, September 10 - Mt. Davis

This will be our last excursion to finish our plant study of the area. From Somerset, drive south on U. S. 219 to Meyersdale, then follow signs to Mt. Davis. Meet at the picnic grounds. Howard McIlvried, leader.

Saturday, September 17 - Plaingrove Bog

Leave I-79 North at the Slippery Rock exit. Drive west on State Rte. 108. At the first crossroad, turn right, and proceed to the Plaingrove Presbyterian Church on the right across from the cemetery. J. S. Brown, leader.

Saturday, September 24 - 43 Acres

Drive north on either State Routes 60 or 51, toward Aliquippa. Turn west on State Route 151. Watch for an Arco gas station on the right. Turn at this point to the right onto Independence Road (may not be labeled). Continue on this road for about 3 miles, when you will be along the Raccoon Creek valley, but you may not see the stream. Watch for a farm lane with two metal posts painted red, about 4" in diameter, on the right. Drive to the end of the lane, and you will be in our leaders' 43 Acre farm. Ponds and low areas should be lush with fall plants. Bring drinking water. Leaders, Helen and Joe Domitrovich.

Saturday, October 1 - McConnell's Mills

Join the Ohio Mushroom Society on one of their mini-forays. This will be an all-day affair beginning at 10:00 A.M. under the leadership of Gail Blakely. Meet at the picnic grounds. A tasting program is likely in the afternoon for the bolder enthusiasts.

Saturday, October 8 - Clemente Park, North Side

Two years ago we enjoyed walking along the shoreline of the Allegheny River in the park, noting an interesting number of plants established by the wash of the river. The scouring action of the waters and sand, no doubt, constantly change what is to be seen. Meet near the steps that climb to the Ft. Duquesne bridge. No stadium activity is listed at this time, so parking nearby should not be a problem. Guest leader, John Parks.

(J. S. Brown)