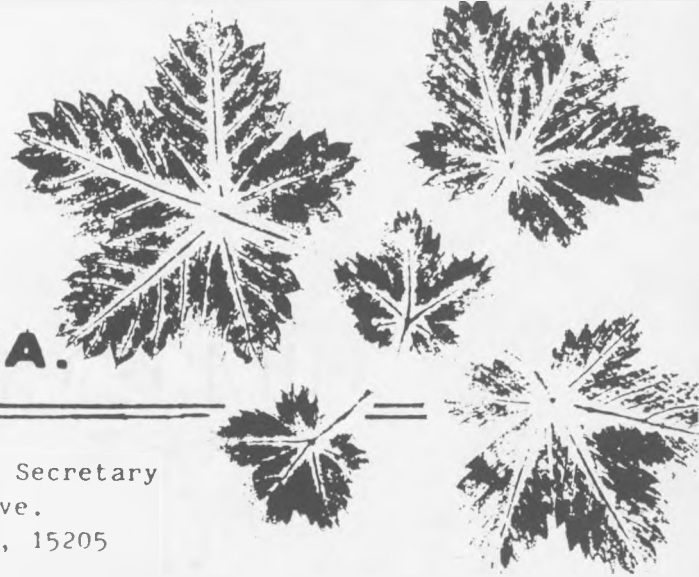


Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



NOVEMBER MEETING

Our monthly meeting - Monday, November 12, at 8:00 P.M. - Trinity Hall, Carlow College.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Frederick Utech, who is Associate Curator, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Section of Botany.

His subject will be "What is a Flower?"

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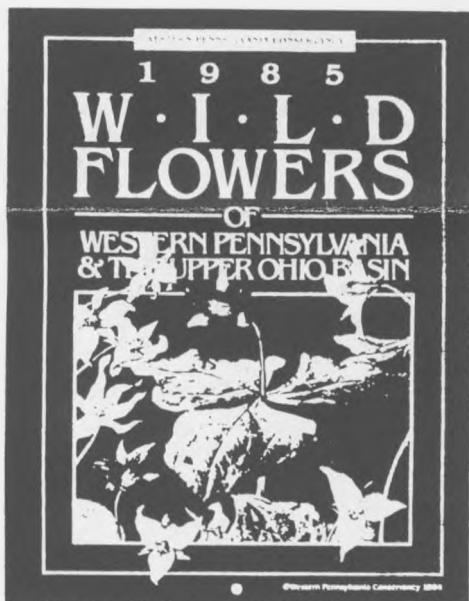
This leaf-print came from Elinor S. Henry of Lancaster.

CONSERVANCY CALENDAR

I have just received my copy of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's seventh calendar. As with the previous six, this calendar features the watercolors of Andrey Avinoff, who illustrated the Otto Jennings' volumes, "Wildflowers of Western Pennsylvania and the Upper Ohio Basin."

Included with the calendar are 365 tidbits of information, one for every day of the year.

Every issue of these calendars has become a collector's piece. At \$6.00 they are a real bargain, but there is an even better way to get them...free. Just belong to the Conservancy.



LOOKING AHEAD

We are indeed fortunate to live in the Appalachian area. Authorities remind us that the variety and abundance of plant life here is exceeded only in China. Unfortunately it is also in an area of minimum sunshine, which includes the Great Lakes and southward to the Great Smoky Mountains. But the rainfall is well distributed over the year and must have a great deal to do with the plants.

The gray dismal days following October's bright blue weather seems relentless. Here's a jingle that may help you through the dull days. It may be quoted incorrectly; if so, let me know -

I heard a bird sing in the dark of December,
A wondrous thing and sweet to remember:
It's nearer to spring than it was in September.

Looking ahead to next year's field trips may also help. Here are three which the Field Trip Committee should schedule.

1. The rangers at Fort Necessity have requested that we make a checklist of plants at this historic site. Our first trip should be early in May. Further trips will then be scheduled as it seems advisable to cover the area and the seasons.

2. Also in May, and this should be a priority, our Secretary has suggested a trip to Ohio, or a weekend, to see the Small White Ladies' Slipper. As a leader, we anticipate Joyce Bender, a lady who obtained her Ph. D. in Botany on this orchid and the area. She is now teaching at the University of Akron.

3. The area in North Park, which has previously been kept mowed, was not cut this summer, and it has responded well. One clump of Closed Gentian may have had fifty plants, and several smaller clumps are scattered over the field. As a rule they seemed somewhat short, but perhaps in another year they will be more vigorous. All in all, this was the best display I have seen. So, next September we should take another look.

J. S. Brown

A LETTER FROM ELINOR

Can anybody supply the address requested by Mrs. Henry?

October 10, 1984

Dear Mr. Bahl -

I have been meaning to write you for some time to thank you for sending me the Bulletin of the Bot. Soc. of W. Pa. each month. I do appreciate receiving the notices as it reminds me of all the wonderful folks Dr. Henry & I had been associated with while in Pgh. Also it recalls many fond memories of trips in the past.

Does anyone in the Society know the address of the Westmoreland Bot. Society? In going over our slides, I found a number of pictures that they might be interested in.

I wish the best for the Society & only wish I could be near enough to go on trips again.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. L. K.) Elinor S. Henry

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FUN AND GAMES - ANSWER

Answer to last month's puzzler - OLD MACDONALD'S FARM.

