

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

OCTOBER MEETING

We have something very special for the October meeting. Allison Cusick will give the program, "How to Know the Ferns".

Allison heads the Division of Natural Areas, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and, we add proudly, he is also a member of our Botanical Society.

I have heard Allison speak and I have been on his field trips. I assure you, nobody does it better.

The meeting will be at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland, on Monday, October 14 at 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP

Our final field trip of the year --

October 5 - Slippery Rock University
Environmental Study Area

Drive north on Rt. 8 to N.308 north of Butler; follow N.308 through West Sunbury and meet at Moniteau High School. Dr. Richard J. Medve, Leader.

All of us owe a vote of thanks to Esther Allen, who served so capably as our Field Trip Chairman this season. Esther took over this very demanding job when Jay Brown died suddenly last January.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US

The Botanical Society will be 99 years old on October 7.

And, here is a copy of the first notice that was sent to prospective members.

"Suggestion Meeting.

You are requested to attend a
CONFERENCE OF BOTANISTS
at
35 Federal Street, Allegheny City
Thursday evening, October 7th, 1886,
at 7 1-2 o'clock,

Purpose:

The consideration of the advisability of forming a
County Botanical Society.

Respectfully,
B. Burns, M. D.

P. S.—If convenient please bring with you a recent or
dried specimen."

Robert F. Bahl, Secretary
401 Clearview Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
(412)921-1797



RUBUS ALLEGHENIENSIS

The sketch of the blackberry is from our member, M. J. Paoli of East Brady, Pa.

BETTY BROWN EXHIBIT

Virginia Phelps sends this announcement:

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

of the

NATIVE ORCHID OIL PAINTINGS

by

Elizabeth F. Brown
(our Betty)

at the

WINCHESTER-THURSTON SCHOOL
555 Morewood Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213
(578-7511)

October 7 through October 17
Student Lounge/Art Gallery

Gallery open 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
on school days

Virginia adds this note -- Betty gave most of her paintings to the school, but this is the first that they have been exhibited that I know. I do hope a number of people can view them (and let Betty know). I think the school is closed on October 14, Columbus Day.

Betty's address:

Elizabeth F. Brown
c/o Meadowcrest, Inc.
1200 Braun Rd.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

RARE PLANT COMMITTEE

Here is part of a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources --

"Another field season of wild plant searches is coming to a close, which necessitates a meeting of the Rare Plant Committee. A date has been set for October 23 to exchange information pertinent to the status of native wild plants in PA. The location is tentatively set for the Bureau of Forestry district office in McConnellsburg, but this meeting may be moved based on the number of attendees and where they will be travelling from. For this reason, I ask that you respond to this office as soon as possible to indicate whether you will be able to attend."

If any Botanical Society member wants to attend this meeting, will he or she please write Kathy A. McKenna, Dept. of Environmental Resources, P. O. Box 1467, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120 or call her at (717)787-3444.

I got a chuckle out of that 7½ o'clock. Bring a dried specimen...no such thing as slides in those days.

So, we now begin our 100th year.

BUKER'S LIST

When Werner Buker gave the September program on "Rare Plants of Western Pennsylvania", he supplied the members with a seven page list of the slides he showed. For each of 160 species, he gave the locale and date of the slide, plus information as to where the plant would likely be found. Both the botanical names and the common names were included. Some slides went back to 1948.