

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

APRIL MEETING

April 11, 1988 at 8 P.M. at Trinity Hall on the Carlow College Campus, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland! Our speaker will be Joan Gottlieb on the subject "Tropical Plants of Trinidad" with emphasis on ferns.

APRIL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

"To those who see bare branches -
and know they hold the buds of spring,
To those who see with wonder in their hearts -
and know what glories there can be."

April 9 - GREENE COUNTY

Drive south on I-79. Exit at Ruff Creek. Turn left and after a short distance, left again onto State Route 221. Continue for 4 or 5 miles to Lippincott. Just past the second church (Faith Baptist) turn left and meet at the third house on the right, a brick house with colonial columns, the Haywood home. Leader, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood.

April 16 - GUFFEY HOLLOW

Meet at Irwin Turnpike Interchange Park-and-Ride Lot. A great profusion of spring flowers of many varieties, including Snow Trillium, Harbinger of Spring, Twin Leaf, etc. can be found there. Leader, Mark Bowers.

April 23 - RACCOON CREEK WILDFLOWER RESERVE

Meet at Wildflower Reserve parking lot, Route 30 just east of main Park entrance. Leader, Esther Allen.

April 30 - ENLOW FORK NATURAL AREA

From Pittsburgh take I-79 south to I-70 west. Exit from I-70 at Claysville to old US 40. Turn right, and in Claysville turn right on Route 231. Follow Route 231 south for approximately 3.5 miles to an intersection where Rt. 231 bears left downhill. Here take road to right and continue for 8 miles to a "T" intersection in West Finley. Turn left and continue another 2.5 miles to new highway bridge over Enlow Fork, and meet by bridge. Our beloved Blue-eyed Mary is just one of the many attractions there. Leader, Bob Morgan.

+++ All field trips are on Saturdays. The rendezvous time is 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call our Field Trip Chairman, Esther Allen, at 366-0786.+++

- Esther Allen



A WEEK ON THE BRUCE

Enclosed with this bulletin is a folder on the Week on Ontario's Bruce Peninsula, June 11-18, sponsored by the Eagle Foundation.

For first-hand information, contact any of these Botanical Society members, all of whom have experienced this magnificent week in prior years --

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Bill and Dorothy Kotsenas

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Jane Stull

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Anne and I have just returned from the famous Philadelphia Flower Show. There were a number of exhibits on wildflower gardening, or so we have been told. Our strong recommendation to anybody planning a future visit to this show -- be sure to take along a periscope.

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APRIL
1988

Our 102nd Year

Before Rain



After Rain



RESURRECTION FERN (*Polypodium polypodioides*)

These are reproductions of photographs of the Resurrection Fern taken along the Fakahatchee Strand of Big Cypress Bend in February of 1987 on two occasions -- before and after a rain.

This small fern usually grows along the stem of a fallen tree. During periods of dry weather the leaves become curled, brown and quite dead-looking, but after a rain they become as fresh and beautifully green as ever. Originally this fern was a tropical species but is now widespread throughout Florida, where it is abundant in hammocks and swamps.

The illustration above, as well as the one of the Strangler Fig in last month's bulletin, was made by Mrs. Rhonda Kelly of the Education Dept. of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Both drawings were based on photographs by Dr. F. W. Volkwein.

- Dorothy Seif

RAYMOND B. LACHMAN

Ray Lachman, a member of the Botanical Society for the past 16 years, died on January 16. We send our condolences to his wife, Ruth.

WILDFLOWER WORKSHOP 1988

Sponsored by the National Council of State Garden Clubs, this all-day workshop will be held at Blue Spruce Park, Indiana, PA, Thursday May 19. Fee, which includes lunch, is only \$10.00.

On the program are Bob Colvin, Bill Paxton, Tom Sitler, Esther Allen. Recognize any of those names?

For an application blank with the complete program and map contact:

Mrs. Donald F. (Charlotte) Smith
128 Concord Street
Indiana, PA 15701
Telephone (412)463-3831

BEWARE THE RED DOT

Take a look at your name and address on the envelope. If there is a red dot in front of your name, it means that we haven't received your 1988 membership dues.

We hate to remove any member from our mailing list, so send your dues - \$5 single, \$8 family - right now to:

Walt Gardill, Treasurer
P. O. Box 226 Grosick Rd,
Ingomar, PA 15127

TITUS BOG REMINDER

If you're planning to visit the Titus Bog (jointly owned by the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania and Presque Isle Audubon Society), you're reminded to let us know.

Scheduled field trips are limited to two per year, but you may visit the bog by contacting Jim Stull, Titus Bog Sanctuary Chairperson. We ask you to limit your party to six people.

Random patrols are still being made at the Sanctuary.

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