

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Botanical Society meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. Starting time is 8:00 P.M. prompt. We meet at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. Always ample, safe parking!

We resume our meetings on Monday, September 12. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Cynthi Walter of St. Vincent College. Her program is entitled "Forest Ecology during the Gypsy Moth Invasion."



SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

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

Sept. 3 - LABOR DAY WEEK-END - No Hike

Sept. 10 - RACCOON CREEK STATE PARK

Meet at Park Headquarters on Route 18. This is a good area for fall flowers, as well as grasses and sedges. Leader, Esther Allen.

Sept. 17 - GREENE COUNTY

Drive south on I-79 and 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.

Sept. 24 - FREW MILL ROAD (Fringed Gentian Area)

Drive west on Rt. 422 from I-79 or 19. Turn north on Rt. 388 and continue to the second crossroad, which is Frew Mill Road. Turn left and meet on the left about one mile. Leader, Virginia Craig.



FIELD TRIP REPORT

Saturday, August 13 - Slippery Rock Creek, Armstrong Bridge Area.

Who would ever think that eight members of Botanical Society would enjoy a field trip in 94° T without a thought of or complaint about the weather? Or not many, any way!

We saw a surprising display of flowers, considering the drought we are having. Of course, most of the flowers were on the wooded hillsides along the road. There were a lot of blues - blue lobelia, blue vervain, tall bellflower, forget-me-not, chicory & monkeyflower. On a little point of land jutting into the creek was a perfect little natural flower garden - pink Joe-Pye weed, green-headed coneflower, sunflowers, vervain & red & blue lobelia. All in good healthy condition too! There were a lot of ferns, especially Christmas & sensitive. Fungi were present in quantity and quality - oyster, slime molds, boletes & beautiful large displays of brilliant orange, poisonous Jack-O-Lantern.

In several areas along our walk, water was cascading down the rocks on the steep hillsides. It felt cool going past these places.

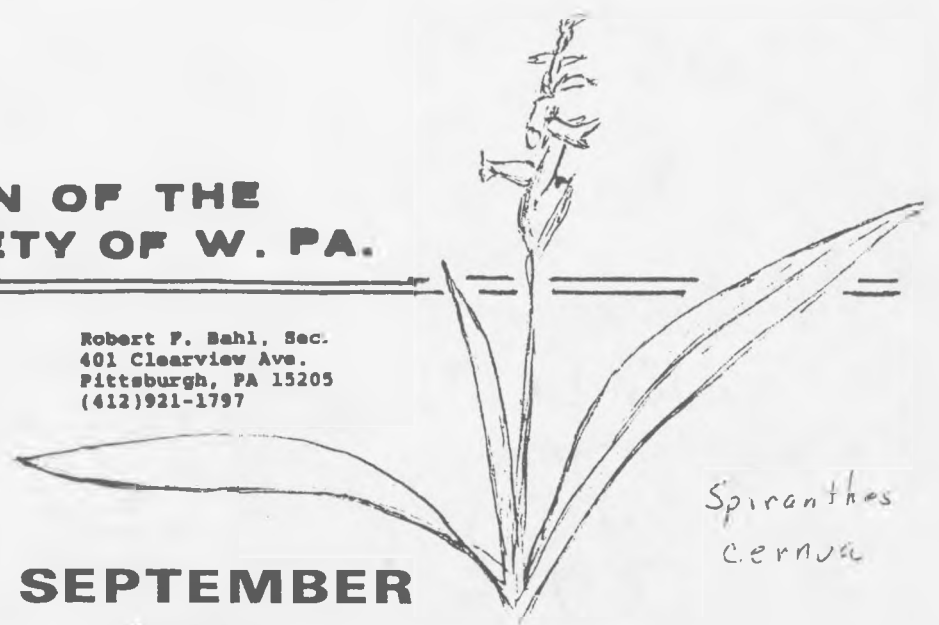
Several of us made a special find - very handsome geodes. I thought they were just found in Arizona.

A very good trip! Dave relayed members back to their cars, since this was not a round-trip hike.

Our thanks to Esther - it was a very well planned and enjoyable hike.

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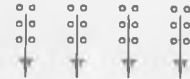
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Our 102nd Year

SPIRANTHES CERNUA

The sketch of the Nodding Ladies'-Tresses was made by our member, Mary Judith Paoli ... as was the Aster to the left.

Our special pride is the large number of members who have contributed to this corner. Your rendition of a wildflower, whatever the medium, would be welcome. A special challenge to our computer owners ... how about a computer image of some wildflower!



SLIDE SELECTION MEETINGS

We have completed about a quarter of the list; we still have three quarters to go. Let's get the very best illustration for each of the 600 species in our book, "Wildflowers of Pennsylvania".

Our second goal is to have as many members represented as possible. Photographer's credit for each picture will be given in the publication.

All members are invited to submit slides and/or to join in the selection.

We use our regular meeting place, Trinity Hall on the Carlow Campus. Meetings are scheduled for 7 P.M. on these evenings:

Wednesday, August 24
Wednesday, August 31
Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, September 27
Tuesday, October 4

If you can't make the meeting but do want to submit slides for consideration, you can mail them to Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, Dept. of Biology, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213 -- or drop them off at the Convent on the Carlow Campus.

Call Bob Bahl at 921-1797 to find out which group of slides we will be working on at the next meeting night.



ORCHID HUNTER

The adventures of Scott Shriver...first he reported seeing the Snowy Orchis, *Platanthera nivea*, in Bennett Bog, which is near Cape May, N. J., on August 12.

Then on his way back, he stopped in West Virginia. Despite warnings of rattle-snakes and copperheads, he climbed a sheer cliffside to see Crested Coralroot, *Hexalectris spicata*. He encountered no snakes; the temperature was too much for them.



CCAC COURSE - WILDFLOWERS OF FALL

Wildflowers of Fall will consist of an introductory classroom session to acquaint the students with field guides and their use, plant characteristics to look for in field identification, habitats, etc. Following the introductory session there will be field trips to such natural areas as North Park, Trillium Trail, Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve and others. Those who like the outdoors will enjoy this course.

Vincetian High School Room 119 \$20
5 sessions Beginning Sept. 10 Sat. 9 a.m. - 12
Instructor: Esther Allen

Call Esther, 366-0786, to find out how to register.