

# Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting - Monday, April 10, 8 P.M. - at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. The program - "Pageants of Spring" by Esther Allen.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN 90 DAYS

Our president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, has already left New Guinea, and is headed for a week in Rome and then a week in Ireland. By the time she returns home in mid-April she will have circumnavigated the globe a la Magellan and Drake.

## SPOTS BEFORE YOUR EYES

If you see two red dots before your name on the envelope, what does it signify? It means that our latest computer list says your Botanical Society dues are delinquent. They are due January 1 each year - \$5 for single membership, \$8 for the whole family.

Computers are not infallible. If the computer has gone awry again and your dues are really paid up, let me know and I'll punch the computer in the nose. Otherwise, send your check in before the next mailing. Send it to me, Bob Bahl, and I'll make sure your name stays on the list. I'll pass the check along to Walt.

## WEDDING BELLS

April 15 is the big day. Dr. Carolyn Bahl will be married in Palo Alto, California, to Mr. James Underwood. Carolyn contributed numerous illustrations for *Wildflowers*, in fact the very first one in the January, 1980 issue. It was a sketch of *Arethusa bulbosa*. It was also she who put out our bulletin when I was in the hospital for 31 days.

## BEAUTIFUL TO BEHOLD

Somebody asked the meaning of the species name "formosa", as in *Aquilegia formosa*. It means finely formed, handsome, beautiful. It is not to be confused with *formosanus*, relating to Formosa (Taiwan).

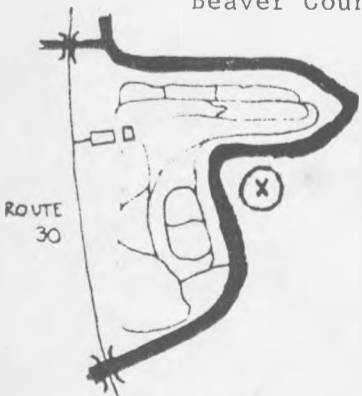
## APRIL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All field trips are on Saturdays. The rendezvous time is 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions, call our Field Trip Chairman, Scott Shriver, at 741-9249.

4-1-89 - WILDFLOWER RESERVE, Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver County, Pa.

Meet at Wildflower Reserve Parking Lot, Route 30 just east of main park entrance. Expectations: *Hepatica acutiloba* (Sharp-lobed Hepatica, *Trillium nivale* (Snow Trillium), *Erigenia bulbosa* (Harbinger-of-Spring) + other early spring bloomers - like the cresses. Note: Members should be prepared for wet/muddy early spring trails. Leader: Robert Morgan.

4-8-89 - WILDFLOWER RESERVE, Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver County, Pa.



Meet at Wildflower Reserve parking lot just east of main park entrance. This field trip may be an area of the Wildflower Reserve new to many members. We will be exploring the Reserve on the far side of Raccoon Creek (as per X on map). To get across the creek, Kate and I will provide a canoe for members to ride "shuttle fashion", so no one need get wet feet. Also, the canoe will be pulled back and forth across the creek via ropes, so members need not be concerned even if they have never been in a canoe. Once on the far side of the creek we should expect to see many of the Wildflower Reserve's normal spring species, plus, as far as I know, the Wildflower Reserve's only remaining stand of *Sanguinaria canadensis* (Blood-root). Leaders: Kate & Scott Shriver.

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APRIL 1989

Our 103rd Year

## VIOLA PAPILIONACEA

This depiction of the common blue violet was made by our granddaughter, Sara Nasuti, on her computer. It's a far cry from the days when we were nine years old; we considered ourselves fortunate to have a five-cent package of Crayolas.

## MOTHER GOOSE

Every year, the magazine *Agway Cooperator* has a photo contest. Every year, one of the prize winners is our member, Edie Mock. And, it seems to me, her subject each year has something to do with geese.

The March, 1989 issue includes her latest prize-winner entitled "Wild Geese Flying"

4-15-89 - TOM'S RUN ROAD AREA, Kilbuck Township, Allegheny County, Pa.

Tom's Run Road runs north from Rte. 65 between Emsworth and Glenfield. Turn north onto Tom's Run Road at the old Dixmont State Hospital sign and proceed about 1/2 mile to the meeting area. This should be a new hiking area for the Botanical Society. Be prepared for "wet feet" as we will be exploring a steep walled woodland ravine by following the course of a small unnamed rivulet. We expect to see a nice variety of spring flora, including a stand of *Trillium erectum* (Red Trillium) and *Claytonia caroliniana* (Carolina Spring Beauty). Leader: Scott Shriver (if the Society can stand me as leader for the second week in a row).

4-22-89 - WOLF CREEK NARROWS, Butler County, Pa.

From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North to the Slippery Rock exit. Turn left onto Route 108 toward Slippery Rock, and go about one mile to an intersection where there is a Dairy Queen store on the right. Turn left and go to the first paved road on the right. Turn right and follow this road for about 3/4 mile to a grassy triangular area where the road curves to the right. We expect a nice display of spring flora including an outstanding display of *Trillium grandiflorum* (Large-flowered Trillium). Leader: Howard McIlvried.

4-29-89 - FERNCLIFF NATURAL AREA, Ohiopyle State Park, Fayette County, Pa.

Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike east to the Donegal exit. Turn left on Rte. 711, then right onto Rte. 381 (south). Continue on Rte 381 until just before the bridge across the Youghiogheny River at the town of Ohiopyle. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn right to the Ferncliff Natural Area parking lot. We expect a variety of spring flora and hopefully some *Trillium undulatum* (Painted Trillium). Leader: Mark Bowers.

5-6-89 - POLAND MUNICIPAL FOREST, Mahoning County, Ohio

From Pa. Turnpike (I-76) travel into Ohio and take the first Ohio exit, 16A. Proceed north on Rte. 680 toward Youngstown for 3.7 miles to second exit, #11. Turn right onto Rte. 224, Canfield-Poland Road (also known as Boardman-Poland Road), and continue on Route 224 to first traffic light. Turn right onto Rte. 170 to second traffic light, then right onto College St. Proceed to Parking Lot. Expectations: *Trollius laxus* (Spreading Globeflower) and *Plantago cordata* (no common name), Blue-eyed Mary, Virginia Bluebells, Wood Betony, Woodland Phlox (white variety) and other spring flora. Leaders: Al & Scott Shriver.

- Scott Shriver