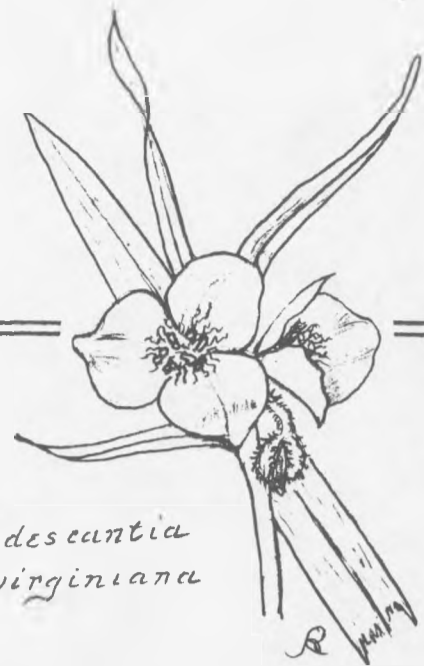


Wildflowers

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APRIL MEETING

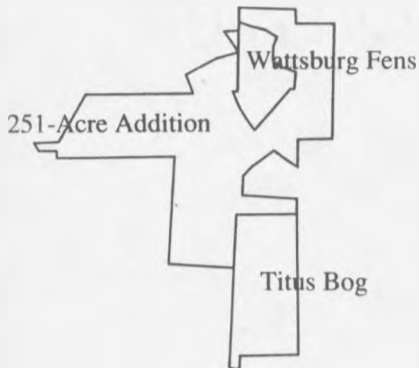
Our next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 9, at 8 P.M. at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland.

Dr. William R. Schell, Dept. of Radiation Health, University of Pittsburgh, will present a program, "Deposition and Mobility of Elements in Wetland Ecosystems".

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CONSERVANCY ACQUISITION LINKS WATTSBURG AND TITUS

The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has acquired 251 acres in Erie County. This new acreage forms a connection between Wattsburg Fens, already owned by the Conservancy, and Titus Bog, which is owned jointly by our Botanical Society and the Presque Isle Audubon Society.



In 1977, Wattsburg Fens along with Titus Bog was designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service.

TRADESCANTIA VIRGINIANA

This pencil sketch of Spiderwort is by our member, Phyllis Monk.

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OUR BOOK: "WILDFLOWERS OF PENNSYLVANIA"

Any member who still has an additional "favorite" flower he/she may wish to add to the Chapter's publication is asked to submit the name, and a slide, if possible, but not required, before April 30th. This is the last call.

Any member who wishes to try his/her hand at writing for the publication, please contact Mary Joy Haywood before April 30th, 1990.

We are indeed grateful to Bob Bahl for his "zillion hours" spent in establishing the original list and cards (3x5) used in separating the slides, Mary Lou Brown for organizing the enclosed list, and all who have spent hours photographing, selecting, and meeting. As President of this Society, speaking for all the members, we are grateful!

I promised Bob Bahl this publication will be out in print before we're all "too old" to enjoy.

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- M. J. Haywood

PUBLICATION MEETING

There will be a meeting on our publication, "Wildflowers of Pennsylvania", on Tuesday, April 3, at 7 P.M. at Carlow. This meeting is open to all members of the Botanical Society, not just to the few "regulars" who show up all the time.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field trips are on Saturdays. Meeting time is 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions concerning our trips, call our Field Trip Chairman, Scott Shriver, at 744-9249.

4-7-90 - CORE ARBORETUM AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
Monongalia County, WV
Leaders: Clete Smith & Doug Smith

From Pittsburgh, take I-79 South into West Virginia and exit at Star City. Turn left and proceed a short distance to Route 7. Turn right on Route 7 and continue toward Morgantown. About 1/4 mile past the W. V. U. Coliseum turn right at the sign directing you to the Arboretum. Meet in the parking area.

Expectations: With the wild weather we've been having lately, who knows! But, generally, bloom should be 1 to 2 weeks ahead of ours.

4-14-90 - GUFFEY HOLLOW, Westmoreland County, PA
Leader: Mark Bowers

From Pittsburgh, take the Turnpike (I-76) East to the Irwin exit. Meet at the Turnpike Interchange Park-and-Ride lot.

Depending upon weather conditions, we expect to see a profusion of spring wildflowers including a number of violets and Twinleaf (*Jeffersonia diphylla*).

4-21-90 - CORE ARBORETUM AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
Monongalia County, WV

Leaders: Clete Smith & Doug Smith

Directions: Same as 4-7-90 field trip.

Those members who attended the 4-7-90 field trip will have the best idea of what to expect. Core Arboretum's nice display of spring flora should be about one week ahead of Pittsburgh flora.

4-28-90 - ROARING RUN NATURAL AREA, Westmoreland Cty. PA
Leaders: Hersch Leapman & Laura Wirkkala

From Pittsburgh, take the Turnpike (I-76) East to Donegal (Exit 9). Turn left on Route 31 (East) and proceed 6.7 miles as it ascends Laurel Ridge. Near the crest of the hill, turn right onto Fire Tower Road, a gravel road just past Mt. Hope Church. Follow Fire Tower Road for 1.8 miles and take a hard right turn at a "T" intersection with a private road. Pull into and park in a large gravel parking lot on the right several hundred yards beyond this intersection.

Our leaders, no doubt, will have a great trip planned out for us as we will explore the largest state forest natural area in Western Pennsylvania. Be prepared to either "rock-hop" or wade Roaring Run several times. Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*), Trilliums (*Trillium* sp.), Violets (*Viola* sp.), and many other flowers should be lush.

5-5-90 - HELL HOLLOW, McCONNELLS MILL STATE PARK
Lawrence County, PA
Leader: Scott Shriver

From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North and exit at Route 422. Turn left on 422 (West) and proceed 1.8 miles then turn left at the entrance to McConnells Mill State Park. Follow this road for 1.1 miles to a picnic and parking area. Just past this parking lot make a sharp right, then another right and follow a dirt road down into the Slippery Rock gorge. Turn sharply left and cross the covered bridge. On the other side continue up for 0.8 mile to an intersection with Trusel Road. Turn left and proceed on Trusel for 2.4 miles to a left turn onto Shaffer Road. In 0.5 mile, you will come to a small parking area on the left. Park here.

This is a 2 part field trip.

Part 1 - A relatively level walk through one of the region's richest displays of spring wildflowers - for everyone.

Part 2 - And for the adventuresome - a 1.5 mile walk along (and maybe in) Hell Run through the narrow, steep ravine to meet Slippery Rock Creek.

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- Scott Shriver

PLAN AHEAD...TWO SUPER FIELD TRIPS COMING UP

Scott has two very special field trips lined up. Both are farther afield than our usual trips...so mark your calendars! You'll probably want to stay overnight.

July 28 - A trip to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, where we hope to see the very, very rare Yellow Fringeless Orchis, *Platanthera integra*.

August 11 - A trip to Lynx Prairie in Adams County, Ohio. That's down toward Cincinnati. This is a station for Crested Coral-root, *Hexalectris spicata*.