

Wildflowers

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JUNE IS BUSTING OUT

If this June issue seems early to you...it is! Anne and I will be gallivanting off again. This time we're driving to California for the arrival of our new grandson.

Dr. Carolyn is our youngest daughter, and this is her first child. It was Carolyn who made the first sketch for "Wildflowers" plus numerous drawings after that. She is the one who got out "Wildflowers" when I had heart surgery and was completely out of it.

We shall be making a bee-line out to the Coast, but we expect to do a bit of botanizing on our way back through the southern part of the country. We are planning stops at Great Basin National Park, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Petrified Forest National Park, Painted Desert, Big Bend National Park, and Natchez Trace.

This has been an imposition on Jeanne Poremski. She had the choice -- get the June field trip schedule to me by May 1 or she would have to get out this bulletin.



JUNE MEETING



The next meeting will be Monday, June 8 -- at our usual meeting place, Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Phyllis Monk will present the program, "Early Spring in England".



LOOKING AHEAD

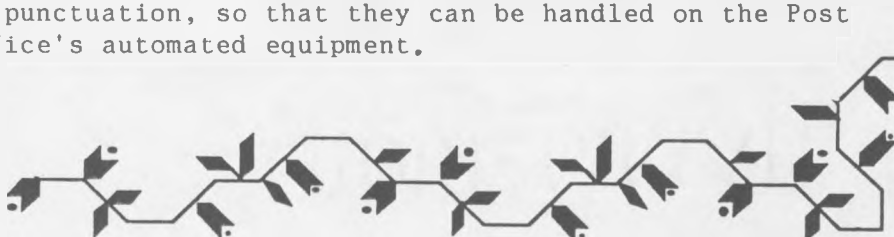
Programs to anticipate -

- Sep. 14 - Scott Shriver, "Wildflowers of Alaska"
- Oct. 12 - Paul Wiegman, "Endangered Plants"
- Nov. 9 - Joan Gottlieb, "Flora of the N. J. Pine Barrens"
- Dec. 14 - Christmas Party



P. C. ADDRESSES

The addresses on our envelopes are now P. C. ... meaning Post Office Correct...all capital letters and no punctuation, so that they can be handled on the Post Office's automated equipment.



FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field trips are on Saturdays. Any questions? Call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski, 412-343-6546.

June 6 - PYMATUNING SWAMP

Starting Time - 1:30 PM
Leader - Howard McIlvried

Directions: Take I-79 north to intersection of Rt. 285 (about 7 miles south of Meadville). Turn west on Rt. 285 and go through Geneva and Conneaut Lake to a point where 285 crosses the Bessemer and Lake Erie RR (about 4 miles west of Conneaut Lake). Park along highway just after crossing railroad.

Expectations: We will be looking for the small yellow lady's slipper. Be prepared for wet ground.

June 13 - FRICK PARK, PITTSBURGH

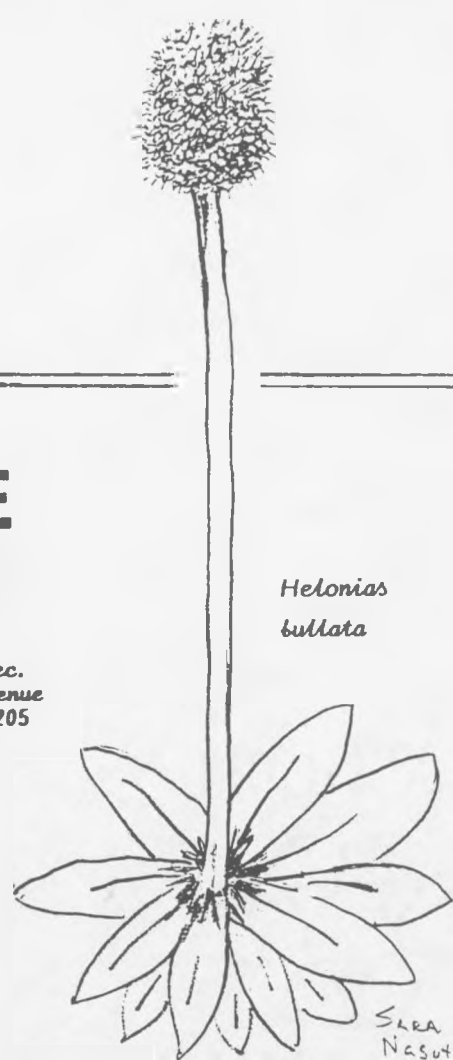
Starting Time - 1:30 PM
Leader - Lucy Lafitte

Directions: From I-376 (Parkway East) take Exit 8 and follow signs to Squirrel Hill. Follow Forward Avenue to the fourth light at Forward and Beechwood Blvd. Turn left. Follow Beechwood Blvd. for .9 miles to the entrance of the Frick Woods Nature Reserve, where we meet in the lot.

Expectations: We will explore a city park that has been preserved as a nature sanctuary since the first piece of property was deeded to the city by Henry Frick in 1919.

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*Helonias
bullata*

HELONIAS BULLATA

For more than twenty-five years, the Swamp-Pink, *Helonias bullata*, has been near the top of our wish list. We had seen the plant on several occasions, but never in bloom.

On May 1, accompanied by our daughters Connie and Celeste, we finally found it in a sphagnum bog at Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve -- a solitary specimen that was guarded like Fort Knox. Bowman's Hill is in the eastern part of the state, along the Delaware River.

The plant is one that had been rescued from the Philadelphia Flower Show.

The pencil sketch was done by our grand-daughter, Sara Nasuti.



- Anne & Bob Bahl

BLOODROOT BLOODROOT

Have you ever seen a double form of Bloodroot, *Sanguinaria canadensis*? We saw that, too, at Bowman's Hill. Quite a sight, like snowballs!

We saw double *Trillium grandiflorum*, too.

June 20 - WATTSBURG BOG, ERIE COUNTY

Starting Time - 12:00 Noon
Leader - Jim Stull

Directions: Take I-79 north and Rt. 6 east. After passing through Union City, turn left on Rt. 89N and proceed about 2 miles. We will meet across from the bog in a parking area just beyond some farm buildings on the left side of the road.

Expectations: We will see Canada lilies, showy lady's slippers, rose pogonias, grass pinks, and perhaps the tall northern bog orchid in bloom. Wattsburg Bog does not require breaching a moat and climbing over fallen tree trunks; to enter requires only crossing a guard-rail and descending a very slight grade. Come prepared with old washable shoes for walking in wet sphagnum mud holes.

June 27 - No trip is scheduled. Explore a new site.

July 4 - No trip is scheduled. Have a good holiday.

July 11 - NORTH PARK

Starting Time - 1:30 PM
Leader - Esther Allen

Directions: North Park is a county park north of Pittsburgh that can be reached from I-79; exit at Mt. Nebo Road and follow yellow belt signs to the park. Meet at the parking area off Babcock Blvd. along Wildwood Road near and across from the Tastee Freez store.

Expectations: We are visiting a hillside wet area to look for the tubercled or pale green orchis. Then we will check the area along Irwin Rd. and the nearby lake for creeping primrose willow, grass leaved arrowhead, and bog moss, newly discovered in this location last year. These are very easy walks.

- Jeanne Poremski