

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

NO MEETING IN JULY

No monthly meetings are scheduled for July or August.



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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

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

July 4 - No trip scheduled.

July 11 - NORTH PARK

Starting Time - 1:30 PM

Leader - Esther Allen

Refer to June issue of "Wildflowers".

July 18 - MARKLE FARM, WESTMORELAND COUNTY

Starting Time - 1:30 PM

Leader - Mark Bowers

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take Rt 51 south through Elizabeth. Turn left on Rt 136 and drive toward West Newton. Just before the West Newton Bridge, park in the lot outside a Revco drug store on the left side of Rt 136.

Expectations: The highlight of the summer species here should be the yellow passionflower.

July 25 - TITUS BOG, ERIE COUNTY

Starting Time - 12:00 noon

Leaders - Jean and Jim Stull

Directions: From Pgh., take I-79 north to Rt 6N (Edinboro exit) east through Union City. After taking the turn out of Union City, drive 5.7 miles to the intersection of Rt 89 north, where we will meet at the Blatt Bros. Drive-In.

Expectations: On this visit to the bog we own jointly with the Presque Isle Audubon Society, we will be looking for the white fringed orchid. To enter this bog requires climbing over some treefall and sinking in knee-deep mud; wear washable shoes.

August 1 - JENNINGS PRAIRIE, BUTLER COUNTY

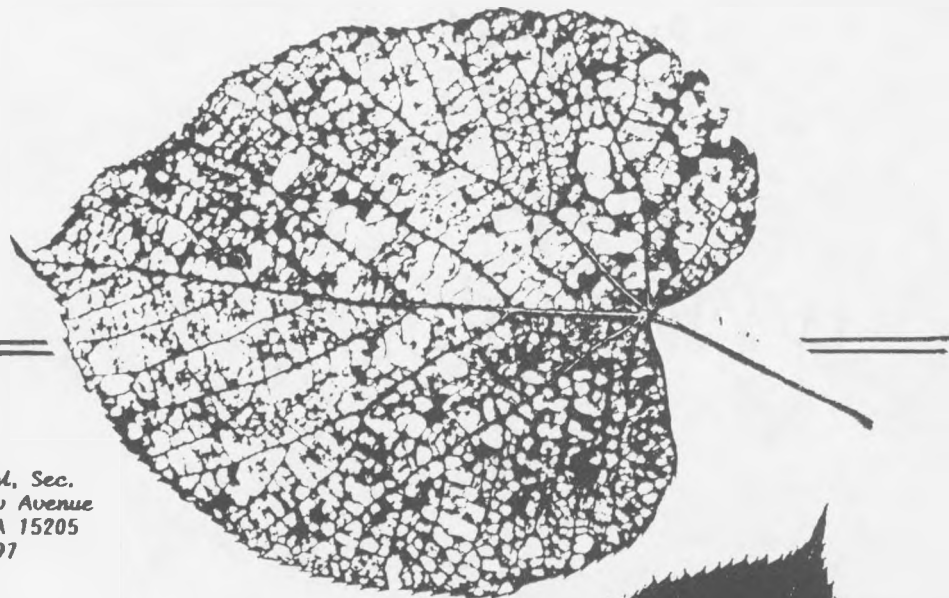
Starting Time - 1:30 pm

Leader - To be announced

Directions: From Rt 422 take Rt 528 north through Moraine State Park to Jennings. Park at the Blazing Star parking area across from the nature center.

Expectations: This amazing concentration of summer wildflowers includes the dense blazing star and the small flowered purple fringed orchid. The prairie loop is perfectly level but exposed to the sun.

- Jeanne Poremski



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TILIA AMERICANA

These are actual specimens, slightly reduced, of the American Linden, from Esther Allen's collection of "everything".



MAY 16 BOTANICAL TRIP

Esther, Mary & I were among the large group of wild flower enthusiasts who went on the field trip to Canoe State Park on May 16. This area caused me to think of the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Some of the plants were practically hanging on the steep cliff sides - some of the people too! The terrain was different from our usual hiking areas. There was a wonderful group of flowers for us to see - among them firsts for many of us. Included among the first sightings were the Seneca Snakeroot, yellow pimpernel (Who in our group has not read *The Scarlet Pimpernel* - probably many years ago?), and the beautiful little red columbine really an outstanding red! It was a good day for fungi too - one large old tree had many Dryad's saddle mushrooms on it.

One roadside ditch "stream" had water cress growing in it. I picked some - not in the protected area. I now will be able to dine on dainty water cress sandwiches - like those elegant old-time ladies of yore! The sandwiches were pretty good - with a slight peppery taste.

Our thanks to Mary Paoli - first time the Botanical has ever hiked in this area!

- Ede Mock



TIM MANKA

Tim Manka is listed in *Who's Who in America's Teachers*. He was nominated by a student he had in 1977-78. The student went on 11 out of 41 field trips Tim led that year.



AND TIM'S BROTHER

This summer, John Manka is a ranger naturalist at Glacier Bay National Park in Alaska. One of his duties is to go on cruise ships and interpret the park's geology, plants, animals, and history over the ship's P. A. system. If you go there, stop in and say "Hello".



CONDOLENCES

We members of the Botanical Society extend our deepest sympathy to Emily Johnson on the death of her husband.



WILDFLOWER POSTAGE STAMPS

Hold off on buying 29¢ stamps until you can get some of the new wildflower stamps. The local post offices can't give you much information, but I saw this new series at the National Wildflower Research Center in Austin, TX. There are 50 different wildflowers depicted on the panel. Beautiful!

OUR NEWEST MEMBER

Born May 26, 1992, the newest member of the Botanical Society is

JASON ROBERT UNDERWOOD

Jason is the grandson of Anne and Bob Bahl - and the son of Dr. Carolyn Bahl and James Underwood.

