

# Wildflowers

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 9, (Anne's birthday!). It will be at the usual time - 8 P.M. - and the usual place - Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland.



Our speaker will be Joan Gottlieb, and the subject, "The Flora of the New Jersey Pine Barrens."

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## THE BRUCE

The Bruce Peninsula in Canada has a special allure for Botanical Society members. Russell Douglas was up there in June.

## VIRGINIA PHELPS

The latest report on Virginia -- she was moved from the hospital in Machias, and is now at -

Maine Medical Center  
22 Bramhall St.  
Portland, ME 04102

## SOLIDAGO SHORTII

Short's Goldenrod is reputed to be one of the rarest plants in the world. We located it on an old buffalo trail near Blue Licks, Kentucky.

- Anne and Bob Bahl

## CHARLES BIER

A special thanks to Charles Bier of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, who gave the program on "Endangered Plants" at our October meeting.

## LOBELIA CARDINALIS

We never considered the Cardinal Flower to be an aquatic plant. We were quite surprised to find it growing among the Pickerel Weed and Water Hyacinth in 8 inches of water in a Louisiana bayou.

- Anne and Bob Bahl

## DOUG SMITH

Many of us were saddened to learn of the suicide of Douglas Smith on Thursday, September 24th. Doug, the constant companion of his brother Clete Smith, was a very active Botanical Society member since 1988, and Doug was also a student of plant physiology. He enjoyed dozens of Botanical Society field trips during the last few years and even acted as co-field trip leader with Clete Smith several times. Doug, his brother Clete, Al and Scott Shriver, and Russell Douglas spent hundreds of pleasant moments together on botanical outings. Doug especially enjoyed recent trips to Tennessee, Alaska, and the U. P. of Michigan. Doug Smith was a true lover of plants, who spent some of his happiest hours afield with Botanical Society members. Many of us will always recall him fondly whenever we see some of Doug's favorite wildflowers - sweetflag, pinesap, goldthread, buckbean, monkshood, or golden club. Farewell, dear friend, we will miss you.

- Scott Shriver

## DR. STANWYN G. SHETLER

In checking over the "Acknowledgements" on the Postal Service's new book Wildflowers, I noted this:

"Expertise and verification were obtained from Dr. Stanwyn G. Shetler at the Department of Botany of the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC."

Dr. Shetler has been a member of the Botanical Society of W. Pa. for the past 28 years.



## POACEAE

Sr. Constance Bahl chose a medley of grasses for her first attempt at nature printing at Touchstone Center for Crafts. The original has been reduced by 73%.

## THE FERRELLS

Genie and Karl Ferrell write -

"Some time ago you inquired if anyone had info on the Vermont Wildflower Farm.

"We visited this summer for the second time.

"Enclosed sheet shows what one might expect to see at some times of the year in their fields and gardens.

"Also a very complete shoppe w/books, seeds, etc."

They enclosed several copies of the plant list (271 species). If you are planning a visit to the Vermont Wildflower Farm and want one of these lists, contact me.

## FROM DICK SCHWENDINGER

Our member from Denver, Colorado writes -

"Sorry to hear about Virginia Phelps. It was she & Buker & Henry that got us started on a lifetime obsession with native orchids.

"This has been one of the best seasons ever for both garden flowers & wildflowers in Colorado. Began with an early spring (without the usual killing frosts) & continued with sufficient rain at just the right times for this dry country (15.5" annual precipitation in Denver).

"We continue to enjoy the monthly newsletter."

## PONTERDERIA CORDATA

It was our first time sighting of a white form of Pickerel Weed in central Maryland.

- Anne and Bob Bahl

## EDIE MOCK

Edie is out of the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S "PUZZLER"

What do all those members have in common? They all have a botanical address!

ASHOK - Bramble Lane; KINNEY - Maple Ave.; KONRAD - Maple Lane; McCURDY - Cedar Blvd.; PASCARELLA - Elmwood Drive; PRENTICE - Laurel Blvd.; PRINZIE - Cedar Ave.; SEIPLER - Tamarack Lane; SETTLEMEYER - Maple St.; SHEPLER - Walnut St.; SHRIVER - Locust St.; D. THOMPSON - Colony Oaks Drive; S. THOMPSON - E. Sycamore St.; VESELY - Dianthus St.