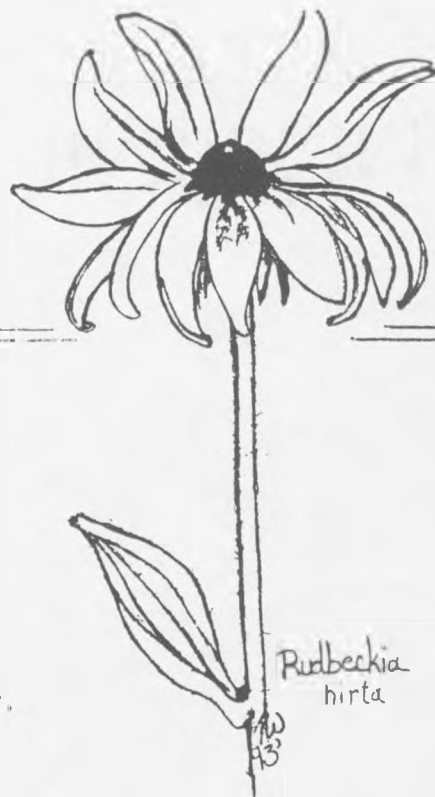


Wildflowers

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RUDBECKIA HIRTA

The sketch of the Black-eyed Susan was made by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.



LECTURE ON EDIBLE WEEDS

The Armstrong County Herbal Group invites Botanical Society members to a special lecture by Dr. Peter Gail - *Those Incredible Edible Weeds* - at the Masonic Temple on Route 85, Kittanning on April 30 at 7:30.

Dr. Gail, an ethnobotanist, is director of the Goosefoot Acres Center for Wild Vegetable Research and Education in Cleveland, Ohio. He is author of several books on wild vegetables and writes a syndicated column, "On the trail of the Volunteer Vegetable."

Tickets at \$5 can be purchased from Annette Kinter - (412) 713-1315.



WILDFLOWER SEED CATALOG

Another source for wildflower seeds is --

Wildseed, Incorporated
1101 Campo Rosa Rd - PO Box 308
Eagle Lake, TEXAS 77434

You can get a catalog from the company for \$2.00. However, I have a supply of catalogs for FREE distribution. I will have them with me at the April meeting, and I will give Jeanne Poremski a supply for her April field trips.

If you won't be at the meeting or the field trips, I can mail one to you. Please include 50c for postage.

APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be on Monday, the 12th of April. Usual time - 8:00 P.M. Usual place - Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland.

Our guest speaker will be Sister Ann Infanger of Seton Hill College, and her subject will be *Wildlife of the Galapagos Islands*.



APRIL FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

For those of you who wonder--will there be a field trip today?--the answer is always yes. Field trips convene in spite of the weather. If it is snowing or raining or freezing, the trip leader will be waiting for you at the designated meeting place.

The starting times are usually either 12:00 or 1:30, but this is not written in stone. For instance, the field trip to Wolfe Creek in May will begin at 1:00. For this reason, never take the starting time for granted; always make careful note of it. I missed the very first field trip of my membership because I assumed incorrectly.

April 3, 1993--Wildflower Reserve, Raccoon State Park
Starting Time: 1:30 P.M.

Leader: Jeanne Poremski

Directions: Take Rt. 30 west through Imperial.

Travel approx. 7 miles to the Reserve on the right immediately before the park entrance.

Meet in the parking area. Unless there is a foot of snow on the ground, we will see snow trillium, harbinger of spring, blue staining fungus, and other stalwarts.

April 10, 1993--Easter--No field trip scheduled

April 17, 1993--Core Arboretum at West Virginia Univ.

Starting Time: 12:00 Noon

Leader: Clete Smith

Directions: Take I-79 south into West Virginia and exit at Star City. Turn left and proceed a short distance to Rt. 7. Turn right on Rt. 7 and continue toward Morgantown. About 1/4 mile past the WVU Colosseum, turn right at the sign directing you to the arboretum. Meet in the parking area. We will see how the late, snowy spring has affected the timing of the wildflowers. Will we see early or late bloomers?

April 24, 1993--Butler Freeport Trail, Butler County

Starting Time: 1:30 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From Rt. 8 north of Pittsburgh take Rt. 228 east. Turn left (north) on Rt. 356 and proceed to the traffic signal at the intersection for the town of Cabot. Turn right into town. The parking lot for this "rails to trails" site is on the right side by the creek.

May 1, 1993--Wolfe Creek

- Jeanne Poremski



AN INVITATION

On Saturday, May 1, Anne and I will be giving the program at Wissahickon Nature Club. It is entitled *Our National Parks: Part III*. You will see ~~but~~ ~~grandchildren~~ the wildflowers of Great Basin, Lassen Volcanic, Yosemite, Kings Canyon, Sequoia, Petrified Forest, and Big Bend Parks.

There is a lot of duplication of membership in our two organizations, but if you are not a Wissahickon member, consider this a personal invitation to attend. Wissahickon meetings are held at the Community Presbyterian Church, 7501 Church Ave., Ben Avon. Meeting time is 7:30 P.M.

- Bob Bahl



March 5, 1993

NEWS RELEASE - PLEASE POST

Botanical Society of America
Northeast Section

BOTANICAL FIELD MEETING TO BE AT MILLERSVILLE, PA, JUNE 20-24

The Annual Joint Field Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America, the Philadelphia Botanical Club, and the Torrey Botanical Club, will be held on June 20 to June 24 (Sunday to Thursday) at Millersville University in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in association with the Muhlenberg Botanical Society.

Field trips are planned to a variety of habitats in eastern Pennsylvania, including serpentine barrens, Triassic uplands, and forests along the Susquehanna River. Evening programs will deal with aspects of the flora visited, with the geology of the region, and with the management of threatened species.

The cost will be \$165.00 per person, double occupancy; this includes eleven meals and four night's housing, plus trips, local transportation, and evening programs. Space is limited and prior registration is required.

For full details and registration information, contact Field Meeting Chairperson Cyane Gresham at the Rodale Institute Research Center, 611 Siegfriedale Rd., Kutztown PA 19530; phone (215) 683-1451.