

Wildflowers

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MAY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 10, 8 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Mr. Bill Paxton will give the program - *Butterflies, Caterpillars, and Their Food Plants.*



FLORA OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mary Jane Seipler has alerted us that *Flora of West Virginia* by Strasbaugh, revised by Core, is now back in print.

Flora of West Virginia, 2nd ed., 5½x8¼, 1079 pages, cloth, ISBN 0-89092-010-9 is available from Seneca Books, Route 6, Box 81-B, Morgantown, WV 26505 for \$40.00 plus \$2.00 for shipping. Tel: (304)594-1324.



MAY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field Trips are on Saturdays. Most rendezvous times, but not all, are 1 P.M. For more details, call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski, (412)343-6546.

May 1, 1993--Wolfe Creek

Starting Time: 1 P.M. (Please note the time)

Leader: Howard McIlvried

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 north to the Slippery Rock exit and turn left onto Rt. 108 toward Slippery Rock. Travel about a mile to an intersection where there is a Dairy Queen on the right. Turn left here and continue to the first paved road on the right. Turn right. Go past a dairy farm on the left to a T intersection. Turn right and park in the lot on the right before the bridge. **** We will explore the Conservancy property first and then, weather and time permitting, explore the adjacent tract owned by Mr. McIlvried. The second part of the walk is more strenuous.

May 8--Harrisonville Shale Barrens, Fulton Co., PA

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Dorothy Fornof

Directions: From Pittsburgh take the Turnpike to Breezewood, where you exit to Rt. 30 east toward McConnellsburg. Travel 11 miles to Harrisonville at the intersection of Rts. 30 and 655. Continue east on 30; the road will climb and bend to the right. When it bends to the left at the shale cut, park on the left. **** We will see most of the specific shale barren species, and will be looking for the endangered *Senecio antennariifolius* (cat's paw ragwort).

May 15--Home of wildlife author, Dr. Scott Shalaway,

Fish Ridge, south of Cameron, Marshall Co., WV

Starting Time: 1:30 P.M.

Leader: Dr. Scott Shalaway

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to the Waynesburg exit. Take Rt. 21 to the West Virginia border, where it becomes Rt. 891. A few miles into WV, Rt. 891 ends at US 250. Turn left onto 250 and travel about 4 miles to Cameron. Follow signs for 250 through town, past the high

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PODOPHYLLUM PELTATUM

It is May, so let's show the Mayapple, as sketched by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.

Podophyllum comes from the Greek word αναποδοφυλλον, which means "duck-foot-leaf".

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY PLANT SALE - MAY 7, 8, 9

Something special, something different, old favorites - plants for everywhere you want them - those are what you can get at Phipps on Friday and Saturday from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. and on Sunday from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, hanging baskets and container gardens will be waiting to beautify your home and garden. If you have any boxes to carry your plants, they will be appreciated.

- Anne Bahl

PENTECOST FLOWER

I always thought that the Pinkster Flower, also known as the Pink Azalea, got its name from its pink color...but I was wrong! The word *pinkster* is Dutch and means "Pentecost" or "Whit-suntide". Does *Rhododendron nudiflorum* bloom on Pentecost Sunday? It could, since Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter, which means any date from May 9 to June 13.

school on the right. About 4 miles later, just past the white church on the left (Big Run Christian Church), bear to the right off 250. Travel .7 miles and turn right immediately past the large white house on the right. Travel 1.5 miles on Fish Ridge Rd. to a white house with a green roof (on the left). **** We will be taking a first look at second growth forest, overgrown pasture, and a deep valley streambed. The rugged terrain includes a steep descent to the valley and the return to the ridge.

May 22--Chartiers Creek, Allegheny/Washington Cos.

Starting Time: 1:30 P.M.

Leader: Jeanne Poremski

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 south to the Bridgeville exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and right again at the T intersection at the service stations. Several hundred feet south, turn left into King's Restaurant. Meet in the rear of the parking lot before going to the site. **** We are going to visit a most outstanding station of *Camassia scilloides* (wild hyacinth) and some southern tree species introduced to the site. We will most likely travel to another location.

May 29--New Trail, Hell Hollow, McConnell's Mill

State Park, Lawrence Co.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 north to the Portersville exit. Turn left onto Rt. 488 to the intersection with Rt. 19. Turn right onto Rt. 19 north. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto Kildoo Road or travel an additional .9 miles and turn onto Johnson Rd. Another entrance is from Rt. 422, west of I-79 and 19. On entering the park, follow signs to the Mill. Make a hard left and cross the covered bridge. Continue for .8 miles to Trusel Rd; turn left. Proceed 2.4 miles to Shaffer Rd.; turn left. Meet in the parking area .5 miles on the left. **** This trip is timed for the peak bloom of *Kalmia latifolia* (mountain laurel).

- Jeanne Poremski