

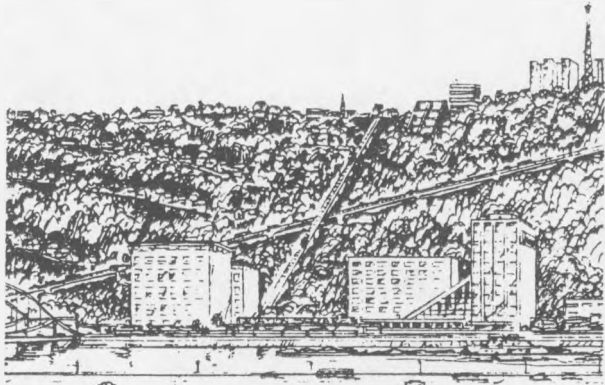
Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

JUNE MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 14, 8 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Our guest speaker will be Sam Wobly, Director of the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center. His subject will be *Plants and Plans of Pittsburgh*.



VIRGINIA PHELPS' MONUMENT PLANTS

It's going to be a monumental year for the *Swertia caroliniensis*! Virginia used the term "banner year", but I couldn't resist the pun on the common name.

Virginia and Barbara Novosal were up to Jennings Reserve on May 16 to check out the plants. They didn't make an actual count, but they figure there were 60 to 100 plants getting ready to bloom. It promises to be the best year since 1990. Blooming time is June 15 to June 30.

Swertia caroliniensis, syn. *Frasera carolinensis*, is called Eastern Monument Plant or American Columbo. It is a member of the gentian family. In 1990, some of the plants measured 2-2/3 meters. That's almost 9 feet...and each plant may have 400 to 600 individual flowers.

If you are going up to Jennings but do not know the Monument Plant site, give Virginia a call at (412)828-6286.



JUNE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Field trips are on Saturdays. Starting time varies week to week. For more details, call our Field trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski. (412)343-6546.

June 5, 1993--Titus Bog, Toplovich Bog. Erie and Warren Counties, PA

Starting Time: 12:00 Noon

Leader: Scott Shriver

Directions: From Pgh. take I-79 north to Rt. 6N (Edinboro exit); exit and drive east on 6N 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 Brothers Drive-In Theatre on the left. **** We can expect to see orchids--arethusa, rose pogonia--buckbean, pitcher plant, and sundew. Plan on getting wet to the knees and climbing over tree trunks.

June 12, 1993--no trip scheduled

June 19, 1993--Butler Freeport Trail, Part 2
Butler County, PA

Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From Rt. 8 north of Pgh., take 228 east. Turn left (north) onto Rt. 356 (or take Rt. 356 from Rt. 28 in Freeport). Travel a very short distance from the

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The sketch of the Jack-in-the-pulpit was made by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.



FIELD TRIP REPORTS

We miss Edie Mock's articles on Botanical Society field trips. Is there anybody - not necessarily just one person - who will send us reports on field trips?

Deadline for publication in *Wildflowers* is the 18th of the month.



GALLIVANTING AROUND

Our president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, is on her way to Chicago; Jeanne Poremski is headed for the Bay Area of California; and Anne and I are going to New England for our 53rd honeymoon.

We wish all members would share their botanical travels with us via *Wildflowers*.

intersection of Rt. 228 (perhaps a half mile) to the first right turn toward Sarver. In Sarver, meet in the parking lot of the Sarver Vol. Fire Dept. **** If you walked the first section of this trail in April, you know this is a very interesting location. On the second section of the trail, we will be hoping to see the Allegheny vine, *Adlumia fungosa*, in bloom.

June 26, 1993--Ohiopyle State Park, Fayette Co., PA
Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.

Leader: Jeanne Poremski

Directions: From Pgh. take the Turnpike to the Donegal exit. Turn left onto Rt. 31 East. After 2 miles turn right onto Rt. 381/711. Travel 18.5 miles south to the town of Ohiopyle. After crossing the RR tracks, park in the Ferncliff parking area on the right. **** The object of this trip is to scour the rocks next to the river for species not regularly seen in PA, including *Marshallia grandiflora* and *Trautvetteria caroliniensis* (tassel rue). We will also look for summer bloomers on the peninsula trails.

July 3, 1993--no trip scheduled

-- Jeanne Poremski

