

Wildflowers

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JULY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Any questions? Call our Field Trip Chairman, Jeanne Poremski, (412)343-6546.

July 10, 1993--Ferris Fen, Boleratz Bog, PA

Starting Time: 12:00 Noon

Leader: Scott Shriver

Directions: From I-79N exit at Rt. 198 and proceed east to Saegertown. Turn left onto Rt. 19 and proceed through Cambridge Springs. After crossing a bridge over French Creek, drive 1/2 mile or more to the State Game Lands parking lot on the right (golf course on the left) where we will meet. **** Boleratz Bog may prove to be a very difficult challenge, since there was a good deal of treefall here after the infamous tornadoes. This will be our first visit since then. At any rate, be prepared for wet feet.

July 17 & 18, 1993--Special Two Day Outing (Come to one or come to both)

Saturday--Dolly Sods Wilderness Area

Tucker and Randolph Counties, WV

Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From I-79S in Morgantown, take I-68 east toward Cumberland. At Keyser's Ridge (second Maryland exit), take Rt. 219 south to Thomas WV and Rt. 32 through Davis WV. At about 11 miles south of Davis (in the vicinity of Canaan Valley) look for a "Dolly Sods" sign and a road to the left. Turn here onto Laneville Rd. and proceed to an iron bridge crossing of Red Creek. Take the Forest Service road 4 miles uphill to the Dolly Sods area. Meet at the National Forest Picnic Grounds. **** The outstanding flora of the heaths, bogs, and rocks of Dolly Sods is unique and promises a long plant list.

Sunday--Spruce Knob and Spruce Knob Lake

Randolph and Pendleton Counties, WV

Starting Time: 10:00 A.M.

Leaders: Esther Allen, Jeanne Poremski

Directions: From Davis WV take RT. 32 south to Harmon and Rt. 33 east to Seneca Rocks. We will meet in the parking lot at the base of the highly visible quartzite rock face and then caravan to the next stop. **** On the peak, the highest point in WV at 4862', we will enjoy a more alpine environment with a great number of species. At the lake we will look for *Malaxis unifolia* (green adder's mouth).

July 24, 1993-- no trip scheduled

July 31, 1993--Jennings Prairie, Butler County, PA

Starting Time: 1:00 P.M.

Leader: Environmental Center Staff

Directions: From I-79N take 422E. At 528 exit and drive north through Moraine State Park to Jennings. Meet in the Blazing Star parking area across the road from the Environmental Center building. **** This is undoubtedly the finest display of summer bloomers in this part of the state and the home of *Liatris spicata* (dense blazing star). We will be looking to see if *Platanthera psycodes* (small purple fringed orchid) is back after having been cut last year.

August 7, 1993--Moraine State Park

- Jeanne Poremski

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HOLLY PECK

Our newest member, Holly Peck, rates special mention. Holly is the granddaughter of Werner Buker.



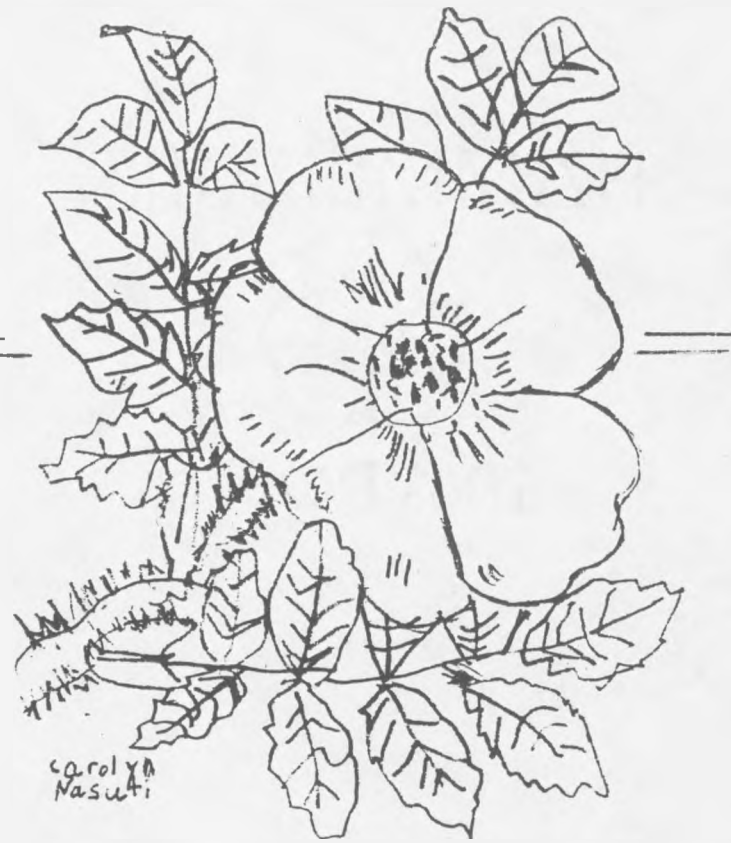
STAMPS

The Post Office tells me that the wildflower stamps are no longer available in Pittsburgh, but there is a new series of garden flowers.

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BLUE KNOB STATE PARK

Sister Constance Bahl is working as a research volunteer at Blue Knob State Park. She is compiling a checklist of the wildflowers in the park.



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ROSA RUGOSA

The high point of our New England trip was seeing the Wrinkled Rose in profusion along the Connecticut and Rhode Island coasts. In white and pink, it ranged from ground cover to 8-ft. bushes.

We returned by way of Penn Valley, where our 8-year old granddaughter, Carolyn Nasuti, provided the sketch for this month's issue.

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PHANTOM ORCHID

Scott Shriver has just returned from a trip to the Pacific Northwest. He did not come back empty-handed. While in the state of Washington, he found the illusive Phantom Orchid, *Europhyton austinae*.

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ERIN GO BRAGH

Our globe-trotting president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, is off again. By the time you get this bulletin, she will be in Ireland.

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GO WEST, YOUNG MAN

Bob Morgan is headed for the Grand Canyon and Mount Rushmore and points in between.

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NEW MEMBER

Our new member, Ann Sawchuck, tells us why she joined our society -

"I would like to become a member of the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Howard McIlvried recently spoke at my garden club on wildflowers - he showed us his wonderful slides - and inspired all of us to learn more! Enclosed is my check for \$5.00."

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GARDEN IN THE WOODS

Our expectations were high as we prepared to visit the Garden in the Woods, the botanical garden of the New England Wild Flower Society. When we got there, we weren't let down. It was everything it was said to be and more.

This landscaped garden even surpasses the *Hideaway on Idaway*, and that's saying something.

This garden, near Sudbury, Massachusetts, displays 1500 varieties of wild plants growing in protective cultivation. These include over 200 rare and endangered species. (*Helonias bullata!* *Shortia galacifolia* too!).

There is a series of specially designed gardens -- woodland groves, lily pond, sunny bog, pine barrens, western garden, rock gardens, and meadow.

There was only one negative. The Sunday attendants knew less about the place than I did, which was nothing. Go there, by all means, but do it on a weekday, when the regular staff is on hand.

- Anne and Bob Bahl

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CYPRIPEDIUM KENTUCKIENSIS

The latest orchid on my life list is the Kentucky Lady's-Slipper, *Cypripedium Kentuckiensis*. I had a problem, though. This orchid isn't listed in Gray's Manual. It isn't in Britton & Brown. It isn't even in Luer's great book on orchids.

I searched every volume in my library, and couldn't find a word on it. So, I did the sensible thing. I called our orchid expert, Scott Shriver. Sure enough, Scott knew all about it and is sending me a sheet.

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NO MEETING IN JULY

We have no monthly meetings in July or August.