

Wildflowers

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The sketch of Bee-Balm or Oswego Tea was drawn by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.



YELLOW LADY'S-SLIPPER

Increase and multiply!

Seventeen years ago, we planted a Yellow Lady's-Slipper that we had gotten from a wild-flower nursery. It bloomed for a couple of years, and then it lay dormant for a dozen years before it started to bloom again, always a tiny single plant no more than 8" high.

This year, to our surprise, there were three plants, two of them with blooms.

This is definitely *Cypripedium calceolus* var. *pubescens*, but the flowers are smaller than any *parviflorum* I have ever seen.



A LETTER FROM SABINA

Dear Bob, Please, if you can, use the following in the June newsletter of *Wildflowers* --

Heartbeat Dance Club, every Monday at Pgh. Airport Holiday Inn on Beers School Rd. Free lesson 12-1:00. Dancing 1:00 to 3:30 P.M. Cost \$3.50. All are welcome. Free snacks & beverages.

I have been putting *Wildflowers* up each month as I receive it on our grocery store bulletin board.

At Brady's Run Park, we have solid fields of trout lily, trillium, violets, bloodroot, etc., all blooming within a block of parking lot.

Sabina Walsh



14 LETTERS, 4 CONSONANTS

In our last bulletin, we asked for a botanical word that had 14 letters, but only 4 of them were consonants. Nobody came up with the answer. At least, nobody mentioned it to me.

The word was --

F O U Q U I E R I A C E A E

This is the family that includes Ocotillo and the Boojum Tree.

(Credit for spotting this word goes to Anne Bahl).



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Botanical Society of W. Pa. -

Veronique Schreurs
Elizabeth Appleby
Christopher M. Barnhill
Barbara and Sanford Stein



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This is being written on May 23, Linnaeus' birthday.

JUNE MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 13, 8:00 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

The program will be given by Paul Kammer. We are not sure of his subject. What we are sure of is that it will be excellent. Paul is well known for the calibre of his photography.



FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

June has turned out to be short of field trips because of leaders' schedule conflicts. Please use this time to explore, and if you make any discoveries, show us.

June 18, 1994--Glacier Ridge Trail, Jennings Environmental Education Center--Moraine State Park

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North to Rte. 422 East. Exit to Rte. 528 North and drive to the parking lot under the bridge that crosses Lake Arthur; we will meet here.

Expectations: On the first part of the outing we will look for the Round-leaved Orchid (*Platanthera orbiculata*) before travelling to Jennings. Here we will look in on Virginia Phelps' research project of American Columbo (*Swertia carolinensis*).

July 2, 1994--Wetlands of Settler's Cabin Park

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Jeanne Poremski

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the Parkway West and exit at Campbell's Run Rd. Turn left from the ramp and left again onto Boyce Road between Bishop's and a Texaco station. Drive up the hill (do not re-enter the Parkway) and turn right at the intersection. Drive to the park entrance, turn left, and left again onto Tepee Drive. Meet in the parking lot beyond Shawnee Grove.

Expectations: We will explore some sphagnum seeps, cattail bottomlands, and perhaps an old pond. Be prepared for wet feet.

Jeanne Poremski -- 412-343-6546



WILDFLOWER PARADISE

We have Botanical Society members in Waite Hill, Ohio -- Dr. Rick Schleder and his gracious wife, Sue.

This past week-end, we had the pleasure of seeing their newly constructed home on its 5-acre lot.

No manicured lawn for the Schleders! They will be retaining the front of the property as a wildflower meadow.

The back is a wooded ravine with a stream running through it. It is filled with wildflowers. I have never seen so many Jack-in-the-Pulpits. They are so thick it is hard to avoid tramping on them.

Behind the house is a tulip tree 90 feet high.



A verbal contract
isn't worth the paper
it's not written on.



DR. MARY JOY IS NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD

Congratulations to our Society's president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood! She has been named Chairman of the Natural Sciences and Mathematics Department of Carlow College.