

Wildflowers

JULY 1994

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

NO MEETING IN JULY

We have no monthly meetings scheduled for July and August.



PHIPPS HAS NEW HEAD

Phipps Conservatory has chosen an executive director. He is Richard Piacentini, coming from Battle Creek, Mich., where he was executive director of Leila Arboretum, an 87-acre park.

According to our member, Sally Ketchum, Mr. Piacentini is well qualified for the position, with a long list of credentials.

Sally, who is on Phipps' Board, chaired the search committee for the new director.



HOSPITAL LIST

Walt Gardill's wife, Joan, fell and broke her ankle.

Jack Gorman had knee replacement at Mercy Providence Hospital.

JULY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

July 2, 1994--Wetlands, Settlers Cabin Park, Allegheny Co.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Jeanne Poremski

Directions: Enter the park from Rts. 22/30 via Mobay Rd. or the Parkway West, Campbell's Run Rd. exit, following signs to the park. At the end of Papoose Dr. turn left onto Teepee and drive to the end. Park in the lot on the right beyond Shawnee Grove.

Expectations: We will no doubt get our feet wet examining hillside seeps, a cattail marsh, and perhaps an old farm pond, so wear old tennies and long pants. We had found a seedpod of Ragged Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera lacera*) on our April visit and hope to find it and more.

July 9, 1994--Camp Silver Lake, Fombell, Beaver Co.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Pam Nelson

Directions: From I-79N, exit at #26, Evans City. Follow Rt. 19 into Zelienople; at the second light (Kaufman Hotel, Mellon Bank), turn left onto Rt. 288. Continue to the edge of town and bear left at the fork onto Rt. 588. Drive 1½ miles to the brown sign for the camp and turn left.

Expectations: We will be the guests of Pam and Larry Nelson, orchid hybridizers and members of the Orchid Society of W. Pa., and will explore various habitats on their 100-plus acres.

July 16, 1994--Cranberry Glades, Droop Mountain Bog, Buckskin Camp; Pocahontas County, WV

Starting Time: 12:00 Noon

Leader: Scott Shriver

Directions: From Pgh., take I-79S through Sutton to exit 57. Take Rt. 19S to Summersville, then Rts. 39/55E through Richwood and beyond to the Cranberry Mt. Visitor Center on the right. We will meet here. This trip takes 5 hours (at least) and overnight accommodations are advisable. Camping is available at Day Run and Tea Creek in the Monongahela Nat. Forest and Watoga State Park south of Marlinton. A number of motels are available on Rt. 219 both north and south of Marlinton.

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CICHORIUM INTYBUS

The sketch of Chicory was drawn by our member, Anne Bahl.



GENEROSITY

Once again, Mary Lou Brown has shared her plants with our members. At the June meeting she brought two boxes full of Night-blooming Cereus (*Epiphyllum oxypetalum*) and Green Dragon (*Arisaema dracontium*).



GREEN DRAGON

Speaking of Green Dragons, the plant in our garden that came out of nowhere is blooming again. This is the third year, but it is truly a miniature. The whole plant is a mere 6 inches high.



NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member to the Botanical Society --

Milissa Sassos

Expectations: This trip will be an orchid extravaganza with a maximum of 20 different species in the area. Realistically, we will see fewer, but they will be out of the ordinary. Look forward to a hybrid of the Large Purple Fringed and Ragged Fringed (*Platanthera x keenanii*), Dwarf Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera repens*), Yellow Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera ciliaris*), Small's Twayblade (*Listera smallii*), and more. Remember, we will meet at NOON. From the visitor's center, we will first go to Cranberry Glades. Wear shoes that you won't mind getting wet, and bring dry shoes and socks.

July 23, 1994--Raccoon Creek State Park, Beaver Co.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From the Rt. 18 exit of Rt. 22W, drive north for approximately 5 miles to the park office on the left...or you can drive through the park from Rt. 30 near the Wildflower Reserve. Meet in the parking lot of the park office.

Expectations: We will walk to a small lake in a section of the park where the public does not ordinarily go.

July 30, 1994--Blazing Star Prairie, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Butler Co.

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: To be announced

Directions: From I-79N take 422E. Exit at Rt. 528 and drive north through Moraine State Park to Jennings. Meet in the parking area for the Prairie.

Expectations: This eastern home of the Dense Blazing Star (*Liatris spicata*) is also home to a stupendous number of other blooming species, giving a show of both flowers and butterflies. This walk is on level ground, but requires sun protection.

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