

Wildflowers

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

FIELD TRIPS

September 3, 1994--Harrisonville Shale Barrens.
Lutzville, Bedford & Fulton
Counties

Starting Time: 12 NOON *note time*

Leader: Jeanne Poremski

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the Turnpike to Breezewood and exit east onto Rt. 30 toward McConnellsburg. Travel 11 miles to Harrisonville at the intersection of Rts. 30 and 655. Continue east on 30; when the road bends to the left at the shale barrens, park on the left.

Expectations: This is a return to three separate sites that are quite exciting. The species list at Harrisonville is very long; the second site includes six different ferns growing in dry rocks, including Blunt Lobed Woodsia (*Woodsia obtusa*). We might find a fence lizard as well. Lutzville offers limestone species as well as several not found in western Pennsylvania, such as Northern Blazing Star (*Liatris borealis*), Northern Prickly Ash (*Xanthoxylum americanum*), Wall Rue (*Asplenium ruta-muraria*), and Purple Cliff Brake (*Pellaea atropurpurea*). This will be an intensive day, so note the earlier starting time.

October 1, 1994--Moraine State Park

Starting Time: 1 P.M.

Leader: Esther Allen

Directions: From I-79N, take the Portersville exit and turn left toward Rte. 19. Take Rte. 19 north and after passing Rte. 488 on the left, take a road that goes off to the right in a Y (West Park Drive). After going over Rte. 422, travel less than a mile to the bicycle rental area on North Shore Drive.

Expectations: This will also make for a long species list including Nodding Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes cernua*).

(On October 15, we have scheduled a field trip at North Park Arboretum)

-- Jeanne Poremski (412)343-6546



SEPTEMBER MEETING

We resume our monthly meetings on Monday, September 12, 8:00 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.



The program, entitled "I Never Left Home", will be given by Anne and Bob Bahl. Our "world travelers" will take you on a grand tour of the area within a radius of 300 feet of their doorstep.

This is not the very, very special program that we promised you in last month's *Wildflowers*. That will come in October.



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORTS

This is from an article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette --

Thistles, nettles, worts and other weeds — some shoulder high — thrive in landscaped spaces, crowding or hiding 5,000 shrubs planted to beautify a half-mile stretch of Second Avenue at the old J&L Steel site below the Parkway East, where the Pittsburgh Technology Center is taking shape.

I'd like to see one of those awful worts. Maybe Jeanne could point it out on one of our field trips.

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INSTANT FOSSIL

In the 14 years that we have been publishing *Wildflowers*, we have had many different artforms in this corner, but none has been more intriguing than this month's selection.

This is a reproduction of a ceramic piece done by Carolyn Nasuti at the Touchstone Center for Crafts. She took a piece of wet clay. The botanical samples were pressed into it. When the piece was fired in the kiln, the vegetable matter was completely burned out, but the pattern remained. It was painted with iron oxide, which was then rubbed off. *Nature printing and more!* We likened the result to an instant fossil.

Carolyn, who lives in Penn Valley, PA, is the granddaughter of Anne and Bob Bahl.



NEW MEMBER

We welcome a new member to the Botanical Society of Western Pennsylvania --

Betty Scott, Pittsburgh 15218

WILDFLOWERS OF FALL: IDENTIFYING & PHOTOGRAPHING

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WILDFLOWERS OF FALL: IDENTIFYING & PHOTOGRAPHING is an interesting and skill building course. You will enjoy the great outdoors as you learn to identify and photograph wildflowers of the season. All outdoors people, hikers, and photographers will like this class.

CCAC North Campus YJB111-11 Sept. 17 - Sat. \$23
4 sess. or 12 hours Room 1131 9 a.m.-Noon

Instructor: Esther Allen

NON-CREDIT COURSE

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS AND FORMS

1. Complete one registration form for each person
2. Make checks for tuition payable to CCAC
3. Please put your Social Security Number on your check(s)
4. Mail the registration form(s) and check(s) to:
Office of Continuing Education
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5. TUITION REFUNDS must be requested through the Office of Continuing Education in person or in writing. Tuition refunds are only granted if a request is made prior to the second scheduled class session. Stopping payment on a check does not constitute an official withdrawal.

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