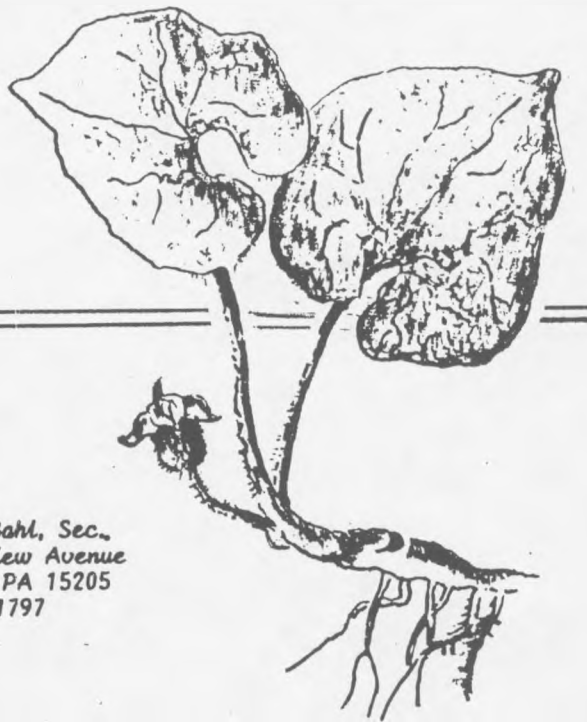


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APRIL 10th MEETING

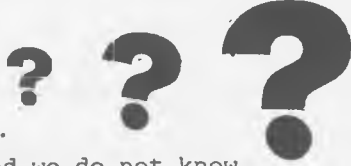
Our next meeting -- 8:00 PM, at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland -- offers our members a chance to get names on long unidentified slides.

Bring in your G.O.K. slides for our panel of "experts" --

Virginia Phelps

Esther Allen

Bob Bahl*



The audience may be able to help, too.

This *Help Night* is a "first" for us, and we do not know how many requests we will be getting, but no one member will monopolize. We will take one slide at a time from each member, and continue until time runs out.

For this first session, we are asking for these limitations --

1. Restrict slides to herbaceous plants only.
2. Keep to the northeastern quarter of the U. S., the area covered by Peterson and Newcomb.

You will be expected to know the time and place the picture was taken. Be sure to have your name on all slides.

(Editor's note: I can't figure out why I was selected as an expert, when I can't even identify my own slides.)

CARNEGIE MAGAZINE

Be sure to see the cover illustration of the March/April issue of *Carnegie Magazine*. It shows an enlarged detail from Andre Avinoff's painting of *Cypripedium reginae*.



DATES FOR 1995 PROGRAMS

at
THE EDWARD CALLAND ARBORETUM
in
BRADY'S RUN COUNTY PARK
Rt. #51
Beaver County, Pa.

This schedule
was supplied
by our member,
Sabina Walsh.

April 23	2:00 p.m.	Early Wildflowers
May 13	8:00 a.m.	Migrating Birds
May 21	2:00 p.m.	Flowers of Field and Forest
June 10	8:00 a.m.	*Birds of Gamelands 173
June 25	2:00 p.m.	Ecology of Dirt
July 9	2:00 p.m.	Predator and Prey
July 23	2:00 p.m.	Plants without Flowers
August 27	2:00 p.m.	Summer Wildflowers
September 10	2:00 p.m.	*Wetlands Ecology
September 24	2:00 p.m.	Annual Brady's Run Trail Hike
October 15	2:00 p.m.	Fall Tree Walk

All programs begin at Shelter #6 in Brady's Run Park except those listed below:

- * Meet at parking area on east side of PA-168 halfway between Midland and Ohioville, opposite Wood Street. (June 10)
- * Meet at parking area on PA-168 one mile north of New Galilee, opposite furniture store. (September 10)

ANNOUNCING THE PUBLICATION OF THE

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Membership in the North American Native Orchid Alliance, which includes a subscription to the *Journal*, is \$22.00 per year and should be sent to Nancy Webb, 84 Etna Street, Brighton, MA 02135.
MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1995 WILL BE OFFERED AT A SPECIAL PRICE OF ONLY \$18.00 FOR THE FIRST YEAR

ASARUM CANADENSE

This month's illustration was furnished by Bob Morgan. It is a sketch of Wild Ginger drawn by Joe Lester and presented to Pauline Gregg in 1970. Joe Lester was a naturalist from Aliquippa. He died 15 years ago.

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THE HISSEMS

A new address for Chuck and Marian --

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412-622-9165

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A. J. BROWNMILLER

Old-timers in our Society will remember Arlan J. Brownmiller of Glenshaw. He died on March 6 at the age of 96.

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March 7, 1995

Dear Bob,

In the March *Wildflowers*, Mary Lou Brown reported on the "Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act". Another GOP "Contract with America" bill passed the U.S. House of representatives on March 3rd. This bill was called the "Private Property Protection Act", which will nullify the Endangered Species Act, place all private wetlands at risk, and invalidate the Clean Water and Clean Air Act.

This bill requires property owners who cannot use their land because of government restriction be compensated with tax dollars. For example: Under present law a man would be prosecuted, fined and jailed if he attempted to build a golf course on his own wetland. This bill, however, requires the government, if they prevent him from building the golf course, to pay the owner with tax dollars the income the golf course would bring. Obviously the state will not prosecute him for wetland destruction if they have to pay him the money he could otherwise make on the golf course. This puts every wetland on private property at risk. Likewise, if someone wants to build a shopping mall in endangered species habitat, and the state says no, they have to compensate the developer for the loss of the shopping mall, far more expense than the state will be willing to spend to protect an endangered species. You can see why developers love this bill.

The bill was 13 votes short of the two-thirds needed to over-ride a presidential veto. If we fail to block it in the Senate, we'll have to pressure Clinton to veto it.

These terrible "takings" bills are the result of the "Wise Use Movement" and will destroy all the environmental legislation that has been passed since the 1970's. Our new Congress makes James Watt look like a saint. Environmentalists must re-unite or Earth Day will become a farce. Write our senators and President Clinton. Addresses: U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510. The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington D.C. 20500.

Dick Byers

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Phipps Used Bulb Sale: Saturdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 - 9:00 AM to 11 AM - far side of perennial garden, near growing houses. Come early, these high quality bulbs go quickly.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

April 22, 1995--Guffey Hollow, Westmoreland County

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Peg Wisner

Directions--From the Irwin exit of the PA Turnpike, drive west toward Pgh. a few hundred yards; turn left and drive through the Norwin Hills Shopping Center. Turn right onto Barnes Lake Road and proceed two miles to a stoplight. Turn right onto Clay Pike and drive for .7 miles. At the next traffic light, make a left onto Guffey Road and proceed to Kerber's (Dairy) on the right, where we will meet.

Be prepared for wet feet. Remember that no matter how hard it is raining, the leader will be waiting for you. This applies to every leader on every field trip on every weekend.

April 29, 1995--Jennings Environmental Education Center, Butler County

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Esther Allen

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

(Jeanne Poremski - 412-343-6546)