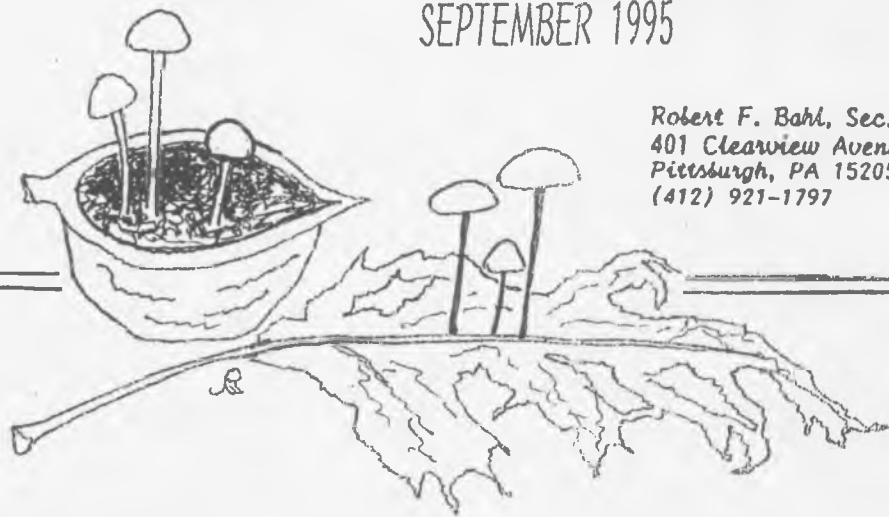


# Wildflowers

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

We start off the new season at our usual meeting place, Trinity Hall on the Carlow College Campus, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. This will be Monday, September 11, 8:00 P.M.

Our own Esther Allen will give the program, "Little Mushrooms for Fun". They are small because there isn't mushroom there.

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## AND COMING UP

Phyllis Monk has lined up these programs for the months ahead --

- October 9 "Lake Pleasant - Northwest Pennsylvania's Glacial Jewel" by Paul Wiegman
- November 13 "Toxic Plants" by Dr. Fred Utech
- December 11 Annual Christmas Wild Party. It's not too early to pick out the slides you want to show, and plan your "wild" food contribution.

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## FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

September 9, 1995--Butler/Freeport Trail, Butler Co., PA

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Suzy Noble

Directions--From Rt. 28 north from Pittsburgh, exit at Rt. 356 toward Butler (one of several exits for Freeport). Take the next right after the 356 Cinema at an ice cream stand. Drive down the hill across Buffalo Creek, and park in the lot on the left.

We've never visited this section of the trail before, and rest assured, this is not the section with the unreceptive landowners.

Ms. Noble, a naturalist, will share with us her knowledge of the medicinal uses of wild plants.

September 16, 1995--No trip scheduled

September 23, 1995--Fringed Gentian Fen, Lawrence Co., PA

Starting Time--1 PM

Leader--Howard McIlvried

Directions--From Pgh. take I-79 north and Rt. 422 west. Turn north onto Rt. 388 and continue to the second crossroad, where we will turn left onto Frew Mill Road. Proceed about a mile and park on the left near a (white?) house.

We will see the beautiful Fringed Gentian (*Gentiana crinita*), Grass of Parnassus (*Parnassia glauca*), and Nodding Ladies' Tresses (*Spiranthes cernua*).

This is a wet location but not one where deep holes are encountered; expect to get wet feet.

- Jeanne Poremski - 412-343-6546

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## REFLECTIONS ON THE BRUCE

Greetings fellow Western Pennsylvania Botanists!

We opted to do our own "tour", not being inclined to regimentation of an organized group. (We've led too many of these ourselves in years past.) Had good luck with ramsheds at Dorcas Bay and near the "barrens" north of Miller Lake - this before the big storm last Saturday night.

We just missed saying "hello", as you were all on the boat by the time we realized you were here.

We are fairly new in PA (California emigrants), and have not made the 100 mile trip to your meetings. Hope the group plans some future field trips in NW PA - then we'll join you.

Good luck with orchids!

- Karlin and Gordon Marsh  
Meadville PA

(the big dusty motor home parked at the Motel when you arrived.)

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## SYMPATHY

Belatedly, we extend our condolences to Mark Bowers on the death of his mother earlier this summer.

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## FIELD TRIPS

This item appeared in the Post-Gazette of July 29 --

Join naturalist and master gardener Jeanne Poremski on Wednesday for a trip to Jennings Prairie, one of the few remaining parts of the relict prairie that once stretched from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians. The blazing star (*Liatris spicata*) will be blooming, along with other wildflowers. The trip leaves the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center in Shadyside at 9 a.m. and returns about 3. Fee: \$25 members; \$30 non-members. For more information: 441-4442.

Our Botanical Society had a field trip to Jennings on July 29 (day of publication), but we couldn't afford a famous personality like Ms. Poremski for our leader, since our \$5 annual membership fee covers field trips for a whole year.

Oh well! You only get what you pay for.

## MYCOTA PARVULA?

Appropriately enough for Esther Allen's talk on little mushrooms, Phyllis Monk illustrates some very small fungi growing on a walnut shell and on an oak leaf.

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## MARKLEYSBURG BOG FIELD TRIP

The August 5th trip to Markleysburg Bog was a great success. Despite stormy weather in the Pittsburgh area the clouds parted over the bog and six enthusiastic plant-seekers were rewarded with sunshine and a fine array of wild plants. We found 3 unusual kinds of St. Johnswort, teaberry, trailing arbutus, seedbox, cross-leaved milkwort, cotton grass, many interesting ferns and mushrooms, three Lycopodiums, round-leaved sundew in bud, bartonia, *Aster radula*, and a great number of capsulated *Malaxis unifolia* plants in the bog. We agreed that it was too bad that the large pond was drained, and that so many members missed this rewarding trip.

- Phyllis Monk

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## WILDFLOWERS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Dr. Richard Waechter has a copy of Jennings' *Wildflowers of Western Pennsylvania* he will sell for \$250.00. Quite a deal! His phone number 465-7389.

## Gary Bukovnik

### BOTANICAL WATERCOLORS AND MONOPRINTS

17 August through 22 October 1995

New work from his recent exhibition at the Jakopič Gallery in Ljubljana, Slovenia, will be presented in a collaborative exhibition at Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation and Concept Art Gallery

Gary Bukovnik will present a watercolor demonstration at Concept Art Gallery on Saturday, 16 September 1995, at 10:00 a.m.

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation  
Fifth floor of Hunt Library  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
(412) 268-2434

Concept Art Gallery  
1031 S. Braddock Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
(412) 242-9200

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