

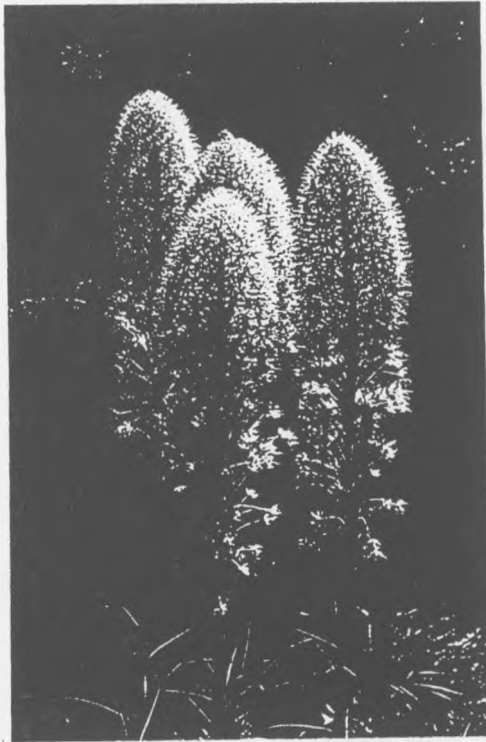
Wildflowers

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

We resume our monthly meetings, Monday, September 9 -- 8:00 PM -- at Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland.



Common Beargrass.

Anne and Bob Bahl will give a program, "Wildflowers of Waterton-Glacier." Their trip was so recent, not all of the slides are back yet.

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CYPRIPEDIUM MONTANUM

Our number one goal in going to Glacier Park was to find the Mountain Lady's Slipper, which is almost extinct.

Virginia Phelps had found it a number of years ago in the vicinity of West Glacier, and she pinpointed its location for us. We combed that area thoroughly, but to no avail. The next day, though, we drove up to Waterton Lakes National Park in Canada. We made the usual inquiry at the Ranger Station and were steered to a trail to a lake. Halfway along the trail, on an almost vertical hillside, we found it.

Did I say "we"? It was Anne who found it, as usual -- my favorite orchid spotter.

- Bob Bahl

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SPIRANTHES OVALIS

Last year a single specimen of the Small-flowered Ladies'-Tresses sprang up on our property. We have been keeping a watchful eye for it all summer, but so far there has been no sign of it.

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CLEMATIS VIRGINIANA

Virgin's Bower has started to bloom, and its sweet scent pervades our garden. I want to dig it up, because it is crowding the *Alliaria officinalis*, but Anne won't let me.

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HEMERACALLIS FULVA

The most flamboyant wildflower display that I have ever seen was right here in Pennsylvaniamillions of day lilies on both sides of the Turnpike east of New Stanton -- milepost 81. They were at their peak this year on June 29.

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CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY GARDEN NOW OPEN

This new, fascinating outdoor garden at Phipps Conservatory should be of particular interest to members of the Botanical Society. We like to share our knowledge of plants with others, and are always open to new ways of doing it. In the *Discovery Garden*, we can increase our knowledge of techniques used to interest children.

- Anne Bahl



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CHRYSANTHEMUM PARTHENIUM

Anne Bahl made this sketch of Feverfew from a specimen growing on her property August 18, 1996.

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Field Trip Schedule

September 7, 1996 - **BUTLER-FREEPORT TRAIL**, Butler Cty.
Leader: Esther Allen
Time: 1:00

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take **Rte 8 North**, then take **Rte. 228 east**. Turn **left onto Rte. 356**. [Or, from Rte. 28 north, take Rte 356 west. You will meet Rte. 228 on the left]. Where Rte. 228 and Rte 356 meet, travel a short distance to the **first right hand turn to Sarver**. Meet in the Sarver Vol. Fire Dept. parking lot.

This area never fails expectations. We may explore the trail to Cabot.

September 21, 1996: **A "Beginners Trip" to RIDING MEADOW PARK**, near Fox Chapel
Leader: Luc Berger (683-3131)
Time: 11:00 A.M. - TAKE NOTE!

Directions: Take **Rte. 28 to Exit 8** in Fox Chapel. At the exit, **turn left to go north on Fox Chapel Road**. Over the next 2.7 miles, you pass the Fox Chapel Municipal Bldg., Shadyside Academy, & a golf course. Fox Chapel Road makes a right-angle turn to the right at a T intersection. **Instead, turn left at the T** to travel on **Squaw Run Road east**. After **0.8 mile**, there is a small sign for Riding Meadow Park. Turn left into parking lot.

This trip is designed for beginners. We will look at common plants, and show how to identify them with a field guide. Experts, (and "nose-in-the-book" regulars) are welcome too, to help with the instruction. Bring your field guide, if you have one. We expect fall flowers, such as asters, sunflowers, etc. Visit Glade Lake and an ancient bed of the Allegheny River. Distance walked by participants can be adjusted between 0 and 3 miles.

September 28, 1996: **BOYCE ROAD WETLANDS**, Upper St. Clair
Leader: Diane Szollosi (343-9176)
Time: 1:00

Directions: From Pgh, take **Rte 19 south**. Make a **right onto Boyce Road**. Travel **1.1 mile** to a paved turnoff on the right. The paved turnoff leads to gate. Park at the gate, or, if you are instructed, park at the dump area beyond the gate. Note that the Boyce Road bridge over Chartiers Creek that would allow you to reach this area from the opposite direction is closed.

We will explore the wetlands. Wear appropriate shoes. Be prepared to walk a distance to reach this area. (But you will be rewarded with a rich and interesting area!.)

For field trip questions, comments, ideas, please call Loree Speedy at 521-9425.

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LAND O' LAKES

Our member, Karlin Marsh, has sent us an article she wrote for *The Meadville Tribune*. We tried to condense it, but it just didn't work. The flavor was lost. So, we are putting it on a second sheet. We couldn't get in the pictures, also taken by Karlin.

Karlin expresses her regrets about the spelling of Jeanne Poremski's name -- not her fault. She also added this note - "A group of us from Presque Isle Audubon Society finally made it into Titus about a month later - a wet and wonderful trip."