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Next Meeting is September 10

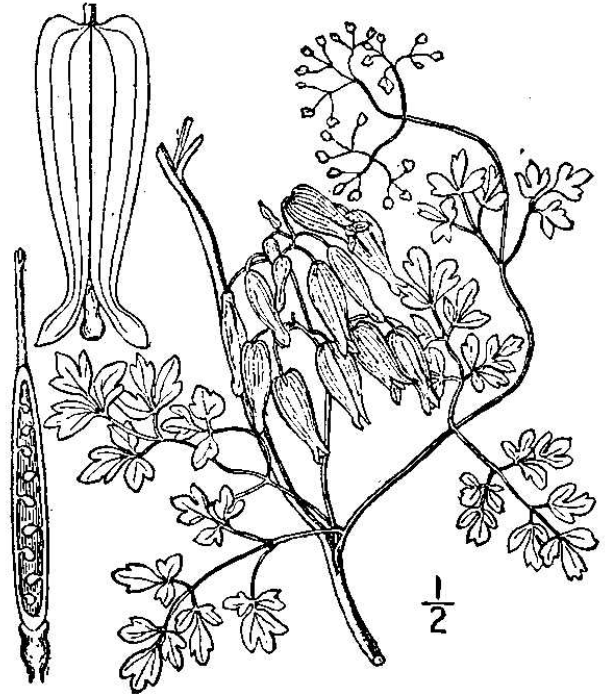
The next meeting will be Monday, **September 10**, 7:15 p.m., at Kresge Theater, Carlow University. Program details will be in the next newsletter.

Allegheny Vine

Allegheny Vine (*Adlumia fungosa*) is a biennial; in its first year it forms a basal rosette of a few leaves and in the second year it produces a vine which may climb to 10 feet.

Allegheny Vine uses the long length and the coiling nature of its leaflet rachises to climb and scramble over other plants and trees on rocky slopes. It belongs to the family *Papaveraceae* and subfamily *Fumarioideae*, which includes Squirrel Corn (*Dicentra canadensis*) and Dutchman's Breeches (*D. cucullaria*). The genus name, *Adlumia*, is named after John Adlum, a revolutionary-era Pennsylvanian who published a book on American grape cultivation and advocated the cultivation of native grapes. The species epithet, *fungosa*, means "spongy" and refers to the spongy covering formed by the united petals as the fruit matures.

Allegheny Vine is occasional throughout Pennsylvania and can be found on moist rocky slopes. It is a favored find on the Botanical Society's trips along the Butler-Freeport Trail. In southwestern Pennsylvania, it is documented in all counties except Westmoreland, Washington and Greene. It is considered a threatened species in the neighboring states of Ohio and Maryland.



Allegheny Vine (*Adlumia fungosa*)
USDA-NRCS PLANTS Database / Britton, N.L., and
A. Brown. 1913. *Illustrated flora of the northern states
and Canada*. Vol. 2: 143.

In Memoriam

We have just learned that member Emily Hyre Mac Cadden died July 14, 2007. She was all smiles at the last meeting she attended this spring, and ready for more hard volunteer work, but fell very ill this summer. Emily was always a cheerful presence at our meetings; she will be missed.

Member Helen R. Choyke died peacefully in her home on May 20, 2007, at the age of 81. She had struggled with great courage for 12 years

with cancer. Her life interests were her children and grandchildren, the study of plants, gardening, literature and classical music.

Member Mary Louise Weber of Mars died Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at the age of 82. She was the wife of the late Alfred E. Weber.

Field Trip Schedule

Registration is **not** required. Everyone is welcome, including non-members. Wear shoes that can get wet. Water and sun protection are recommended for mid-summer trips. For questions, call the field trip leader or Loree at (724) 872-5232.

Saturday, July 28, 2007
Independence Marsh, Beaver County
Time: 1:00 pm
Leader: Esther Allen - (412) 366-0786

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take the Parkway West (I-376) to the Airport Parkway (PA 60). Continue past the airport's exit to Exit 9-Hopewell. Go west (left) on PA 151. Shortly after you cross an iron bridge, you will see an Amerigas facility on the corner. Turn right here onto Cowpath Road. Continue about 1/2 mile to the Beaver County Conservation District Environmental Center.

This is a favorite trail for wetland plants.

Saturday, August 4, 2007
Tidioute Riverside RecTrek Trail, Warren County
Time: 1 p.m.
Leader: Lee Ann Reiners - (814) 484-3059
tidhouse AT zoominternet.net

Directions: From Pittsburgh, head up I-79 to the Exit 116A, I-80 East. Travel east on I-80 to Exit 29, PA 8/Barkeyville. Travel PA 8 north toward Franklin to pick up US 62. Continue on US 62 through Oil City and Tionesta. About 15 miles north of Tionesta, turn left and cross the

Allegheny River into Tidioute. At the T, turn left, travel about 1/4 mile to the trailhead and small park on the left, just before the sewage plant.

This cinder-surfaced rail-trail is located at the downstream end of town and travels 4.5 miles to Trunkeyville. There should be a large diversity of plant life, a heritage of the train's seed distribution.

Saturday, August 11, 2007
Restored and Remnant Grasslands
Location: To be announced
Time: 1 p.m.
Leader: Pat Bonislawsky

Pat Bonislawsky spoke to us about tall native warm-season grasslands at our March meeting. He is putting together a tour; the exact details will be available after August 1. The trip information will be e-mailed or relayed to those without e-mail.

If you already receive e-mail messages from the BSWP (from Loree), don't do anything; the details will be forwarded after August 1.

Otherwise, if you would like to be updated about the details of this trip, call Loree at (724) 872-5232 and leave a message with your name and phone number (or e-mail address if you do not already receive e-mail messages).

Saturday, August 18, 2007
South Park, Allegheny County
Leader: Karen Sandorf; k3s AT comcast.net
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take PA 51 south to its junction with PA 88 approximately 4 miles from the Liberty Tubes. Turn right onto PA 88 and continue 4 3/4 miles to the entrance of South Park. Get in left lane to bear left onto Corrigan Drive.

Follow Corrigan Drive through the park to the circle. Head to the left at the circle (by traveling

the circle for a ¾ turn and turning right). After passing the Miller Homestead on the right, turn right to park behind the Homestead in the tennis court parking lot.

Please note that we are meeting at 10:00 a.m!

Saturday, August 25, 2007
Butler Freeport Trail, Butler County
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Leader: Esther Allen (412) 366-0786

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take PA 28 north to Exit 17 (PA356/Butler/Freeport). At the end of the ramp, head west or north on PA 356. After roughly 3.5 miles, turn right onto Sarver Road (SR2018) at a traffic light. Continue a little over 1/2 mile, traveling down a hill. After crossing a creek and passing a volunteer fire department on the left, turn left into the bike trail parking area, where we will meet.

Saturday, September 1, 2007
Layton Tunnel, Fayette County
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Leader: Loree Speedy (724) 872-5232
mousemapper AT verizon.net

Directions: From Pittsburgh, take PA 51 south to Perryopolis, which is 15 miles from the bridge in Elizabeth. Alternatively, take PA Turnpike to Exit 75 (New Stanton), I-70 west to Exit 46A (PA 51 S) and travel south 5 miles on PA 51 to Perryopolis.

In Perryopolis, turn left onto Independence St. Continue on this main road through town; it will become Layton Rd. Just before you reach a single lane highway tunnel, turn right onto a road and continue to a parking area along the Yough Bike Trail.

We will walk an easy trail along a dry oak ridge above the tunnel and overlooking the river.

Saturday & Sunday, September 29-30, 2007
Dolly Sods Natural Area, Tucker Co., WV
Leaders: Paulette and John Zabkar
(412) 364-5820 or johnzabkar AT aol.com

Saturday, September 29
Time: 10 a.m. - Meet in the lobby of Canaan Valley Resort

Sunday, September 30
Time: 10 a.m. - Meet in the lobby of Canaan Valley Resort

Directions: Routes PA 51 & US 40, or I-79 & I-68 are suggested ways to reach the intersection of US 40, US 219 south and I-68 in Keysers Ridge, Maryland. From this point, take US 219 south to Thomas, WV. In Thomas, take Route 32 to Davis. Continue on Route 32, about 9-10 miles south of Davis, turn right into Canaan Valley Resort (a well-marked resort of Canaan Valley State Park).

Canaan Valley is approximately 140 miles from Pittsburgh; allow ample time for traveling. The Dolly Sods area ranges in elevation from 2500 to 4700 feet above sea level. Cold temperatures and fog can occur anytime of the year. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy foot gear!

Plan now for your accommodations; some suggested places to stay:

Canaan Valley Resort: 1-800-622-4121,
www.canaanresort.com
Bright Morning Inn: (304) 259-5119
www.brightmorninginn.com
Canaan Village Inn: (304) 866-4166,
www.canaanvillage.com

For information on other accommodations in the Davis, WV, and Canaan Valley area, call 1-800-CALL WVA. Camping is available at Blackwater and Canaan Valley State Parks.

If you plan on coming for one or both days, let John and Paulette know at (412) 364-5820 or johnzabkar AT aol.com.

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The Botanical Society was founded in 1886. The object of the Society shall be to bring together those who are interested in Botany and to encourage the study of this science and a knowledge of plants. Annual dues are \$10.00 for individual and \$15.00 for family. Students can join at half-rate. To join, mail your name, your address, and check payable to "Botanical Soc. of W PA" to Loree Speedy, 279 Orr Road, West Newton, PA 15089. Your membership includes a subscription to the monthly bulletin WILDFLOWERS.

The Society meets the second Monday of each month, September through June, at 7:15 p.m. sharp, at Kresge Theater, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland. All are welcome to the informative program and business meeting.

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