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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

In this issue you will find programs for 1993 that are currently confirmed. I suggest you detach the list and place it somewhere you will frequently see and refer to it so you do not miss one. We hope you concur it's another great schedule.

Another list enclosed as an insert are the Northeast Ohio D.N.R. field trips list. As you can see, they provide quality walks under the able leadership of Emliss Ricks.

Several new endeavors are at hand. At those meetings when a slide show, speaker or workshop takes place, we will encourage a plant and seed table. There probably will be anominal charge for the benefit of the Society. I think we should also split the proceeds with those who put in the time and care to nurture native plants, trees,a nd shrubs to maturity for our sale table.

Another new feature will be periodic reviews of books and other publications. In this issue that effort commences with a review of a new wildflower book intended for children; therefore, the review is by a child.

Now is indeed the time for dues renewal for 1993. Help keep our effort and expenditure to a minimum by promptly renewing at the highest possible category.

November's annual dinner was one of the best to date. The caterer was extremely efficient and the meal was excellent. A substitute speaker became necessary; yet, it turned out to be fortuitous. Dr. Robert Naczi, Dr. John W. Thieret's successor at Western Kentucky, agreed to fill in with less than two weeks notice. His talk on the several genera of North American Pitcher Plants was fascinating. The bonus was the articulate well-prepared illustrated presentation of this young man. it was unanimous; Robert is welcome back anytime.

On the topic of annual dinners, we will depart somewhat from tradition this coming November. The Cleveland Museum of Natural History has been our host of most of our dinners. This coming November, they cannot do so due to activities connected with an upcoming special Rainforest exhibit. Therefore, I have arranged with the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland to be our host this coming November 13th, a Saturday evening. The Garden Center is located directly across Wade Oval from the Natural History Museum.

We hope the program will be that which we were to have had this past year. Now retired Professor, John W. Thieret will be asked to present his talk on poisonous plants.

Tell your friends about our show, bring a guest to a program this year. Hope to see a lot of you in March.

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1993 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

It is advised that participants bring a brown-bag lunch to all activities (excluding the annual dinner).

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30PM. DON MEYER NATURE CENTER (BIG CREEK PARK, CHARDON [9160 ROBINSON ROAD]). Jack Selby will speak about, and show color slides of flowering plants of the Blue Ridge Mountains and of the Smokey Mountains. Mr. Selby is a noted botanical photographer. Travel to the Don Meyer Nature Center as follows: In Geauga County, beginning in Chardon (situated at the junction of Route 6 and Route 44), procede north out of town, on North Street (which is called Painesville-Ravenna Road once you get out of town). Continue for 1.5 miles. Go right (east) on Woodin Road and travel 0.8 miles. Turn left (north) onto Robinson Road and then procede for ca. one mile, to the large sign labelled "Big Creek Park." Turn left (west) at this sign and follow the signs to Meyer Center.

Sunday, APRIL 18, 1:30PM. POLAND WOODS (Mahoning County). Highlights include globeflower, twinleaf, marsh marigold, various sedges, etc. Reservations required. In advance, contact Duane Ferris (216) 834-8536 to be given additional instructions for reaching Poland Woods.

Wednesday, APRIL 28, 1993, 7PM - 9 PM. CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. Bob Bartolotta, a science instructor at the Museum, will conduct an informal workshop about the restructuring of the plant and animal kingdoms (viz., Kingdoms Plantae [in the broad sense[and Animalia [in the broad sense]). Using slides, specimens, and a video microscope, Bob will explain the characteristics and peculiarities of these five kingdoms. Participants will meet in a classroom on the lower level of the Museum. Maximum 24 people; minimum 15 people. Fee $4.00 per person. Please register by telephoning Bob Bartolotta at 231-4600, X 254, by April 21, 1993.

Sunday, May 16, 1:00 PM. KENNEDY LEDGES (Portage County). Highlights include deerberry, various ferns, and lycopods The location stands out as having unspoiled sandstone ledges (contrary to the damaged environment at Nelson Ledges). This is a rare opportunity, because the public is normally excluded from this location. We are obtaining special permission from ODNR-DNAP to enter the area. We will meet at the parking lot at Nelson Ledges. This lot is on Route 282, ca. 2 - 2.5 miles sout of Route 422. No advance registration required.

Saturday, JUNE 12, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. BOG WALKS. Emliss Ricks (ODNR-DNAP preserve manager for northeastern Ohio) and Art Kuhlman will lead these walks. Highlights include leather leaf, gold thread, tamarack , mountain holly, small cranberry, and large cranberry. Meet in Kent, at State Route 43, south of State Route 59 and north of State Route 261 - at University Plaza (a shopping mall located west of Route 43); park in the parking lot behind the Pizza Palace. Reservations required (limited to first 25 people). Phone (216) 928-4336 (after 5 PM; Art Kuhlman).

Saturday, JULY 17, 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM. FEN WALKS. Emliss Ricks (ODNR-DNAP preserve manager for northeastern Ohio) and Art Kuhlman will lead these walks. Highlights include showy ladyslipper (maybe), sundew, bayberry, shrubby cinquefoil, and cotton grass. Meet on state Route 303, ca. 2-3 miles east of Hudson, ca. 1 mile west of Streetsboro, at the railroad crossing. Park off of the road, on the south side of the road and face east. Reservations required (limited to first 25 people). Phone (216) 928-4336 (after 5 PM; Art Kuhlman).

Wednesday, AUGUST 4, 4:30 PM. CANOEING THE UPPER CUYAHOGA RIVER. Highlights include cardinal flower and diverse riverine plants. There will probably be a rental charge for canoes. In advance, contact Duane Ferris (216 834-4536) to be given additional instructions about canoe rentals. We will begin the trip at Russell Park (Geauga County).

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 12, 10 AM - 4 PM. CASTALIA QUARRY METROPARK (Erie County) and RESTHAVEN WILDLIFE AREA ("CASTALIA PRAIRIE") (also Erie County). Art Kuhlman will lead this trip. Highlights include nodding onion, Ohio goldenrod, small while lady slipper (not in bloom), and Liatris. These locations are approximately 65 miles west of Cleveland. Meet at the Castalia Quarry Metropark Parking Lot, ca. 1 mile southwest of Castalia, on State Route 101 (i.e., on the north side of Route 101). There will be a Metropark sign here. Phone (216) 928-4336 (after 5 PM; Art Kuhlman).

Tuesday, OCTOBER 5, 7 PM. MEMBERS' SLIDE SHOW. CHAGRIN FALLS LIBRARY. Travel to downtown Chagrin Falls; procede east on Orange St. for ca. one-quarter mile. The Library is on the south side of the street, opposite the large church.

Saturday, OCTOBER 9, 10AM - 4 PM. CUYAHOGA VALLEY RECREATION AREA (Summit County). Art Kuhlman will lead this trip. Highlights include fringed gentian, great plains, ladies tresses orchids, rose pink, obediant plant, Culver's root (maybe), and various asters, grasses, etc. Meet at the Summit Metropark Hike-and-bike trail parking lot, on Boston Mills Road, west of Old Route 8, east of Riverview Road, and north of Route 303. Phone (216) 928-4336 for reservations or for more information (after 5 PM; Art Kuhlman). After people get to the meeting place we will car-pool.

Saturday, NOVEEMBER 13, 5:30 PM. ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING. Meet at the Garden Center of Cleveland (at the Oval, University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio), in Clark Hall. Dinner speaker to be announced.

Sunday, NOVEMBER 21, 9:00 AM. HERBACEOUS WEEDS IN WINTER. George Wilder, Professor of Biology at Cleveland State University, will present this two-part program. Part I will be a demonstration of winter-collected herbarium specimens of weeds to be observed later on in the field, together with a brief review of selected criteria useful for winter-identification of the species represented by these specimens. Part II will entail travel to seedy area(s) of Metropolitan Cleveland, to observe the species occurring there. Meet in room 247 Science Building at Cleveland State University (located in Cleveland, on the northwest corner of the intersection of Euclid Avenue and East 24th Street; park in the parking lot on the south side of Euclid Avenue, across the street from the Science Building.

DECEMBER: Date, Time and Place to be announced. A forum on "Changes in the Natural History of Cuyahoga County".

BOOK REVIEW

By Rachel Grace Wilder (nine years old)

A Child's Book of Wildflowers by M.A. Kelly and Joyce Powzyk is a spectacular book. It taught me a lot of things about wildflowers. The drawings were beautiful. Some of the flowers were sketched in black-and-white and some were colored. The drawings, in their own way, really looked like the flowers.

There were very many interesting facts in this book. For example, goldenrod and ragweed grow at the same time each summer. People think that both goldenrod pollen and ragweed pollen cause hayfever, but from the book I learned that only ragweed pollen causes hayfever. This information is important to me because I have asthma and have to be careful when certain plants are shedding pollen.

The book gave me good ideas about things people can do with plants, and about what plants can do for people. For example, you can put mint into a sock, crush it in the sock, and then place the mint and the sock into your bathwater in order to have a really nice summer bath. Also, plants can be made into decorations by being air-dried, and goldenrod is one of the best plants for doing this.

The book has a lot of interesting information. It is well written but there is one problem; the vocabulary in the book is not for people of my age. I'd say it would be appropriate for people of ages 10 and more. Even though some words were too difficult for me, I still really enjoyed the book and the pictures in it. I would recommmend it to everybody. It would be best for a young child to keep a dictionary near him/her or to have somebody in the room when he/she is reading; then the child could ask what some words mean.

LITTLE BEAVER CREEK 1993 WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

The picturesque Little Beaver Creek Valley, site of the nation's first federally designated Wild & Scenic River is the setting for the 1993 Wildflower Weekend hosted by the Little Beaver Creek Natural History Society. In this rugged terrain participants will explore mature upland forest, cool hemlock ravines and the riparian communities of the bottomlands along the creek. Discover the rich diversity of the flora of the appalachian foothills; slopes carpeted with snowy trillium drifts interspearsed with wild blue phlox; deep gorges that harbor rare ferns and glacial relict vegetation; and impressive stands of Virginia bluebells, larkspur and blue-eyed Mary. Other often overlook local species include corydalis, wood sorrel, miterwort, and Miami mist.

There will be opportunities for streamside bird walks and for the fortunate few, morel mushrooms may provide a delicious souvenir. Photographers should have a great time with the valley's magnificient scenery. Host club members will demonstrate stream monitoring, an ongoing club project in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources that helps determine water quality by surveying aquatic invertebrates.

Little Beaver Creek Valley has a unique human history as well. The quaint little village of Fredericktown offers restored old buildings including an octagonal general store/post office. Lock chambers, remnants of the Sandy & Beaver Canal of the mid-1800's are prominent along the creek's main stem. Of these Lusk's Lock is probably the most artistic and best preserved. Gaston's Mill is a restored grist mill which is in operation in the state park on weekends.

Columbiana County is located in Northeastern Ohio about 25 miles south of Youngstown. It is on the Pennsylvania border and is bounded on the Southeast by the Ohio River and West Virginia. It's county seat is Lisbon. History buffs might want to visit Morgan's monument south of the village. It marks the capture site of Morgan's Raiders. This is the northern-most point reached by confederate troops during the Civil War.

LITTLE BEAVER CREEK WILDFLOWER WEEKEND ACCOMMODATIONS

Activities will be centered at the Little Beaver Creek United Presbyterian Church Camp, 14757 Beaver Creek Camp Road which is located off of Duke Road 3.3 miles from the State Route 170 exit of State Route 11. The dates are April 23-25.

Sleeping facilities are rustic and sexually segregated, barracks style. Only one sleeping cabin has heat. The first 24 registrants will be assigned to this one unless they specify otherwise. Participants will need to bring their own linens and pillows. A warm sleeping bag is suggested as late April weather can be frosty at night. Hot water and restrooms are available in some cabins and in bath houses near other sleeping cabins. The closest motel is the East Liverpool Motor Lodge and the closest campground is Bibbee's Lake. Campground and motel information is included.

Meals will include a cold buffet on Friday evening, breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Special diets cannot be accommodated but vegetarians should be able to get along with the provided meals. Alcoholic beverage use is prohibited on camp property.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 23	Registration	4:00 - 7:00 p.M.
	Cold Buffet	5:00 - 7:00 P.M.
	Programming	7:30 - 9:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 24	Birdwalk	7:00 - 8:00 A.M.
	Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
	Field Trip A	9:00 - Noon
	Field Trip B	9:00 - Noon
	Field Trip C	9:00 - 4:00 P.M.
	Lunch	Noon - 1:00
	Stream Monitoring	1:30 - 2:30 P.M.
	Field Trip A	2:30 - 5:30 P.M.
	Field Trip D	2:30 - 5:30 P.M.
	Dinner	6:30 - 7:30 P.M.
	Program	8:00 - 9:00 P.M.
	Night Hike	9:00 - ?
Sunday, April 25	Birdwalk	7:00 - 8:00
	Breakfast	8:00 - 9:00
	Field Trip E	9:00 - Noon

Speakers will include Gary Winterburn, Gary Meiter and Walt Sturgeon Topics will cover the history, botany and fleshy fungi of the Little Beaver Creek Valley. We hope you enjoy!

Little Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church Camp
Located on Beaver Creek Camp Road
Access from Rte. 11 & 30, Take the Rte. 170 North Exit. Follow 170 North approximately 2 miles to Duke Rd. & turn right. Duke Rd. is .7 of a mile from the light at Co. Rd. 430, Calcutta-Smith Ferry Rd. Follow Duke Rd. 1.3 miles to Beaver Creek Camp Rd. and follow signs.

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