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ON THE FRINGE

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APRIL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

April 2: Field trip, Rocky River Reservation, Cuyahoga County Metro Park. Leaders, Tom Yates and Brian Parsons. Meet at Rocky River Trailside Interpretive Center (museum). From east of Cleveland, take 90 W. to 71 S. to 480 W. to Clague Rd. exit, turn left (south) to Mastick Rd., turn right to Shepard Rd., turn left to Valley Park Rd., turn right to Trailside Museum. Meet in parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

April 14: The erudite Dr. Warren P. Stoutamire, currently with the University of Akron, will present a program on northeastern Ohio orchids. Dr. Stoutamire is a foremost authority on orchids. Please join us for a fascinating evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Corning Bldg. of the Holden Arboretum.

April 17: Field trip, Bedford Reservation. Leaders, Jack Selby and Jay Beswick. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the ball park area, off of Button Rd. (east) which is off of Dunham Rd. Take Rockside Rd. (south) to Button Rd. (east). Button Rd. ball park area has a large parking lot and is just NE of Tinker's Creek Rd. near Astorhurst Golf Course. There's a sign on Button Rd. for ball park parking lot which reads: Hemlock Creek Picnic Area.

FUTURE FUN:

May 7: Field trip, Big Creek Park/Whitlam Woods, Geauga County Metro Park. Leader, Nate Finck. Take old 44 N. out of Chardon to Woodin Rd., turn right on Woodin to Robinson Rd., turn left to Big Creek Park. Meet at Maple Grove Shelter at 9:00 a.m.

May 20-22: 2nd Annual Native Plant Symposium.

The response to last year's symposium and the resulting formation of the Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio are very encouraging indications that people are concerned and have a desire to learn about our natural history.

The 1983 Symposium has been designed to further stimulate and promote education and the conservation of our native flora. Speakers, workshops and field trips have been selected to present a historical overview of the development of Ohio's plant communities, as well as a practical approach to working with native plants.

Brochures will be sent to all members this month, including the scheduled programs and registration form.

Overnight accommodations will be limited camping facilities, available at $3 per person per night. Dormitory cabin space will be assigned on a first come basis.

Join with other native plant enthusiasts for an educationally rewarding weekend and an opportunity to make new friends.

Brian Parsons



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BLOOMING LIST

Since the list of plants, blooming in April is so enormous, Brian has chosen a representative list from the Myrtle S. Holden Wildflower Garden for 1982.

April 2-round-lobed hepatica

April 14-spring beauty

April 15-trailing arbutus

April 16-bloodroot, shortia*, crowstoes

April 19-spice bush, lavender cress, rue anemone, yellow trout lily, early yellow violet, Dutchman's breeches, early saxifrage*, blue cohosh, plantain-leaf sedge

April 20-marsh marigold

April 21-squirrel corn, toad trillium, red maple, smooth yellow violet, wild ginger

April 22-red trillium, white trillium, bird's foot violet*

April 23-lavender cress, twinleaf

April 24-double bloodroot, false rue anemone, leatherleaf (chamaeclaphre)

April 26-swamp buttercup, sugar maple, great merrybells, amelanchier canadensis, A. asiatica*, Canada violet, gold thread, sweet white violet

April 27-common blue violet, northern white violet

April 28-Jack-in-the-pulpit, bluets, sweet fern*, sweet gale (M. gale)*, pachistima canbyi*, Virginia bluebells

April 29-wood poppy, wild geranium, green valerian, Halpert-leaf violet



*Non-Native

THE HERBARIUM RESOURCE

by Jim Bissell
Curator of Botany, CMNH

Knowledge about the distribution of native plants within Ohio derives primarily from the herbaria scattered throughout the state. Herbaria are organized collections of plant specimens. Ohio herbaria collectively contain about one million specimens.

Each plant specimen contained within an herbarium is pressed and dried. Individual specimens are mounted with glue and/or tape onto standard herbarium paper measuring 11½ inches by 16½ inches. Standard herbarium paper has a 100% rag content. A plant on a sheet of herbarium paper is categorized as a specimen only if there is an accompanying label containing specific geographic locality, date of collection and name of collector. If mounted plant or any other natural history object lacks a locality label, the object is a curio instead of a specimen, and curios have questionable scientific value.

There are four large herbaria in northeastern Ohio: The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Kent State University, Oberlin College and Youngstown State University. These herbaria serve as reference centers for checking identifications, as educational resources, as historical plant distribution data banks and as repositories for specific plants described in the scientific literature.

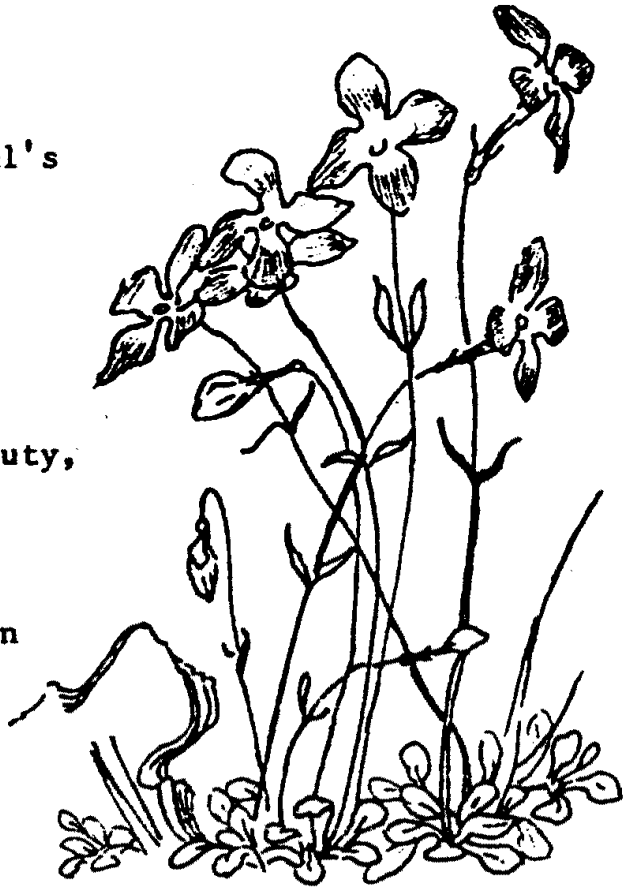
The combined herbaria of Ohio record historical changes in the distribution of native and naturalized plant species. Local or regional wild plants manuals are usually based on the specimen records of numerous herbaria. Good herbaria continuously acquire common plants from all regional habitats, including roadsides and waste areas. Herbaria are not "hay mows" stuffed into sterile university and museum rooms; instead, herbaria in Ohio represent an ever growing resource library, which documents the past and current status of native and naturalized plants in the state.

We are fortunate enough to have among us, several talented artists.

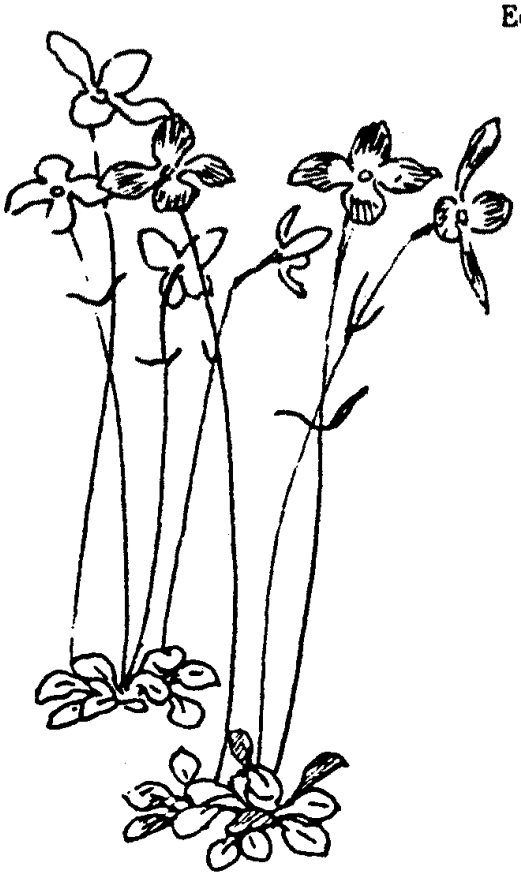
Maureen Bartel, who supplied the sketches for this month's newsletter, is one of them. Maureen was born in England, and is a self-taught botanical artist. Mrs. Bartel's works are in several exhibitions, including The Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, England, Missouri Botanical Gardens, St. Louis and Carnegie-Mellon, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Bartel's work shows a sensitive beauty, as well as, having scientific integrity.

I am very pleased to be associated with Mrs. Bartel, truly a woman with deep concern for native North American plants.



L. Giblock
Editor



THE WONDERS OF NATURE

The pathways through the forests, bogs, and fens, are full of special surprises. Trees, flowers, ferns, fungi, litchens...there is always something not seen before. Imparting a feeling of child-like curiosity, so free and open. Clearing the mind to admire every wonder of nature.

Roxy Hayes

As most of you know, the Native Plant Society has a Code of ethics, that each member is required to read and adhere to. Mr. Bob McCance of the Hertitage Division of the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources has written us requesting that rule #2 be heavily stressed. He feels that "the only valid rationale for digging rare plants is for valid scientific research, voucher specimens, or transplanting immediately prior to unavoidable destruction of the area." He also urges people to get a plant collecting permit from the ODNR. It is my belief that no one should collect a part of, dig, or pick any plant thought to be potentially threatened or endangered, unless they are a professional botanist working with an herbarium or the ODNR. We are fortunate to have several highly trained botanists in our Society and it would be the best policy for us to report any findings to them at once and let them make the decision as to how to proceed. Please be sure that all of you have a copy of the Code and have read it carefully.

Ann Malmquist
President

Fund Raising:

We would appreciate some input from our membership, in the area of fund raising ideas. We have already explored calendars, patches, T-shirts, and plant sales. Any and all ideas will be up for consideration. Put on your thinking caps...This is an important phase of our Society work, enabling us to accomplish the goals that we have set.

THANK YOU:...to Emliss Ricks, I think that everyone will agree that Emliss did a super job last month. The slides gave a great cross section of what the ODNR is doing to conserve our native plant communities.

..the new brochures are terrific! Good job, Flo Selby, Ann Malmquist, Phyllis Leonetti and Dick Evans.

A March 16th article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported a US Dept. of Agriculture proposed sale of 36% of the Wayne National Forest in SE Ohio. A letter read at the 3/24 NPS meeting protesting this sale was signed by those present for forwarding to Washington. On 3/26, the PD had a follow-up article reporting that Gov. Celeste, Lt. Gov. Shoemaker and the ODNR were extremely angry about the proposed sale and were enlisting the support of Ohio's 21 members in the House of Rep. and two US Senators to block the sale. Shoemaker, who is also Director of the ODNR, was quoted "I just don't see how we could stand idly by and see this happen without being very angry about it." The areas in question are home to some of Ohio's threatened and endangered flora and fauna, and they are also contiguous to some of Ohio's State Park and Recreation areas. Further, strip-mining and strip-lumbering interests could endanger the environment and watershed in the area. Please sit down <u>today</u> and write a <u>strong</u> letter to your US Rep. & Senator, protesting this matter. It is the responsibility of all of us who profess to care, to stand up and be counted! Call 338-6622 for more information.

<u>NEWS FROM BEYOND THE FRINGE:</u>

May 1: Boardman Park, Outdoor Activities Fair. 1-5 p.m. The purpose of the fair is to aquaint the public with the varieties of outdoor activities available and with organizations which sponsor and promote the interest. We will be represented at this event, please try to attend. Take 680 to 224 E. The park is on the left side, across from a health spa.

<u>BE SURE TO ATTEND THE REGULAR MEETING ON APRIL 14</u>

"As every season seems best to us in its turn,
so the coming in of spring is like the creation
of Cosmos out of Chaos and the realization of
the Golden Age. Henry David Thoreau, from "Walden"