



Newsletter – Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society

New this year: a December field trip. See page 15.
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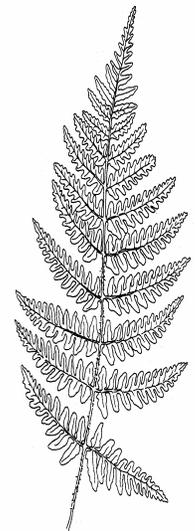
Annual Meeting: November 17th.

At the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park starting at 10 AM.

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Our speaker will be Link Davis, a member of the Muhlenberg Botanical Society, who will expound on “Name that Remnant”.

Anyone willing to bring a finger food to share for the refreshments at the meeting November 17th, please contact Kathy Klein at 215-699-7252 or rusty1cat@verizon.net



IN MEMORY

Marilynn Cartwright passed away quietly on June 1 at the age of 91.

She was one of the founding members of the Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society.

Until more recent years she was very active in the operations of DVFWS and in organizing and attending field trips. In all of this she was joined by her husband, Dana, who died a few years ago.

She is remembered for her warm personality and serious interest in all aspects of knowing and growing ferns. And also, she was a birder who promoted one's interest in the sights and sounds of the feathered creatures.

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About DVFWS

The purpose of the DVFWS shall be to encourage the enjoyment of ferns and wildflowers by cultivating and propagating them in the home and garden; by studying them in their wild habitats, gardens, and conservatories; by promoting their conservation and preservation, and by providing a forum for the exchange of information and expertise.

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Membership in the DVFWS is open to anyone who is interested in ferns and wildflowers. Two general membership meetings are held each year and a number of field trips are scheduled each year to areas rich in botanical interest. The newsletter is published quarterly. Contributions to the newsletter are welcome and may be mailed or emailed (johnscott302@aol.com) to the editor. Membership is \$10 for individuals or \$14 for two members of the same address per annum or \$28 and \$39, respectively, for three years.



From the President's Desk

As the end of 2012 approaches, we recap some of the year's events, as we plan and prepare our gardens for the cold weather, and look forward to 2013.

2012 has been a good year for the DVFWS. E.g., ten new members joined as a result of our exhibit "Frond Memories" at the 2012 Flower Show (one of our goals for mounting the exhibit) and many of us renewed our memberships. And, not only do we have new members but also our exhibit won two awards! One award was from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for "Best in Show for Plant Categories" and the second award was for "Best Achievement for Use of Foliage for Artistic Effect" – congratulations to all who contributed their time and talents to our success.

Re field trips, David Lauer, together with Janet Novak, is doing an excellent job with a full slate of 2012 field trips, including some with neighboring botanical groups. Thanks to David and Janet and we look forward to a new list of trips for 2013.

Thanks also to Bernie and Terry Cabana for identifying speakers for our 2012 Winter and Fall meetings. As you recall, our speaker at the Winter Meeting in February was Professor Larry Klotz. Our speaker for our Fall Meeting is Link Davis, a member of the Muhlenberg Botanical Society, who will expound on "Name that Remnant" and test your skills at identifying plants found in Southeastern PA. The Fall Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 17 at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park starting at 10 AM.

The Flower Show Committee has been busy brainstorming for our exhibit for the 2013 Flower Show, March 2-10. The theme for the Flower Show is "Brilliant", a term used by the Brits to mean - according to [A Dictionary of \(UK\) Slang](#) - excellent, marvelous. Early press releases mention themes of castles, gardens, pubs, and fog as well as of the countryside. Tom Tomer will present details at the meeting.

Also with respect to the 2013 Flower Show, the sign up sheet for booth sitting will be available. Sign ups are on a first come, first signed basis. Note that the 2013 Flower Show will be open to the public on Saturday, March 2 from 11 am to 9:30 pm, so we will need booth sitters for three additional time slots.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Alice Blake Simonsen, Janet Whitefield, and Tom Tomer for their efforts in their respective roles as treasurer, refreshment chair, and flower show chair. And thanks to John Scott for his efforts with the newsletter, website and member database. A heart felt thanks to all.

Finally, saving a bit of business for last, it is hoped that someone is planning to volunteer for the office of DVFWS president at the meeting, also John Scott again asks for someone to take over the newsletter layout.

Look forward to seeing you at the November meeting.

Clara Bondinell

President

Don't forget to check the web site < www.dvfws.org > for the color version of the newsletter and last minute changes. If we have your email address we email changes and corrections.

The web master

Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society

2012 Fall Events Schedule

Saturday, November 17 — DVFWS annual meeting at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park starting at 10 AM.

Our speaker for our Fall Meeting is Link Davis, a member of the Muhlenberg Botanical Society, who will expound on “Name that Remnant”. In it he will show the pod/seed/or remains of a flower and follow it with the same flower in bloom. Almost all of the examples would be from SE PA.

Directions: From the Schuylkill Expressway in Philadelphia: exit at Montgomery Drive (exit 341).

Driving south (Valley Forge toward Philadelphia) it is the first exit after Roosevelt Blvd - Route 1, turn right at the bottom of the ramp. Go west about 1/3 mile and turn left where a sign points to the Horticultural Center. Go a block and turn left through the gates. The Center is on the right and the entrance can be reached by the circular drive. Parking is on the street or in the parking lot directly across from the Center.

Driving north (Central Phila toward Valley Forge, Montgomery Drive (exit 341) is the first exit after Girard Avenue, turn left at the bottom of the ramp. Go west about 1/3 mile and turn left where a sign points to the Horticultural Center. Go a block and turn left through the gates. The Center is on the right and the entrance can be reached by the circular drive. Parking is on the street or in the parking lot directly across from the Center.

Saturday, December 1 — Fulshaw Craeg Preserve, Montgomery Co., PA 10 am. Note Change of date

The Fulshaw-Craeg Preserve in southern Montgomery County features lovely scenery and a diverse flora. Many of the plants are still identifiable in winter from their distinctive fruits or other features. We will have a chance to try to identify a wide variety of plants in the preserve’s various habitats, which include boulder field, wet meadow, dry meadow, and woods. Because we will have to ford a creek, I recommend wearing wading boots or waterproof hiking boots and perhaps bringing a hiking stick. The trip will last until around 1 PM. *This is a joint trip with the Philadelphia Botanical Club.* Heavy rain or snow may cancel the trip; any cancellation will be posted on the PB club’s field trip page (www.philbotclub.org/field_trips.html) by 7 AM on the day of the trip.

Directions: Meet at Unami Creek Park in Sumneytown. From the Philadelphia area, take 476 north to exit 31. At the exit, bear right to get onto highway 63 west towards Harleysville. Drive 8.2 miles (into Sumneytown), then turn right at the fork onto Geryville Pike. Drive 0.2 miles, then turn right onto Swamp Creek Road. Unami Creek Park will be almost immediately on your right; park in the parking area along the road. We will carpool the short distance to the preserve.

Leader: Janet Novak, janet@indri.org or 215-534-6700 (cell)

We Welcome These New Members:

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TRIP REPORT – Crosswicks Creek, Bordentown Northern Community Park– April 22

Crosswicks Creek is a quiet meandering stream flowing in New Jersey about fifteen miles from New Egypt to its junction with the Delaware near Bordentown, south of Trenton. Most of the area where we walked is bottomlands and swamp although the walking trails were generally dry.

We saw Bulbous Bittercress, *Cardamine bulbosa*, an uncommon plant and in bloom, pointed out to us by Janet Novak. We also saw the rather uncommon fern, Netted Chain Fern, *Woodwardia areolata*, growing in colonies larger than I have ever seen. The lovely Pinxter Azalea was in peak bloom scattered throughout the woods and we saw a half dozen other common species of ferns even though it was a little early for full growth. There were, of course, flowers in bud and plants past bloom leading one to think “I’ve got to come here again”. It was a pleasant leisurely day.

Jack Schieber

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Code

Move nothing.
Step on nothing but the path.
Take nothing but photographs.



Climbing Fern
Lygodium palmatum