



Newsletter – Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society

November 16th Meeting

The meeting is as usual at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park at 10 am.



1. The speaker is Emma Rush Seniuk. Emma comes to us from Chanticleer Garden, Wayne, Pennsylvania. Her topic of discussion is ‘Wild at Heart Reflections on Great Dixter and other great gardens.’ From Wikipedia: Great Dixter is a house in Northiam, East Sussex close to the South Coast of England. It has a famous garden which is regarded as the epitome of English plantsmanship.
2. Anyone who would like to bring a finger food to share for refreshments at the November 16th meeting of DVFWS, please contact Janet Whitefield jntwhite@verizon.net or 610-584-5158.
3. The Flower Show Committee is seeking donations of ferns, labeled and dug from members gardens which can be brought to the meeting on November 16th and given to Bill Bondinell. These will be forced into foliage in the months preceding the Flower Show at the Horticulture Center under the careful eye of Bill Bondinell and planted in the space around the art and sculpture in our display.

Directions to the Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park

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

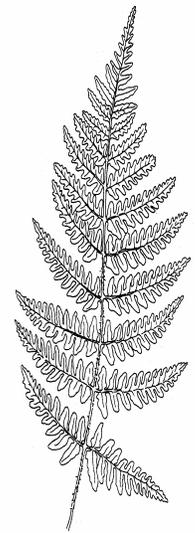
Driving south (Valley Forge toward Philadelphia) it is the first exit after Roosevelt Blvd - Route 1, turn right at the bottom of the ramp.

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 Philadelphia toward Valley Forge, Montgomery Drive (exit 341) is the first exit after Girard Avenue, turn left at the bottom of the ramp.

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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 Computer

Fall President's report:

This fall has come quickly after a stunning September. I do believe that October is bringing change.

What a year of exploring: Our calendar of field trips was very diverse. Short trips, full day excursions and the overnight to Vermont should have tempted any palate. My favorite walk, or should I say scramble was the Glen Onoko trail by Jim Thorpe. This trip involved history, seeking *Streptopus amplexifolius* (twisted stalk), rock climbing and waterfall crossings.

With so many field trips offered, I'm sure each one of us couldn't attend them all. I would like to promote for our Winter meeting a slide show and discussion about the highlights of the different walks. There will be a list posted and if you are inclined to share and discuss with the membership, please sign up to do so. Details to follow at the meeting.

Our fall meeting will be held November 16, 2013, at 10:00 am, at the Horticulture center at Fairmount Park. Our guest speaker is Emma Seniuk, from Chanticleer. Her topic of discussion is "Wild at Heart Reflections on Great Dixter and other great gardens." Please do attend for this wonderful presentation.

Janet Whitefield will be organizing the snacks, contact her if you would like to contribute.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall meeting.

Karen Mohn

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

December Field Trip

If anyone is interested in carpooling, please let me (David Lauer, at DML1000@comcast.net) know least 2 weeks before the trip, and include your name, contact information and place where you are located. I will send out a trip announcement the week before each trip, and will include the information within that announcement of anyone seeking partners to carpool with.

December 8, 2013 (Sunday) 10am: Winter Botany; Spring Mountain and the Perkiomen Trail, Montgomery County, PA

Spring Mountain is a small peak composed of diabase, a volcanic rock that gives rise to a rich soil and, often, a rich flora.

We'll go through meadow and rocky woods, seeing what we can identify in winter.

Directions: From Schwenksville, take route 73 north. At the edge of town, turn right on Park Ave./Schwenksville Road (at the light with Ortino's Restaurant on the corner). After 0.3 mile, make a sharp left onto Cedar Road. Take 1st left into a large parking lot.

Leader: Janet Novak, janet@indri.org; cell 215-534-6700.

For those who missed it !!!

Itinerary for Vermont Fern Trip (August 9-12, 2013)

- Friday afternoon: Trip for early arrivals to Mt. Aeolus in Dorset. Plants to see: *Cystopteris bulbifera*, *C. tenuis*, *Matteuccia struthiopteris*, *Asplenium ruta-muraria* and many others. Although it will be late in the season for them, we may also see two moonworts that are not known from any other location in the eastern US: *Botrychium ascendens* and *B. campestre*. Dinner at 6:30 pm at Chaunceys Restaurant on Route 7A in Arlington, just north of the Candlelight Motel. We will give out maps and directions to all locations for the trip at this time.
- Saturday: Meet at 8 am at Mike & Sharon's house. Plants to see: about 80 native Vermont ferns and Lycophytes including some rare *Dryopteris* hybrids. Lunch from the Wayside Country Store.
- Saturday afternoon: (Less strenuous) Sharon will take a group to Rogerland gardens in East Arlington. You've got to see this to believe it! (More strenuous) Mike will lead an *Isoetes* (quillwort) foray in Windham County. We'll visit the site of the newly discovered *I. viridimontana* at its only known location in the world. Carl Taylor recently submitted the article on it to the American Fern Journal. Look for it there in the near future.
- Sunday morning: Travel to Concord, VT, in northern VT. Lunch at Mooselook Restaurant in Concord at 11:30 am.
- Sunday afternoon: (1) Grist Mill Pit Rd. for *Botrychium multifidum* and an exceptional clubmoss site with *D. digitatum*, *D. tristachium*, *D. x verecundum*, *L. inundata*, *L. clavatum*, *L. lagopus*, *S. annotinum*, and two other possible hybrids. (2) Walker Pit Road for quillworts: *I. riparia*, *I. echinospora*, and their hybrid, *I. dodgei*. (3) Runaway Pond Rest Area for *Equisetum palustre*. (4) Barr Hill Nature Preserve for *Diphasiastrum complanatum*. (5) Travel to Sunset Motor Inn in Morrisville, VT. Dinner at Stonegrill Restaurant and Pub next door to motel.
- Monday morning: Breakfast on your own. Then Cadys Falls Nursery – host Don Avery.
- Monday afternoon: Departure. For those who can stay a little longer, trip to Lowell to see a serpentine outcrop with *Adiantum viridimontanum*, *Asplenium trichomanes* ssp. *trichomanes*, and possibly *Adiantum aleuticum*.

More in the Winter issue.

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Code

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



Climbing Fern
Lygodium palmatum