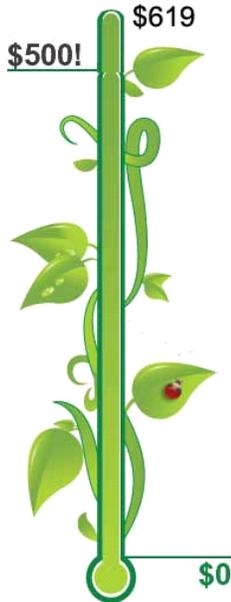




# Newsletter – Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society



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*We have exceeded our goal of reaching the \$500 matching grant well ahead of June 30 !!*

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## We Welcome These New Members

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## From the Editor.

Apologies. The last month or so have been pretty much a time warp disaster. This newsletter was supposed to go out the beginning of May. But among several unexpected trips out of town, most everything I touch breaking, and just forgetting things—here it is. It is short — several reports will appear in the Summer newsletter prior to the summer and Fall trips. The center pages of this newsletter is the membership directory. Please save it in a safe place.

*John Scott, Editor*

## 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](mailto:johnscott302@aol.com)) to the editor. Membership is \$8 for individuals or \$11 for two members of the same address per annum or \$23 and \$31, respectively, for three years.*



## *From the President's Desk*

Greetings Members,

As those of you in attendance at our February meeting know, I was traveling and not present to begin my duties as DVFWS President. Therefore, with apologies, I begin this first presidential message by extending thanks to our outgoing co-Presidents, Roselynn and David Malarek, and to others for conducting the meeting in my absence.

Those in attendance report that Greg Tepper, Woods Path Horticulturist at Mt. Cuba Center, gave an excellent, extensive and polished presentation on the subject of "Sensory Appeal of Native Plants". DVFWS will be visited Mt. Cuba on May 7, and have toured the Woods Path area.

Once again, our exhibit at the Flowers Show was just so very excellent and included the addition of "live" artists in residence from our partners the Hussian School of Art which was an added plus.

Tom and Janice Tomer are already considering ideas for our exhibit at the 2012 Flower Show, which will have a Hawaiian Islands theme. We could not put on our high caliber exhibits without dedicated volunteers who participate from painting the first brush stroke and pounding the first nail to removing the last shovel of mulch at the end of the Show. Consider joining in that effort, all are welcome, no particular skill is required, and, most of all, its satisfying and fun. Contact Tom at 215-887-3683.

As coordinator for our exhibit sitters, I want to thank one and all who manned the exhibit and engaged the public, including those of you who came to my aid to fill the inevitable, last minute changes in availability – could not have done it without you. One point for – next year – in order to sit at the flower show you dues will need to be current – paid for the 2012 year. Membership fees are minimal and DVFWS members get a bargain when sitting.

At the February meeting several items of business were raised. As we don't have a vice president, Terry and Bernie Cabana volunteered to recruit speakers for our upcoming meetings and David Lauer volunteered to organize the slate of Field Trips for next year. Regarding finance, there was discussion of ideas to generate increased revenue. An offer was made by a member to donate \$500 if matching contributions were by members. Members accepted the challenge and funds came in to help us meet and exceed the goal. Although donations are always welcome. DVFWS is now in a better position to continue our programs and exhibits.

Dues for 2012 will increase to \$10 for individuals and a three-subscription to \$28. For two members at the same address the annual dues will be \$14 for a year and a three-year subscription to \$39. Those who pay their dues before January 1, 2012 will stay at the current rate.

Our field trips have started and this season promises to be another exciting one. Eleven hardy souls braved the weather to return to Shenk's Ferry, a DVFWS favorite, and then moved on to the Indian Steps on the other side of the Susquehanna, see trip report. On May 7, a group of 20 or more met at Mt. Cuba for a tour of the Piedmont plant life. The Morris Arboretum is the destination of June 11. Space is limited to 15 – contact Dianne Smith to sign up.

Lastly, I want to thank the volunteers who are looking into membership and field trips.

Oh and did I mention we could use a vice president.

Thanks,

*Clarra Bondinell*

Don't forget to check the web site < [www.dvfws.org](http://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*

## *2011 Events Schedule*

### June 11: Morris Arboretum & Fernery, Philadelphia

Time 10 am Trip limited to 15 people sign up with Dianne Smith (pjsmithusnr@verizon.net)

Besides visiting the fernery the Rose Garden should be in bloom and the Garden Railway will be open as will the Out on a Limb tree exhibit. Visitors can either bring their lunch or purchase same in the cafe and dine under the tent on tables and chairs.

*The gardens should look perfect for our event, since we are having "Moonlight & Roses" (fund raiser/dinner dance) Friday night. There is no entrance charge – just mention "Fernery Tour with Dianne Smith" for DVFWs. We should start by 10:15 am to avoid the weekend crowds. I will have packets of spore propagation kits for everyone to take home with them. Hope we have good weather. Dianne*

### August 13: Member's Garden, Churchville, MD

Details to follow. Coordinator: Otto Heck 908-996-2598

### September 17: Wissahickon Creek, Fairmount Park

Details to follow. Coordinators: Donna Wilhelm <donnawilhelm@verizon.net>  
& Janet Novak <janet@indri.org>

### October 1: Columcille and Martins Creek Preserve, Northampton County, PA

Details to follow. Coordinator: David Lauer <DML1000@comcast.net>

### October 15: Old Mine Road & Sites in Warren County, NJ

Details to follow. Coordinator: Otto Heck 908-996-2598

### November 19: Fall Meeting, Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park

Janet & Tom Whitefield, Members

"Wildflowers of the Canadian Rockies"

*If you would like to schedule, lead, or suggest to trip contact the officers.*

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