



Newsletter – Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society



Winter Meeting: Saturday, February 18, 2012—10 AM to 1 PM

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The Philadelphia International Flower Show ~ Islands of Aloha. The Delaware Valley Fern and Wildflower Society ~ Frond Memories.

The Flower Show Committee has been at work on our exhibit since January 7, and the work is nearly on schedule. Everything must be ready for installation by Monday, February 27th. Given what still needs to be done, we do expect some extra effort will be needed during the final 2 weeks of preparation. At this point, we have found retailers who will loan or rent us the furniture, fixtures, and Pots we will need. But, we are still in need of more Hawaiian memorabilia. We do have a surf board, and we're fabricating some items such as Tiki masks and war shields. If you have any souvenirs lying around that are unmistakably Hawaiian, and you wouldn't mind loaning them to us for a couple of weeks, please drop me an e-mail as soon as you read this.

As you probably know, the Flower Show is the primary venue we have to expose our Society to the general public, and to promote our membership. So, we're looking forward to a very successful event, and we hope to see you at the Flower Show.

Tom Tomer – Chairman, Flower Show Committee

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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

Winter is on a roller coaster ride so far this year! First there were mild temperatures with bulbs showing green above frozen ground. Now, as I write, there are several inches of snow on the ground and freezing temperatures. And next week temperatures in the 50s are predicted. Mother Nature can be fickle. Think of spring and new fern fronds to come.

First, I want to thank Janet and Tom Whitefield for the excellent power point presentation of their recent trip to the Canadian Rockies that Janet presented at our November meeting. We were enthralled with beautifully photographed and presented slides of native plants complete with names and other information. Tom and Janet made good use of their trip, which included the annual Waterton Wildflower Festival in Alberta, to take in magnificent vistas, photograph plant life, paint, and take classes.

In other business, Alice-Blake gave the treasures report – DVFWS is on a sound financial footing thanks to member donations, which exceeded expectations, in response to a challenge by one of our members.

Continuing on, our February meeting is scheduled for the 18th from 10 AM to 1 PM at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park.

Our speaker will be Professor Larry Klotz of Shippensburg University who will speak about his 2008 trip to the Cumberland Plateau of Tennessee.

Also at the meeting, David Lauer, our trip coordinator, will present the schedule of field trips for 2012. The trips reflect input from member responses to a questionnaire distributed at the November meeting and posted on our website. See David's article in this newsletter and come to the meeting to learn more.

Last but not least, come March 4-11, lush foliage and vibrant colors will again be present in their usual abundance at the Philadelphia International Flower Show. This year's theme is "Hawaii: Islands of Aloha" and our exhibit "FronD Memories" depicts a sunroom in the home of a Delaware Valley native who, in the middle of winter, is dreaming of Hawaii and its lush flora. Tom Tomer speaks more about this in his article.

Also with regard to the Flower Show, thanks to members who have volunteered to sit at our exhibit. The roster is almost full but there are four open time slots; please call (610-647-9337) or see me at the February meeting to sign on.

Please plan to attend the February meeting to meet friends and new members, catch up on developments and tour the lovely plantings at the Horticultural Center.

Clarra Bondinell

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

2012 Events Schedule (Preliminary)

1. Bethel Fens. Northampton Co., PA (north of Easton, PA) May or June. Leader and specific date to be announced. see:
<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/pennsylvania/placesweprotect/mount-bethel-fens.xml>
2. Crosswick Creek, Bordentown NJ. April. Leader: Janet Novak. See: <http://www.marsh-friends.org/>
3. Bartram's Gardens and The Woodlands estate. Philadelphia Co., PA. Summer. Leader: David Hewitt. See: <http://www.bartramsgarden.org/>
4. Delhaas Woods. Southern Bucks Co., Pa. Summer. Leader: Lauren Spitz. See: http://visitbuckscounty.com/store_detail.asp?id=4348&cat_id=3371&type=b2c
5. Crow's Nest Preserve, Chester Co., Pa. Summer. Leader: Paul Schubert, David Lauer. See: <http://www.natlands.org/preserves-to-visit/list-of-preserves/crows-nest-preserve/>
6. Nottingham Serpentine Barrens. Chester Co., Pa. Summer/Fall. Leader: Jack Holt/Janet Ebert. See: <http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/pennsylvania/placesweprotect/nottingham-serpentine-barrens.xml>
7. Garden Tours. Bucks County Pa and environs. Date: to be announced. Leader: Jack and Rosemarie Schieber.
8. Workshop: Fern identification. Philadelphia and environs. July. Joint workshop with the Philadelphia Botanical Club. Leader: Janet Novak
9. Fulshaw Craeg Preserve. Montgomery Co, Pa. December. Joint trip with the Philadelphia Botanical Club. Leader: Janet Novak. See: <http://www.natlands.org/preserves-to-visit/other-nature-preserves/>
10. Sourland Mountain. Mercer/Somerset Counties, NJ. May. Joint trip with Philadelphia Botanical Club. Leader: Janet Novak. See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sourland_Mountain
11. Bog Plants of southern NJ. Ocean Co. NJ. June. Joint trip with the Hardy Plant Society. Leader: Janet Novak.



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



Climbing Fern
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