



Newsletter – Delaware Valley Fern & Wildflower Society

Winter Meeting (*Please note the date*)

Winter Meeting at the Horticultural Center
Saturday, February 23, 2008 10 am
John Scott
“Gardening with ferns”

John is our current newsletter editor and webmaster. He is a founding member of the Society and a past president. John has been gardening with ferns and wildflowers for over 60 years.

Directions to the Horticultural Center, Fairmount Park:

From the Schuylkill Expressway in Philadelphia: exit at Montgomery Drive. Driving south, Valley Forge toward Philadelphia, it is the first exit after Roosevelt Blvd - Route 1 turn right at the bottom of the ramp. Driving north from central Philadelphia toward Valley Forge, it 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.

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In Memoriam

Katie Giome

Katie Giome past away on January 21, 2008. She began failing noticeably the previous Thursday. A friend stayed the last night with Katie and Claudia, her daughter. Her last moments were peaceful.

Dana Cartwright

At our meeting on Nov.17 we learned that Dana Cartwright has died. He had been in and out of the hospital and died peacefully while taking a nap.



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 \$8 for individuals or \$11 for two members of the same address per annum or \$23 and \$31, respectively, for three years.

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From the President's Desk

It's already the end of January 2008. The sun is making it's annual trip back to northern latitudes adding a minute or two to the time of sunset each day. My how time flies. As you grow older the passage of time seems to accelerate and the dead of winter becomes less attractive.

I spoke with Tom Tomer the other day to ask him about the Flower Show display. He told me that work on the project was on schedule; however, he said that the schedule was tight as it has so often been in the past. Painting the backdrop has been started, and Tom has three or four volunteers to help out. He would welcome any additional members who would like to assist in completing the display. If you are willing to volunteer, please call Tom at 215-887-3683 or email him at tdtomer@juno.com

As in the past, we will need to staff the display during the hours the Flower Show is in session. The dates this year are Sunday, March 2 through Sunday, March 9. Clara Bondinell has assumed the responsibility for coordinating the staffing of our display. While many of the Society's members have already signed up, we still need additional help. If you are willing to work a few hours at the Flower Show please call Clara at 610-647-9337. (*ed. note: you get a free ticket*) Remember our participation in the Flower Show is important in as much as it is the major way we recruit new members.

For many years Henrietta Adkins did the scheduling for the Flower Show and did a superb job. The Society expresses its grateful appreciation to Henrietta for her efforts and fine work.

On February 23, 2008 our winter meeting will take place at 10:00 am at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia. Our speaker will be John Scott who will present talk entitled "Gardening with Ferns" John will step in for Otto Heck who had to cancel. John is our current newsletter editor and webmaster. He is a founding member of the Society and a past president. John has been gardening with ferns and wildflowers for over 60 years.

Roselynn and David Malarek have been working on the field trip schedule for 2008. See the tentative schedule on the next page. The first field trip will be to Schenk's Ferry, a traditional rite of spring for the club, to view early spring wildflowers and newly emerging ferns. This is an easy trip and an ideal one for anyone who has never gone on one of our field trips.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the winter meeting on the 23rd of February.

John DeMarrais

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

DVFWS
TENTATIVE FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE
2008

*Please note: If you plan to attend any field trip, please contact leader at least one week ahead.
Trips will begin rain or shine at 10 AM and end approximately around noon, unless otherwise stated.*

APRIL 26, 2008 - Tyler Arboretum, Media, Pa - Leader: Janet Novak (janet@indri.org)
(Ph: 215-248-2642). Tyler plant sale 9:00 AM; Walk 10 AM.

MAY 3, 2008 – Shenk’s Ferry, Conestoga, PA - Leader: John Scott johnscott302@aol.com
(Phone 610-6822809)

MAY 24, 2008 (Rain date: June 7) 9:30 am Pine Barrens, Webb's Mill
Tentative Leader: Linda Kelly; Coordinator: Otto Heck (Ph: 908-996-2598).
Visitor Center Brenden Byrne State Forest near intersection of Rts. 70/72

JUNE 14, 10 - 12 noon — Mt. Cuba — Fern experts working with Mt. Cuba’s
Woodlands Director - Leaders: Janet Novak, Donna Wilhelm
(donnawilhelm@verizon.net) (Ph: 215-843-7987)

JUNE (Date TBA) Overnight trip to New England - Leaders: Jack Schieber jaroma4@verizon.net
(Ph.: 215-357-3720) & Mike Rosenthal (Michael@msrosenthal.com) (Ph: 802-375-9064)

JULY 19, 2008 – Member’s Garden Tour, Plant swap, Picnic, + air. activity - Leaders:
David and RoseLynn Malarek, 1316 Brandywine Creek Rd., Coatesville (Newlin Twp.),
PA, 19320 (rlmal@verizon.net) (Ph: 610-486-0758) RSVP necessary. 10 am until
3 PM.

AUGUST 8, 2008 (FRIDAY)

Saturday, September 13, 2008 Janet Novak & Otto Heck (Rain Date September 20) – combined trip
with the AFS NY Chapter) 10 am at Paulinskill. Meeting at Cedar Bridge parking area.

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Naturalist's
Code

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



Climbing Fern
Lygodium palmatum