Memorial to a WAM Founder

Glenn Goff, WAM Founder, Dies in West Branch

Glenn Goff, a founder and the first president of the Wildflower Association of Michigan, died in West Branch on June 12, 2004 at the age of 66.

Kim Herman, also instrumental in the founding of WAM, remembers Glenn as “a gentle giant – very, very thoughtful – and instrumental in the early days of the native plant/wildflower movement.” She adds, “If it weren’t for the vision and love of plants and natural areas by Glenn, WAM would never have got off the ground. He, in many ways, was way beyond most of us in his philosophy and love of the natural world.”

Glenn was born October 26, 1937, on his family’s farm near West Branch. After graduating from West Branch High School in 1956, Glenn went on to graduate as Valedictorian from Central Michigan University, with a major in biology, in 1962. Four years later, he completed his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in botany from the University of Wisconsin and taught at C.M.U., before accepting a faculty position in the Forestry Department at the University of Missouri. In 1970 he accepted a position as research scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. While there, he also served as a summer consultant to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office at the University of Idaho, and completed a second master’s degree in adult education from the University of Tennessee.

Upon returning to Michigan in 1978, Glenn created Vital Resources Consulting, a private environmental services firm, selling it in 1995 to Paul B. Lapham and Associates. He continued working at the business, heading the firm’s environmental services division.

The primary joy of Glenn’s life was the Community of Christ church, and he remained active in service to the church through-

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Dear Wildflowers:
I’d like to provide food from native plant sources to help the birds during the fall and winter months. Can you provide me with information about what native trees and shrubs I might consider planting on my property?

Beulah in Benzonia

Dear Beulah:
How great that you want to help our feathered friends get through the challenging Michigan fall and winter months! To find a comprehensive answer to your question, I turned to the informative book, *The Bird Garden*, a National Audubon Society book by Stephen W. Kress (Dorling Kindersley Publishing, Inc., New York, NY 1995). The book begins with some general information about attracting birds to your yard. The second section presents a number of do-it-yourself projects, including birdhouse fabrication, planting and staking trees, etc. It’s to Chapter Six that I turned to find answers to your question. The chapter is divided into regional areas, with Michigan included in the “Northeast Region.”

**Deciduous trees** that provide fall and winter food for birds are the first plants profiled here. American mountain ash (*Sorbus americana*) is popular with cedar waxwings, brown thrashers, gray catbirds, eastern bluebirds, and both evening and pine grosbeaks. The fruits of flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*) are eaten in late fall by a whopping 36 species, including six species of thrush, pileated woodpeckers, northern flickers, summer tanagers and evening and pine grosbeaks. White oaks produce the familiar acorns, a food staple of many mammals, as well as northern flickers, blue jays, and red-headed woodpeckers.

Evergreen trees are also popular fall and winter food providers for birds. Eastern redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) is popular with at least 54 bird species. These include brown thrasher, gray catbird, cedar waxwing and northern mockingbird. The fruit of the eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) appears in late fall, attracting chickadees, blue jays and wood thrushes.

There are a number of evergreen shrubs that produce fruit in the late summer or fall. One that’s particularly popular with a wide variety of birds is inkberry (*Ilex glabra*), also known as gallberry or evergreen winterberry. As the plants are monoecious, female and male plants must be planted in clumps near each other. Fruit of the plant begins to appear in the fall and continues through spring.

**Recommended deciduous shrubs** include American cranberry bush (*Viburnum trilobum*), which produces fruits that are popular winter source of food for cedar waxwings, brown thrashers, spruce and ruffed grouses, wild turkeys, eastern bluebirds and cedar waxings. The berries of American elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*) ripen from mid-summer to early fall, and appeal to 33 bird species that include eastern bluebird, cardinal, and red-bellied and red-headed woodpeckers. Common spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*) produces berries mid-summer to mid-fall. These high-fat treats are popular with migratory birds, including northern flicker and northern bobwhite. Found in coastal and sandy inland areas is the northern bayberry (*Myrica pensylvanica*). This shrub produces small gray berries throughout the winter and attracts 25 species, including red-bellied woodpeckers, yellow-rumped warblers and tree swallows. Like the spicebush, this is a popular food for migratories. The fruits produced by red-osier dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*) are consumed by 18 species of birds, including gray catbird and wild turkey. Twenty-one species of birds, including the red-eyed vireo, find the familiar red fruits of staghorn sumac (*Rhus typhina*) appealing all winter long.

*The Bird Garden* contains many more suggestions of plants—too many to list here. And, while this is not a book review column, I will take the opportunity here to recommend this book to all who are interested in finding out how to provide natural food sources, and shelter plants, too, for fall and winter birds.

Thank you, Beulah, for your question on a very timely topic. Grab your shovel and get out there—fall is a superb time to plant!

Kathy Johnson
This fall my husband, Don, and I had the pleasure of following the changing color in the forests from Michigan’s U.P. across New York state, Vermont and New Hampshire up into Maine. From Maine we followed the color down through New England into Pennsylvania and on to southwestern Virginia where we spent a week in the Blue Ridge Mountains. On our way home we traveled north the length of West Virginia and Ohio. All along the roadsides were the beautiful deep purple New England asters combined with smaller white varieties. It was amazing to see how similar the forests were to what we have here in Michigan. The trip reminded me once again how fortunate we are to have such amazingly qualified speakers from all areas of the northeastern United States at our conference each year, addressing Michigan native plant concerns. The 2005 Wildflower Conference will be no exception—we have a superb lineup of speakers!

The members of the conference committee carefully studied your evaluation comments from last year’s conference and they have come up with a slightly different agenda, which we hope will make this conference even more enjoyable for you. In past years, the keynote program was presented during the luncheon on Monday. Then, when the partnership with the Glassen Foundation enabled us to award large grants, the awards were added to the Monday lunch program. The keynote program continued to be part of the lunch program and in order to hear the speaker, it was necessary for a participant to buy a ticket and attend the lunch. Through the years, we have found that awarding the grants on Monday often creates

Can you tell if this waterfall is in a beech-maple forest in Michigan or Upper New York state? It’s in NY.

Hidden Lake Gardens of Michigan State University, Tipton

December 8—Nature Ornaments for Preschoolers 10:00 to 11:30. Kids will create beautiful and distinctive ornaments using treasures from nature, including dried flowers, seeds, pods, and cones. $10 ($8 for Friends of HLG)

February 5—Orchids 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jan Szyren, Coordinator for the Botany Teaching Greenhouses at M.S.U.

February 19—Earth Pond: Construction and Maintenance 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Nanette Winowiecki, owner of The Pond Place in Highland, MI. Contact Karen Gentry at <gentry@hlg.msu.edu> or visit <www.hiddenlakegardens.msu.edu> for more information.

Michigan Botanical Club, Southeastern Chapter

December 5—Orchids, presented by SEC members and photographers, Ray and Pat Coleman. Included will be both wild and cultivated orchids from the Colemans’ travels around North and South America, sure to brighten a winter day! Both programs will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the St. John/Oakland Hospital Educational Center, Rooms 1 and 2, at 27351 Dequindre in Madison Heights.

For more information on this chapter, contact Emily Nietering, <knietering@worldnet.att.net>.

Michigan Nature Association

December 8—10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Workday at Rose Center, Oakland County, to remove woody invasives from this wetland sanctuary.

December 11—10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Workday at Zucker Memorial Sanctuary, Lapeer County, to remove invasives and clear trails in this hemlock forest.

December 15—10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Workday at Butternut Creek, Berrien and VanBuren counties, to remove woody invasives.

January 15—10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Workday at Sarah Jane’s, Hillsdale County, to remove woody species.

February 5—9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Snowshoe Trip, Roach Point, Chippewa County. Come join us on snowshoes for a winter adventure with Woods and Waters EcoTours biologist, Jessie Hadley. $25 per person; registration required by January 14.

For directions and more information about the Michigan Nature Association, visit its Web site at <www.michigannature.org>, call 517.655.5655, or e-mail Natalie Kent at <natalie@michigannature.org>.

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REGIONAL REPORTS

We’re hearing from some of you with information you want to share in Regional Reports, and we’d like to get more of you involved! We’d love to hear from conservation districts, Wild Ones chapters, state and national forest representatives, the DNR and MDOT, local nature centers, etc.—as well as private individuals. We know exciting things are happening everywhere—we just need someone to tell us about it! Please send your reports to Kathy Johnson by e-mail (klundjohnson@charter.net) or U.S. mail to 11155 Hastings Point Road, Middleville, MI 49333. We look forward to hearing from you before the next newsletter!

Region 1—U. P.

Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District—Sue Haralson, Administrator, reports...

On August 2, the Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District dedicated the Joseph and Mary Lizzadro Lakeshore Preserve, a 24-acre parcel located in Eagle Harbor Township in Keweenaw County. The preserve was acquired by the Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District through a Michigan Coastal Management Program grant for the purpose of protecting the property in its natural state for public enjoyment, education and non-motorized recreation. Public access to the Lake Superior shoreline and this site’s high conservation value are now protected in perpetuity by a conservation easement held by the Keweenaw Land Trust.

Years ago, a little girl, Gina Nicholas, enjoyed the freedom to run about on this spectacular piece of Lake Superior shoreline, picnicking and picking blueberries with her grandparents, Joseph and Mary Lizzadro. It was these fond memories that encouraged Gina to lay the groundwork to preserve this area for future generations to enjoy.

The conservation district deeply appreciates all the hard work involved securing this very unique property. Special thanks go to the Keweenaw Land Trust; Eagle Harbor Township and Keweenaw County officials; Dave Kenaga, Project Manager of MDEQ; and, especially, Gina Nicholas for sharing her dream with all of us.

Alger/Marquette Conservation Districts—Christopher D. Burnett, Ph.D., Conservation District Forester, reports...

On September 14, the Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership held a free workshop in Marquette titled “Forest Stewardship Plans and Conservation Easements: Combining Complementary Conservation Tools.” Included on the agenda were

- The Importance of Working Forest Conservation Easements
- Forest Management Plans, including how landowners can benefit from forest management plans, Forest Stewardship Program: cost-sharing for developing forest management plans, cost-sharing for implementing forest management plans
- Conservation Easements: how landowners can benefit from conservation easements, the basics of creating conservation easements, conservation easement resources
- Combining Forest Management Plans and Conservation...
Easements: how landowners can benefit doubly by combining forest management plans and conservation easements

• Open Discussion

Co-sponsors were Central Lake Superior Watershed Partnership, Central Lake Superior Land Conservancy, Alger and Marquette county conservation districts, The Nature Conservancy, and Michigan DNR Forest Stewardship Program.

REGION 2 — NORTHERN LOWER U.P.

Missaukee Conservation District — Sherry Blaszak reports...

Missaukee Conservation District is hosting another log cabin raffle! Our first raffle was so successful that we were able to expand our conservation programs. Raffle tickets are $50 each – a maximum of 3500 will be sold. The 3.5-acre property is located near Falmouth, MI. The cabin will once again be 28 feet x 40 feet on a full basement, and all ready for its new owner(s). Mr. Briggs, our 2003 log cabin winner, has now retired and moved into his cabin.

E-mail Sherry Blaszak, sherry.blaszak@macd.org, for more information on this exciting opportunity!

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore — Joanne De Jonge, Park Ranger, reports...

Once again, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore held its weekly summer wildflower walks. Attendance, excellent in June and July, dropped off slightly in early August, leading to a creative renaming of the tour. “Weeds, Seeds and Some ‘Nasties’” promised identification of poison ivy, nettles and ragweed, along with routine identifications of other dune plants. The result? Tour attendance rebounded to almost record levels the rest of the month!

REGION 3 — SOUTHWEST

Newago Conservation District —

Gail Warnement, Executive Director, reports...

Seedlings are currently available from the Newago Conservation District Nursery. Orders can be picked up at the nursery on a first-come, first-served basis. Trees ordered for spring must be picked up at the nursery mid-to-late April. Available seedlings include common juniper, red pine, Norway spruce, black cherry, red maple, red oak, arrowwood, black choke-cherry, flowering dogwood, American hazelnut, nannyberry, eastern redbud, red cedar, tamarack, white pine, white spruce, shagbark hickory, sugar maple, white oak, bittersweet, roselow crabapple, gray dogwood, common elderberry, ninebark, balsam fir, jack pine, blue spruce, quaking aspen, shellbark hickory, bur oak, black walnut, choke cherry, highbush cranberry, red osier dogwood, red elderberry, American mountain ash, American plum, fragrant sumac, “homeowner packet,” “wildlife packet,” “nut packet,” and “westland packet.”

For more information, contact Gail Warnement at gail.warnement@macd.org.

Wild Ones, Kalamazoo Chapter — David Lemberg, President, reports...

The chapter completed many projects this season, often partnering with other area groups, including the Vine Neighborhood Association, Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services, Friends of Axtell Creek, science students and administration of the Maple Street School, Kalamazoo Greenspaces, and the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy. A recent project was held at the Sand Creek Preserve, where 600 native plants, mostly from the yard of Tom and Nancy Small, were installed. One hundred flats of prairie, woodland and savanna plants were germinated by Chris Jackson, manager of Western Michigan University’s greenhouse, and were installed in the Chipman Preserve, one of the properties of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy.

For more information on the Kalamazoo Chapter of Wild Ones, contact David Lemberg at david.lemberg@wmich.edu.

Pierce Cedar Creek Institute — Maribeth Perreault, Marketing Director, reports...

Part One of The Natural Resource Action Team’s “Food for Thought—Save My Home Barry County” workshop series was held September 9 at the institute. The 85 participants learned about the quality natural resource base we have in Barry County and the concept of building a Green Infrastructure. Part Two of the series, held October 7, explored a “Win-Win Solution to a Balanced Barry County.” Dr. Richard Bawden, Visiting Distinguished University Professor, Michigan State University, and Jay Kilpatrick, of Williams and Works in Grand Rapids, explained that preservation is not a choice between growth and no growth, but a focus on how growth can be managed to improve quality of life.

To learn more about the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute (Hastings), its mission and programs, contact Maribeth Perreault at perreaultm@cedarcreekinstitute.org.

REGION 4 — SOUTHWEST

Michigan Botanical Club, Southeastern Chapter — Emily Nietering reporting...

About ten people from the Huron Valley Chapter (HVC) and another ten from the Southeast Chapter (SEC) met field trip leader Paul DesJardins at the Ojibway Nature Center in Windsor on August 14. Paul has lived in the area since his boyhood, and told us of the economic history of the area that ultimately preserved it from development. The soil, which is sandy, is underlaid with a layer of clay at a depth of eight to twelve feet,

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leading to a situation whereby the land is very wet in the spring, but dry later in the summer. The plants that grow here are an unusual mix of wet-adapted and dry-adapted plants. The area was quite flat and open with only slight undulations giving rise to slightly wetter or dryer patches. There were tall forbs and grasses in the wetter areas and scattered black oaks and shorter vegetation in the dryer areas. Different parts of the prairie are burned on a rotating schedule, but this has not stopped an invasive black locust clone from becoming established and expanding. Plants we observed included southern ironweed (*Vernonia gigantea*), indigo plant (*Baptisia tinctoria*), grey-headed coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*), smooth yellow false foxglove (*Aureolaria flava*), hairy pinweed (*Lechea villosa*), and tall green milkweed (*Asclepias birtella*) — this is the only known location of this plant in Canada. This area is well-worth visiting several times during the year.

For more information on the Ojibway Nature Center, log on to <www.ojibway.ca/index.htm>.

On July 31, a small group of SEC and HVC members gathered outside the nature center at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown. Our goal was to find the beautiful American lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*). As we hiked along the Cherry Island Marsh Trail, we spotted the lotus beds, where the plants were just beginning to bloom. They were growing along both sides of the causeway trail through the marsh, giving us perfect photo opportunities, while overhead two ospreys made their presence known. What a wonderful way to spend a day!

Contact Emily Nietering at <knietering@worldnet.att.net> for more information on the Southeast Chapter of the MBC.

**Michigan Nature Association — Sherri Laier reports...**

In late August, volunteers and staff of the Michigan Nature Association, along with assistance from The Nature Conservancy’s burn crew, burned 50 acres at Newaygo Prairie. This dry land prairie is being invaded by shrubs and invasive plants, including spotted knapweed. In addition, a native ground cover, Pennsylvania sedge, is becoming a monoculture in many areas. The fire will control these invasives and allow native prairie to expand. Immediately after the burn, the prairie and part of the oak woodland was completely black. We have since seen a healthy response of vegetation and we have a volunteer monitoring the plants as they begin to grow.

Visit <www.michigannature.org> or call 517.655.5655 for more information on the MNA.

**WAM Looking for Grant Applicants**

The Wildflower Association of Michigan, in cooperation with the Harold and Jean Glassen Memorial Foundation, is soliciting applications for grants. These submissions should involve the creation of an outdoor classroom, the enhancement of an existing wildflower site, or other educationally directed project. WAM’s goal is to reach as many of Michigan’s youth and citizenry as possible through its grant program. Its mission embodies the areas of recognition; preservation; and the proper procedures for the repopulating of endangered, threatened, and/or special concern native species; and to enhance the appreciation and respect for our native flora. It is the desire of WAM to be of service as much as possible to applicants during the process, including assisting them in developing their submissions. Numerous civic groups and schools have received support in the past, and these successful projects’ reports are also available to assist applicants.

More about WAM and this program, including application criteria and forms, can be found at <www.wildflowersmich.org> or by contacting the WAM grant coordinator, Dr. Robert Krueger, at Kruegerr@ferris.edu. We encourage you to submit your application! The deadline for submissions for the next granting cycle (2005) is January 9, 2005.

Happy Thanksgiving

Over the river and through the woods for the happiest of holidays!
Earlier this summer, the National Gardening Association posted an alert on its web page <www.garden.org>. It was prompted by a survey, which revealed that 80% of gardeners reported they get cuts, scrapes, scratches, etc., while working in their gardens, around their yards or in the wild. The survey also revealed a general lack of protection among gardeners against tetanus—more than 40% of respondees stated they are not up-to-date with their tetanus vaccination boosters.

Tetanus is an easily preventable disease. One only needs a booster every ten years to be protected! The National Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a booster containing both tetanus and diphtheria (Td) for all adult Americans. Tetanus is present in all dirt samples found in the U.S. and can easily enter the bloodstream through the common gardening injuries mentioned above. In the unprotected individual, tetanus is a serious and painful disease that can result in death in 20% of the cases. Dr. Susan Rehm, Medical Director for the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID) puts it succinctly: “Every time you work in the dirt you expose yourself to tetanus—so it is important to get your Td booster shot before you dig in.”

We want all our WAM members to enjoy the bounty of Michigan’s wildflowers and remain healthy doing it! Please call your physician today to see if you are due to update your tetanus protection and receive a Td booster.

The Secrets of Wildflowers: A Delightful Feast of Little-Known Facts, Folklore and History

by Jack Sanders

The Lyons Press
$24.95 ($15.98 at Amazon.com)

When I learned that one of my favorite wildflower authors, Jack Sanders, had come out with a new book on the subject, I was thrilled. His previous book, Hedgemaids and Fairy Candles: The Lives and Lore of North American Wildflowers (Ragged Mountain Press, McGraw-Hill, Inc. 1993), has been a reliable information resource for me since it was published. How, I wondered, is he going to top that wonderful book? Topping it wasn’t necessary, as I quickly discovered that The Secrets of Wildflowers: A Delightful Feast of Little-Known Facts, Folklore and History (The Lyons Press, 2003), can be considered “Hedgemaids: Updated and Amended.” Included in the book is information on seventy-four wildflowers or wildflower families, seven of which are not mentioned in Hedgemaids. While most of the flower facts and lore are repeated in this book, additional information can be also be found, especially within a multitude of sidebars.

Sanders’ writing style is whimsical—he makes you learn in spite of yourself, since the information he imparts is just so compelling! Sit down to read one chapter and it soon becomes two, three and four. Who can resist such tidbits as this: A sentimental tale “tells of a boy and girl who as children often played in the woods together. When the boy grew up, he went off to make his fortune. As the two met to say good-bye, they promised to think of each other whenever they found one of the blue flowers that had been so common where they played as children. Years later the boy, now an old man, returned to the woods near his native village and ran into his childhood friend. Neither recognized the other till suddenly both spotted one of the blue flowers, both bent down to pick it, and their hands met. Thereafter, they called it forget-me-not.” Sigh... And then there’s this: “Centuries ago English peasants would pick marsh marigolds on April 30 and throw the flowers on the thresholds of cottages and farmhouses the next day in celebration of May Day. They were said to protect the homes against witches.”

Jack Sanders is a small-town newspaper editor in Connecticut who became interested in wildflowers in the 1970s. He is northeastern editor for Wildflower magazine, a publication of the North American Native Plant Society and, in 1989, received the Canadian Wildflower Society’s Conservation Award.

I highly recommend this book, especially for those who don’t already own Hedgemaids. If you have Hedgemaids, I suggest you carefully peruse the book before buying it, checking for enough additional information to warrant the expense ($24.95).
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a hardship for the teachers and principals receiving the awards, as they must take a day off school to attend the lunch. We also found that many conference attendees wanted to hear the keynote address but didn’t want to attend the lunch. Another often mentioned fact was that there were too many concurrent sessions.

To answer these concerns, we’ve made some changes in this year’s schedule: The Grant Awards Luncheon will be on Sunday, the same day as the Educators’ Workshop. The Keynote Presentation will be given on Monday morning as part of the regular general sessions. There will still be a lunch available on Monday for those who would like to eat quickly, visit, and spend time in the Vendors’ and Exhibitor’s Areas. We’re calling this “Fun Lunch” with door prizes and a chance to network. And finally, concurrent sessions will be limited to Sunday afternoon.

Top billing at the 2005 conference goes to C. Colston Burrell, nationally known garden designer, photographer, naturalist and award winning author. Among his many books is A Gardener’s Encyclopedia of Wildflowers, which won the 1997 AHS Book Award. Cole also writes regularly for Horticulture, Landscape Architecture, The American Gardener, and the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens. His writing reflects a love of plants, and he champions their use in artistically designed, environmentally friendly gardens. He lectures internationally on topics of design, plants, and ecology. By his own admission, he is a chlorophyll addict—he gardens on 10 wild acres alive with birds and butterflies in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Charlottesville, Virginia, where he grows natives and the best plants of the global garden. He is principal of Native Landscape Design and Restoration, a landscape firm specializing in blending nature and culture through artistic design.

Cole worked as curator at the U.S. National Arboretum and the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. He has devoted a lifetime to studying native plants in the wild and in gardens. This early fascination led to undergraduate degrees in botany and horticulture. He has coalesced his interests in botany, horticulture, ecology, and design with a Masters of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a lecturer in the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Virginia. On Sunday, Cole will present “Ferns: Wild Things Make a Comeback in the Garden.” His Keynote Address on Monday will be “Native Plants and Ecological Design: Myths and Realities.” Cheryl Lowe, Director of Horticulture for the New England Wildflower Society, will open the program on Monday, speaking on “Gardening in Partnership with Nature.”

Many of you will remember Craig Tufts from the 1996 conference. When Craig, National Wildlife Federation Chief Naturalist, was our keynote speaker that year, 147 people attended his presentation. Won’t he be surprised at how much we’ve grown in the past nine years! Craig will be the 2005 Keynote Speaker for the Educators’ Workshop on Sunday, and will have a presentation for the general sessions on Monday afternoon. We are looking forward to welcoming him back to Michigan.

Michigan’s own Frederick W. Case, Jr., researcher, author, and specialist in American pitcher-plants, trilliums, and terrestrial orchids, will share his knowledge of pitcher-plants in the opening program on Sunday. Fred’s books include Orchids of the Western Great Lakes Region, and Trilliums, which he co-authored with his late wife, Roberta B. Case. He also co-authored Wildflowers of the Western Great Lakes Region, with James R. Wells, and T. Lawrence Mellichamp. Fred was gracious enough to introduce us to Larry Mellichamp, a professor at the University of North Carolina, who has agreed to speak at the 2005 conference on the subject of “Understanding and Growing Bog Plants.” Larry studied at the University of Michigan and received his Ph.D. in botany in 1976.

The Kalamazoo Nature Center has always provided great speakers for our conferences. This year on Sunday afternoon, Ray Adams, Director of Research at KNC and author of the Breeding Bird Atlas of Michigan, will talk about our grassland birds. Glen Palmgren, Michigan DNR, will have a concurrent session with Ray to update us on the Bridgeman Dunes restoration project. Following Ray and Glen, Kim Smith, a master’s candidate at Northern Michigan University, will describe her research project in her presentation, “Native Plantings: Competition Effects of Weeds and Cover Crops.” For a concurrent session, we’re working on a presentation about native landscaping, using Pre-settlement Vegetation Maps. More about this will be provided in the winter edition of Wildflowers—stay tuned!

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And don’t forget about the WAM Annual Meeting and our social get-together on Sunday evening! We’re still working on our Sunday Social—it will probably be an “Answers to Your Questions” panel wherein you will be able to ask questions of some of the experts and get ideas and opinions that will help in your own specific situations. Start jotting down your questions as you think of them this winter and come, list in hand, to the Sunday Social. As always, snacks will be provided free of charge and there will be a cash bar with soft and not-so-soft beverages.

If you were at the conference last year, you received a complimentary copy of *Whisper in the Woods—Northern Michigan’s Nature Journal*. Kimberli Bindschatel is not only the editor/publisher of *Whisper in the Woods*, but she is also an accomplished photographer. We thought it would be appropriate to close our conference with Kimberli’s program, “Whisper in the Woods,” which would create beautiful memories to sustain us through spring until the wildflowers and migrating birds return to our woods and meadows.

We hope you’ll join us March 6th and 7th for our 18th Annual Michigan Wildflower Conference, once again dedicated to the preservation of one of Michigan’s precious natural resources—wildflowers.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season with your family and friends.  

Marji Fuller

**Other Association Business**

We recently realized it has been some time since the suggested reading list has been updated. If you have a favorite garden/native plant book that you would like to see added to the list, please send the title, author, publisher, and date of publication to Marji Fuller, <marjif@iserv.net> or 3835 Farrell Road, Hastings, MI 49058. And... do you have a book for which you would like to write a review to be published in *Wildflowers*? Don’t hesitate! We welcome—and encourage—all WAM members’ contributions to the newsletter. Send book reviews to *Wildflowers* Editor, Kathy Johnson, <klundjohnson@chart er.net> or 11155 Hastings Point Road, Middletown, MI 49333.

We are also looking to update/create handouts for use with our exhibit at garden shows, etc. Do you have any ideas on what types of handouts you would prefer? We will be able to provide interested members with these handouts when they are ready. Please send Marji Fuller (address above) your ideas and any information sources you have that will assist us with this project. Thanks for your help.

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**Vascular Surveys Now Available**

A package of 11 Michigan Botanist Vascular Surveys (back issues) can now be purchased. For only $15 (including postage and handling), you will receive surveys covering Keweenaw County; Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore; Ravines Lake County, Ill.; Nordhouse Dunes I and II; Isle Royale National Park; Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore; Apostle Islands National Lakeshore; North and South Fox Islands; Violets of Michigan; and six counties of Western Minnesota. To order, make your check payable to Michigan Botanical Club and send your request to WAM member, Caryle Spence, 717 Grace, Northville, MI 48167.

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out his life. Ordained in 1955, he served the church in a number of capacities, including teacher, priest, elder, high priest and evangelist. Glenn directed many youth camps and was the founding director of Youth Adventures, Inc., an organization formed to shape young people’s lives through outdoor activities and education. The themes of his life’s service were youth, education, the environment, community development, and church service. Glenn served on countless community and church-based boards, planning commissions, clubs and professional organizations, and was the recipient of numerous awards and honors in these areas. His most recent involvement was in the area of dispute resolution and mediation.

Glenn’s family was a great source of joy for him and, as busy as he was, he found time to pursue his hobbies of playing the guitar and singing, reading, writing, and visiting with family, friends, and strangers.

Glenn’s survivors include his wife of 48 years, Anna Mae Goff of West Branch; daughters Pam (Rick) Aldrich of Phoenix, Laura (Tom) Koerber of Rose City; Diane Boehm of Warren, Mindy (Allen) Jeffries and Sarah (Scott) Bell of West Branch; son Stephen (Elizabeth) Goff of Midland; and 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made in Glenn’s name to Outreach International, a tax-deductible international human development organization based in Independence, MS (C/O Community of Christ, 443 E. Houghton Avenue, West Branch, MI 48661).
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