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Marshall University Herbarium Tour Huntington Museum of Art Nature Trails Saturday, April 23' 2022

Visit Huntington, West Virginia with the West Virginia Native Plant Society to discover the resources of the second largest herbarium in the state. After viewing the herbarium, 12PM-1PM, we will have a spring flora walk on the grounds of the Huntington Museum of Art using the trails on a 40 acre wooded reserve. All of the programs are open to the public.

At 12:00 Dr. Pamela Puppo Assistant Professor and Curator of the Herbarium, will show off the herbarium and some of the collections. A native of Peru, she completed her college degree there, obtained her MS at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, PhD from the University of Porto in Portugal, and spent 10 years in Europe, then two years in North Dakota, before starting at Marshall in January 2020. You can find more info Dr. Puppo and her research at: http://www.pamelapuppo.net/.

Prior to the herbarium tour there will be a board meeting in a classroom near the herbarium from 10-11. For those attending the herbarium visit, lunch 11-12 will be available at your choice of near by restaurants.

Afterwards, we will have a spring flora walk on the trails at the Huntington Museum of Art (see https://www.hmoa.org/nature/hiking-trails) 2033 McCoy Road, Huntington, WV. In 2021 the area experienced a very severe ice storm which changed the composition of the canopy with trees being broken. It will be interesting to see how this event is changing the woods.

Schedule

10:00 AM board meeting

11:00-12:00 pm lunch (on your own)

12:00-1:00 pm Herbarium tour

1:30-3:30 pm Spring flora walk at Huntington Museum of Art

Directions

To Marshall University Science Building

From I-64 take the Hal Greer Blvd. exit. Continue on Hal Greer Blvd., after the underpass turn right on 5th Ave (one way) at the 3rd traffic light. Go a few blocks to the east and turn left on 20th Street, then turn right onto 3rd Av. (which is one way). There are two overhead pedestrian bridges on 3rd. The first is opposite the parking garage. This parking garage is available to the public with a daily permit. To obtain a \$3.00 permit: stop at the



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safety/parking building on 5th ave on the south side of the street opposite the second of the Twin Towers Dormitories. The second bridge connects the engineering building to the science building. The Marshall University Science Building, where the herbarium is located, is on the left (south) side of 3rd Ave. The Science Building is identified by a bowed front with images of scientists heads. The Herbarium is



Science Building

located on the third floor of the science building (room 366).

Metered parking is present on 3rd Ave. which may be your preferred option. Campus lots are patrolled for parking violations. While there are no classes that Saturday there are many finals scheduled on campus. Some surrounding streets are unmetered.

From Marshall to Huntington Museum of Art

Travel time 15-20 minutes depending upon traffic

To go from campus to the HMA go north on Hall Greer; just before the underpass turn right on to 7th Street; at the second light turn left, go under the RR and continue over a small bridge and go up the hill, stay with the road until you reach the top of the hill and then look for a museum sign on the right side of the road. There is a parking lot at the front of the building. Meet at orientation sign at the entrance to the parking lot.

From I-64 to Huntington Museum of Art

Alternative for those coming only for the hike. Exit from I-64 at the 5th Street exit. Go north and immediately turn onto Miller Road on the south side of the park and ride. Continue on Miller Road, don't turn under the interstate, go up the hill instead, when it dead ends turn left and the entrance is on the left. Drive time 5-10 minutes.

Thomlison Run State Park Laurel Trail and White Oak Trail Friday and Saturday June 24-25

The West Virginia Native Plant Society will conduct a field trip to Tomlinson Run State Park, in conjunction with an old growth forest survey led by Doug Wood during the weekend of June 24-25, 2022. The area consists of second growth hardwood forest as well as wetland areas. An interesting steep canyon winds through a portion of the park. A number of species of plants normally found at higher elevations in the state have been noted in the park. We will search again for Canada Yew (it's mentioned in their park brochure)



Canyon trail view

Location: Tomlinson Run SP is located near the northern tip of West Virginia's northern panhandle 13 miles north of Weirton, WV. From State Route 2, take SR 8 and follow the signs to the park. The camping area is located in the eastern edge of the park.

Web site for the park: https://wvstateparks.com/park/tomlinson-run-state-park/ This will take you to maps of the area and of the park and trails.

Field trips: We will be taking the Laurel Trail Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am. This trail goes into the "wilderness" canyon area along Tomlinson Run. Parking is on CR3 at the entrance to the old boy scout camp. Pack a lunch. In the afternoon anyone interested can take part in an old growth forest survey with Doug Wood. The survey will take place further down the canyon (White Oak Trail area) in rough terrain and requiring stream fording.

Lodging: The nearest hotels/motels are located in Newell, Chester, and New Cumberland, WV, and East Liverpool, OH.

Camping: Fifty-four sites, thirty with electric hookups, are available in the park at \$30.00/\$37.00/night. Also located in the camping area are small and large yurts at \$52.00/night and up and camping cabins at \$63.00-\$68.00/day. All campground reservations should be made at 304-564-3787. Bring your own bedding or sleeping bag, towels, etc. All meals will be on your own.