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The Rare Plant Forum is scheduled for 29 March 2003 at the Stackhouse at Fisherman's Paradise. This is the 20th anniversary of the Forum! The Rare Plant Forum is a function of the Vascular Plant Technical Committee of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey. The forum is an open meeting to discuss issues related to the conservation of the native flora of Pennsylvania. Most of the meeting is typically devoted to discussing proposals to amend the list of Plants Of Special Concern In Pennsylvania (POSCIP).

You can view the full announcement at www.dickinson.edu/prorg/pabs/rpfannouncement.pdf.

You will need to download the free acrobat reader http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html if you do not already have it. If this does not work, let me know and I will send you an announcement by Pony Express or whatever the U.S. Postal Service is currently using. There is now a web page for the Rare Plant Forum http://www.dickinson.edu/prorg/pabs/RPFweb.htm at the Pennsylvania Biological Survey web site. The links at the site do not seem to be working, so here they are:

Form to propose changes to the POSCIP list http://www.dickinson.edu/prorg/pabs/POSCIPproposal.pdf. Map to Fisherman's Paradise Map to Bellefonte Plants Of Special Concern In Pennsylvania http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/pndi/fullplants.asp.

Please let me know if you plan to attend, as if the group is large enough, we will need to implement plan B (tentatively to meet at Gamble Mill in Bellefonte, which has a larger room than the Stackhouse. If the meeting site is changed, it will be posted at the web site for the Rare Plant Forum.

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