

traditional start to the season at the 18th Spring Wildflower Weekend at Natural Bridge on May 17!

Greetings to each of you! I hope you share with me the exuberant feeling of being freed from the dreariness of winter. I speak for our entire board of directors in wishing you the most enjoyable, educational and refreshing experiences of this new season. We have planned our activities to offer you the widest range of possible forays and field trips. Each of these activities promises to bring you into contact with a diversity of native plant species and unique habitats, as well as the company of others who share your love for the natural world and its season of beauty.

We have almost confirmation of The

Wild Garden and the Wild Garden to provide funds to promote educational and research activities regarding Kentucky's native flora. Moreover, these funds come from your dues.

In this regard, please note the availability of our recent \$1000 grant for students pursuing summer botanical courses in Kentucky or other states (p. 1).

Also, in addition to our two demonstration gardens and two research grants (p. 1), the board agreed at our last meeting to pledge \$1,000 to help our Tennessee counterparts complete production of a wildflower book which will complement the *Wildflower and Native Guide to the Appalachians and Parts of Kentucky* with which we're all familiar (p. 1).

We also enthusiastically endorsed the new

1998 members of A Program in Search of the Truth = 8
and another offering to Lewis County = 10

Native Plant Conservation Initiative = 10

University International of Asia from around the Mountains = 10

Southeast South West Plant Council = 10

Clemson/Louisiana/Nebraska = 10

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