

Kanawha State Forest Foundation Presents

2009 Osbra Eye Memorial Wildflower Walks



Saturday, April 25, 2009

Register 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. at swimming pool area
of Kanawha State Forest

Adults: \$5.00



Under age 16: \$2.00

Walks 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

***Several Different Walks, including
Wildflower Identification,
Beginning & Advanced Birding,
and Photography
(Be sure to bring a camera & binoculars!)***



*Come Join Us For the Sights
and Sounds of the Natural World!*

Walks assisted by

Department of Natural Resources
Handlan Chapter Brooks Bird Club
Mary Ingles Trail Blazers
West Virginia Native Plant Society



Door Prizes

Raffle

Hot Dog Sale

Free Drinks

For More Information, Call 304-925-2771 or 304-558-3500

Osbra Eye was Superintendent of Kanawha State Forest from March 2, 1956, until June 13, 1981. He was a self-taught naturalist, botanist, and photographer and was known as a wildflower expert. His photos of birds and wildflowers, along with related articles, appeared many times in the *Wonderful West Virginia* magazine. He collaborated with Margaret Denison, teacher and wildflower expert, in compiling a booklet on flowering plants in Kanawha State Forest, published in 1967. Mr. Eye died July 18, 1992, and his family subsequently donated his personal specimens and slides to the University of Charleston. An herbarium is being planned there to display his collection.

In 1993 the Forest Foundation chose to honor him by renaming the Spring Walks the Osbra Eye Memorial Wildflower Walks. This was to commemorate his esteemed contributions as a naturalist, photographer, and advocate for Forest preservation as well as other environmental causes.