

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



Euphorbia
pulcherrima

WILD PARTY

Every year we have this wild party. So far we've managed to keep from being raided by the police, but this is the third year in a row that we have had to move to a different location.

This time we are having it in the Social Room of Stephen Foster Memorial on the Pitt Campus in Oakland. There is a class there preceding our party. We are still keeping our 8:00 P.M. starting time, but be prepared if we have to wait 15 minutes to get in.

This is our annual Christmas party, where we enjoy all sorts of things from the wild -- fruits, berries, nuts, mushrooms -- in pies, cookies, candies, jellies, beverages, etc. Each member brings something for all to share.



We start off singing Christmas carols with Virginia Phelps leading us. We especially like those songs with some reference to nature, like "Deck the Halls", "O Christmas Tree", "The Holly and the Ivy", "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming", and "Hi Ho the Holly". Maybe we might find some one to sing some of these lesser known carols --

"Bright, Bright the Holly Berries"
"Winds through the Olive Trees"
"The Cherry Tree Carol"
"Holy Day Holly Carol"

Perhaps you have some additional carols involving plants and would be willing to teach us.

Then we have our Christmas slide show. Each member should bring five slides dealing with Christmas or winter, with some botanical significance of course.

In the way of scientific research, there will be a discussion on the efficaciousness of Phoradendron flavescens as an osculatory stimulus.

We'll have this party at our December meeting, Monday, December 13.

1983 DUES ARE DUE

Membership dues remain unchanged -- \$5 for individuals, \$8 for family membership.

Please check your name and address on the envelope. If any correction is desired, write the word "CHANGE" on the form.

Send the form, along with your check, to our treasurer, Howard McIlvried, 8723 Highland Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15237. Even better, save postage by bringing it with you to the December meeting.

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FROM DENMARK WITH LOVE

Chris Metelmann has written to Esther and David Allen, and they share the news with all of us --

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Dear Esther and David --

and don't forget the W-Club too (I don't remember offhand how to spell Wissahickon).

As you may remember, I left Tuesday 17th of August. I arrived in Germany next day and just about everybody was at the airport in Stuttgart. Every day I took a hike . . . looking for plants, birds, ripe fruits (particularly edible fruit like plums, apples, pears) and nice scenery. The weather cooperated beautifully with one of the nicest days of early fall in a long time. Even the outdoor swimming pools stayed open an extra 3 weeks. Well, now, since the 7th I've been in København and it is blustery. Where is my parka? It is in one of the 50 boxes in Stuttgart. There too is my long underwear. Not that it is too cold (50 degrees F) but the wind and occasionally the driving rain. Let's hope I can get settled and see better weather. Now something really nice: One block from here is a lovely botanical garden (plants are identified).

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Even here I have my Newcombs and a European flower book and a European bird book. Yesterday and today I saw Magpies, black Redstart, Hooded Crow (looks like a crow but has a gray body), Black Tit, of course Sparrows, Chaffinch, and a flock of Bullfinches.

So -- and how are you doing? What's new? I miss the field trips. I miss seeing and talking to the people and friends there. Any good programs at Wissahickon and at Botanical? How about Audubon? Mr. Grom and his walks in North Park? Please say hi from me to everyone -- sad that I cannot write all of them a separate letter.

Be assured of my best wishes for all and remember me at Hocking Hills.

Chris

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Address _____

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Wife's First Name _____

Husband's _____

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