

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The program for our next meeting on Nov. 14 will be "Colorado Revisited" by Virginia Phelps.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, at 8:00 P.M., at Carlow College, with the entrance off Fifth Ave. in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. Just remember that this part of Fifth Avenue is one-way, heading in the direction of downtown. Our members will receive free parking permits courtesy of Carlow College.



UPLAND CRANBERRIES?

A few months ago, I heard of a bog near Weldbank, Warren County. When I investigated it a couple of weeks ago, I found not a bog, but a large colony of cranberries (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*) growing in a perfectly dry situation!

Although it is in the valley of the West Branch A of Tionesta Creek, there are no wetland plants save a few stems of wool-grass (*Scirpus cyperinus*) in a depression not three feet across. The cranberries occupy a space of about 40 by 50 feet. There is an opening in the woods, but the cranberries extend under black cherry trees around the edge. The only other associated plants noted were bracken, hispid dewberry (*Rubus hispidus*), and wild oat-grass (*Danthonia compressa*).

The cranberry plants are pure over most of the area and denser than in any bog I've seen. Flowering was abundant, but the fruit crop will be very sparse.

(Ted Grisez)

A CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Carnegie Museum of Natural History announces the 1983 Natural World Photographic Competition and Exhibition. All amateur and professional photographers are invited to submit color or black and white prints reflecting the natural world. Winners will receive cash prizes totalling \$1300, and will have their photographs published in *Carnegie Magazine*. Prize-winning and other selected prints will be exhibited in the spacious Carnegie Museum of Natural History Gallery.

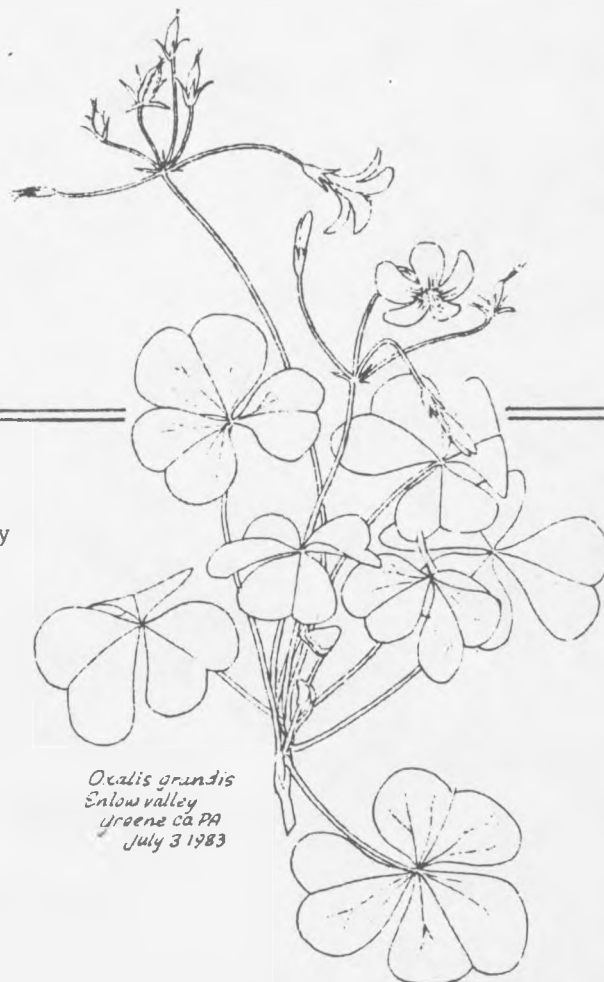
For a brochure and more information about the competition, contact the Section of Education at Carnegie Museum, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15213, or call (412) 622-3283.

Entries will be accepted from November 29 through December 9, 1983.

The Natural World Photographic Competition and Exhibition is supported by the Leonard S. Mudge Environmental Education Program of Carnegie Museum of Natural History and by the Darkroom Incorporated.

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OXALIS GRANDIS

The sketch of the large yellow wood-sorrel is from the pen of our member, Arabella Wheatley.

CONSERVANCY CALENDAR

I have just received my sixth wildflower calendar from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. This 1984 issue, like its predecessors, features the watercolors of Andrey Avinoff, the talented painter and scientist who worked with Dr. Otto Jennings to produce the monumental two-volume "Wildflowers of Western Pennsylvania and Upper Ohio Basin".

These calendars can be purchased for \$6.00 plus tax, but we don't recommend this route. It would be much better to join the Conservancy and get this fantastic calendar free each year. Join now, in time to get your free 1984 catalog.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

This form can be used two ways -

1. Present members can use it to renew their membership for the year 1984.
2. New members can use it as an application.

Dues remain unchanged, \$5 per year for single membership, \$8 for the entire family.

Send blank and dues to our treasurer:

Howard McIlvried
8723 Highland Road
Pittsburgh, Pa., 15237

Better still, save the postage. Bring it with you to the November or December meeting.

Application for Membership in
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Name _____

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Renewal Single, \$5

New Membership Family \$8