

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

WILD PARTY

Maybe our parties have become too wild. This is the fourth year in a row that we have had to have our Christmas party in a new place. At least, the police haven't caught up with us yet.

This time we will have it in Room 206 of Aquinas Hall. This is two buildings below our customary meeting place in the Biology Building of Carlow College. Park in the usual place.



Pyrus Communis

It's 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., brought in by the members.

HOWEVER...and I've been asked to put this in the bulletin...don't stay away if you have nothing to bring. There is always more than enough to go around.

Bring along your best singing voice. Virginia Phelps will again lead us in singing Christmas carols.

Virginia Craig is in charge of the party, but we all chip in, which is what makes it so nice. This will be our December meeting, Monday the 12th. It's at our usual starting time, 8:00 P.M.

EVERY MEETING

We have been informed that some of our members are hesitant about coming to our evening meetings for security reasons.

We can understand their concern, no matter where our meetings are held. We are fortunate to be able to use Carlow's facilities. The parking lot is adjacent to our meeting building, and we do not have to venture on any public streets.

There has never been an incident on Carlow's campus, but even so, there are security police on duty at all times. There is a phone on the wall, right past our meeting building. Just pick up the phone, and you will be connected to security police. Then drive to the parking lot, and the police will come to escort you to the meeting room.

PLANTS OF THE BIBLE AT PHIPPS CONSERVATORY

Take a trip to the natural world of the Holy Land. Understand scripture better as you see Noah's olive branch, Jonah's gourd, Solomon's lily, and many other plants of the Bible.

TOURS: Sunday, January 22, January 29, February 5, and February 12 at 1:30, 2:30, and 3:30 p.m. Admission by advance reservation only. Call 563-5046 after 4:00 p.m. Admission fee \$2.00.

DECK THE HALLS

Off we go to loot and pillage
Fa la la' la la' la la
Every hamlet, town and village
Fa la la la la' la la'



Sung to the tune of "Deck the Halls" a tongue in cheek song by Mary Roberts Teare of Burnt Hills, N. Y. in response to her husband's dim view of the gathering of fall dried material.



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THE HOLLY AND THE IVY

And here is the ivy (*Hedera Helix*), reproduced from a 16th century herbal, *Herbarum Vivae Eicones*, by Otto Brunfels, Strasburg.



NOMINATIONS

Election of officers will be held at the December meeting.

Our Nominating Committee, made up of Walter Gardill, Jasper Brown, and Ede Mock, has submitted these names:

President - Dr. Mary Joy Haywood
Vice-President - Robert Morgan, Jr.
Treasurer - Howard McIlvried
Recording Secretary - Virginia Phelps
Corresponding Secretary - Robert F. Bahl
Executive Committee - all of the active past presidents: Werner Buker, Robert F. Bahl, Virginia Phelps, Robert Morgan, Jr., Tim Manka

Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

STUDENT RATE

At our November meeting, we voted a new student membership dues of only \$2.50--half the regular rate. This applies at any scholastic level.

When an organization is 97 years old, it has a tendency to become too "venerable." We would dearly love to have more young people. We will need them in our second century.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - REPEAT

If you used last month's form for your own membership, then pass this one along to some interested prospective member.

Send information and dues to our treasurer:

Howard McIlvried
8723 Highland Road
Pittsburgh, Pa., 15237

Mail it in or bring it with you to the December meeting.

Application for Membership in BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	
Name	_____
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Address	_____
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Phone	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Single, \$5
<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Family, \$8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student, \$2.50