

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

FEBRUARY MEETING - FLORIDA AND THE EVERGLADES

If we were to list here all of the photographic awards won by Chuck and Marian Hissem, we wouldn't have room for anything else in this bulletin.

We are fortunate that these well-traveled members of our Society will be giving our February program. They have entitled it Florida and the Everglades.



Our meetings are on the second Monday of each month, so this one will be February 13. Starting time is 8:00 P.M.

We meet at Trinity Hall in Carlow College, which is on Fifth Avenue, Oakland. There is ample free parking adjacent to our meeting place.

KNOB-WEED

At a recent meeting, somebody asked how Knapweed got its name. So, we looked it up in our Webster's Collegiate. It comes from the Middle English knopwed, meaning knob + weed.

CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Wildflowers is more than just an announcement of coming events. It is your medium for expression. Articles or sketches are welcome from all members. Send them to me. We will publish them as space permits.

PLANTS OF MT. DAVIS NATURAL AREA

If you can't make it to our monthly meetings but would like a copy of our Society's new check-list of Mt. Davis plants, send me a stamped, addressed envelope, and one will be sent to you.

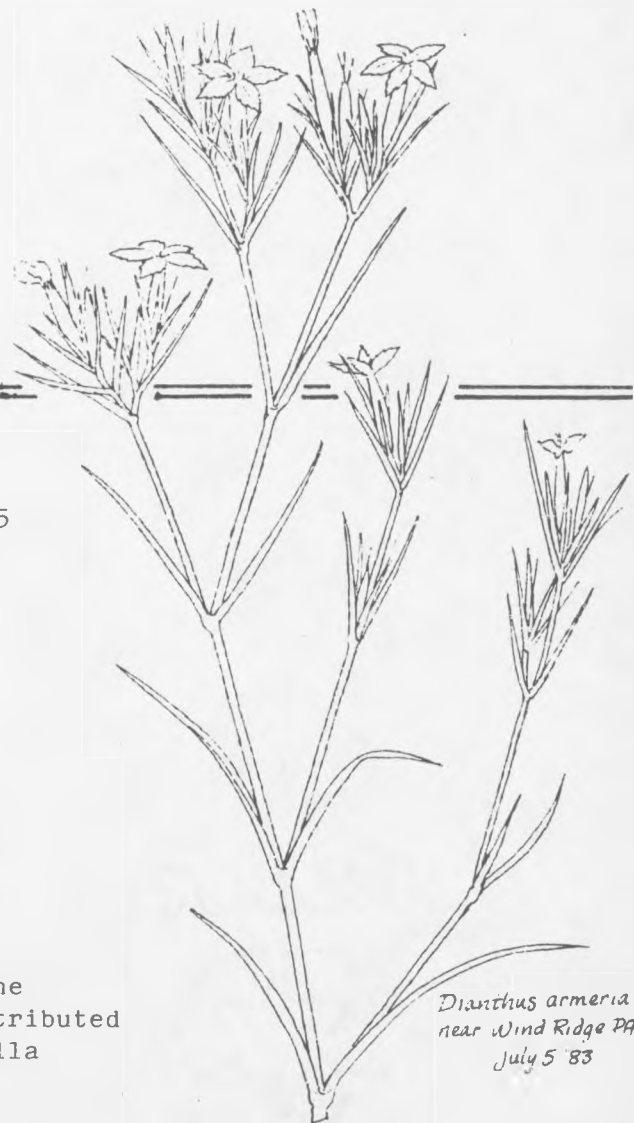
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DIANTHUS ARMERIA

The sketch of the Deptford Pink is contributed by our member, Arabella Wheatley.



Dianthus armeria
near Wind Ridge PA
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CHOKEBERRY MTN. NATIONAL MONUMENT?

From last month's issue of Wildflowers...can you name five national monuments with names involving a botanical specimen?

Everybody probably got these three:

JOSHUA TREE NAT. MON., California
SAGUARO NAT. MON., Arizona
ORGAN PIPE CACTUS NAT. MON., Arizona

Each of these preserves an impressive stand of the particular plant.

A fourth one is Utah's CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT although there are no cedar trees in the Monument. There are various pines, firs, spruces, and junipers in the area, but the early settlers didn't know the difference. To them, any evergreen was a "cedar".

Now, the tough one...it is CAPULIN MTN. NATIONAL MONUMENT, an extinct volcano in northeastern New Mexico. We threw you a curve on that one. Capulin is Spanish for chokeberry. Chokeberry is prevalent on the mountain and extends over the crater rim.

In researching this, we came across a sixth national monument involving a botanical name. It is YUCCA HOUSE NATIONAL MONUMENT in Colorado, but it is not open to the public.

New Exhibitions/ Carnegie Museum of Natural History

Natural World Photographic Exhibition

The natural world, in all of its beauty and variation, is highlighted in this exhibition. Displayed are the prize-winning prints and selected entries from the 1983 Natural World Photographic Competition sponsored by the Leonard S. Mudge Environmental Education Program of Carnegie Museum of Natural History and The Darkroom Incorporated. February 14-April 29, CMNH Gallery

Arctic Plant Life: Adaptations for Survival

During the 1982 expedition by Dr. Frederick Utech of the Section of Botany to Rankin Inlet in the Canadian Arctic, various species of arctic plants were collected. Through the use of graphics and herbarium specimens, this exhibit documents how these plants survive in the harsh conditions of the Arctic. February 14-April 29, Changing Exhibits Gallery