

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

FEBRUARY MEETING

We shall have our monthly meeting at Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland, on Monday, February 11 at 8:00 P.M.

Virginia Phelps will present the program, "Adventures Among the Texas Wildflowers."



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Polygala rugelii
DeSoto county FL
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POLYGALA RUGELII

Each year our member, Arabelle Wheatley, spends the winter in Arcadia, Florida and the summer in Greene County. This is most fortunate for the Botanical Society. We get sketches from both North and South. This one is of the Yellow Milkwort, which inhabits the swamps and pinelands of Florida. Small says that the Seminole Indians used an infusion of this plant for snakebite.

THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA PROGRAMS FOR 1985

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|  | January 14 | "Colorado in the Fall"
Marian and Chuck Hissem |
|  | February 11 | "Adventures Among the Texas Wildflowers"
Virginia A. Phelps |
|  | March 11 | "Endangered and Rare Species"
Paul Wiegman |
|  | April 8 | "Effects of Radiation on Space Seeds"
Tracy Soltesz |
|  | May 13 | "The Fungal Connection"
Richard J. Medve |
|  | June 10 | "Reproduction Strategies of 'Goldenrods'"
James Morrow |
|  | September 9 | "Rare Plants of Western Pennsylvania"
Werner Buker |
|  | October 14 | "How to Know the Ferns"
Allison Cusick |
|  | November 11 | "Diversity Among Mushrooms"
Emily Johnson |
|  | December 9 | Christmas Party
Members of the Society |

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SECTION CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION

1985 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Photographic Section of the Academy of Science & Art of Pittsburgh. In celebration of this milestone, the Photo Section is presenting an exhibition on the history of pictorial photography. These pictures are from the Photo Section's own collection and its current members.

The exhibition will be on display at PPG Wintergarden, One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. from January 26 to February 17. Show hours are weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and weekends from 9:30 A.M. to 6 P.M.

The Botanical Society is well represented in this exhibition. Chuck Hissem has two prints in the show, and Marian Hissem one. Bob and Mildred Neill each have one. Robert Colvin has one. Those are members we know of. Maybe there are more.

1985 OFFICERS AND CHAIRMEN

These members were selected at our January meeting

- President - Dr. Mary Joy Haywood
- Vice-President - Virginia Craig
- Treasurer - Howard McIlvried
- Recording Secretary - Virginia Phelps
- Corresponding Secretary - Robert Bahl
- Program Chairman - Tim Manka
- Field Trip Chairman - Jay Brown

SIX CONSONANTS IN A ROW - ANSWER

In last month's bulletin, we posed the question as to which botanical genus contained six consecutive consonants. The answer is -

ESCHSCHOLZIA

That's the genus of the California Poppy. It was named for J. F. Eschscholz, who was not a botanist but a physician.

Chamisso, the German naturalist who found the California Poppy on San Francisco's sand dunes in 1816, named it for his expedition's surgeon, Eschscholz.