OCTOBER MEETING

We have something very special for the October meeting. Allison Cusick will give the program, "How to Know the Ferns".

Allison heads the Division of Natural Areas, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and, we add proudly, he is also a member of our Botanical Society.

I have heard Allison speak and I have been on his field trips. I assure you, nobody does it better.

The meeting will be at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland, on Monday, October 14 at 8:00 P.M.

Robert F. Bahl, Secretary
401 Clearview Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15205
(412)921-1797

RUBUS ALLEGHENIENSIS

The sketch of the blackberry is from our member, M. J. Paoli of East Brady, Pa.

BETTY BROWN EXHIBIT

Virginia Phelps sends this announcement:

SPECIAL EXHIBIT
of the
NATIVE ORCHID OIL PAINTINGS
by
Elizabeth F. Brown
(our Betty)
at the
WINCHESTER-THURSTON SCHOOL
555 Morewood Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213
(578-7511)
October 7 through October 17
Student Lounge/Art Gallery
Gallery open 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on school days

Virginia adds this note -- Betty gave most of her paintings to the school, but this is the first that they have been exhibited that I know. I do hope a number of people can view them (and let Betty know). I think the school is closed on October 14, Columbus Day.

Betty's address:
Elizabeth F. Brown
c/o Meadowcrest, Inc.
1200 Braun Rd.
Bethel Park, PA 15102

RARE PLANT COMMITTEE

Here is part of a letter from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources --

"Another field season of wild plant searches is coming to a close, which necessitates a meeting of the Rare Plant Committee. A date has been set for October 23 to exchange information pertinent to the status of native wild plants in PA. The location is tentatively set for the Bureau of Forestry district office in McConnellsburg, but this meeting may be moved based on the number of attendees and where they will be travelling from. For this reason, I ask that you respond to this office as soon as possible to indicate whether you will be able to attend."

If any Botanical Society member wants to attend this meeting, will he or she please write Kathy A. McKenna, Dept. of Environmental Resources, P. O. Box 1467, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120 or call her at (717)787-3444.