MONTHLY MEETINGS

Keep this for future reference -
Day - Second Monday of each month
Time - 8:00 P.M.
Place - Trinity Hall at Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland
Parking - Never a problem

Our next meeting will be January 13, when Esther Allen will present "Dolly Sods Wilderness Area of West Virginia". If you have ever been to Dolly Sods, you will want to come to this meeting. If you have never been there, you have an even greater reason.

Find out the significance of the term "Dolly Sods".

PLANTS OF FT. NECESSITY

Any slides for the Ft. Necessity project should be brought or sent to the January 13 meeting. We have 183 slides to be selected.

The selection committee will be made up of all those who want to be on it. Just speak up. It doesn't matter whether any of your slides are in for consideration. We hope to make the selections in a single evening, to be determined at the January meeting.

All slides must show the genus and species, using the terms on Howard McIlvried's computer list.

It would save considerable time if each contributor were to arrange the slides in alphabetical order by genus.

Be sure your name is on every slide. All original slides will eventually be returned to you, including the ones that are selected for the Ft. Necessity series.

ELECTIONS

The January meeting means election of officers. Hear the candidates give their speeches, and then make your choice.

DUES ARE DUE

This is the last chance to get in your dues before Howard McIlvried revises his computer list. If you don't like to cut up your copy of "Wildflowers", look up the December issue, where the application blank was printed separately.

Send your check to our Treasurer, Howard McIlvried, 8723 Highland Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15237. Please do not send these applications to the Secretary. It just means an extra postage stamp, because I send them right to Howard.

Application for Membership in
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Name:
Name:
Address:

Phone: [□ Renewal] [□ Single, $5]
[□ New Membership] [□ Family, $8]
[□ Student, $2.50]

JANUARY, 1986

HAPPY NEW YEAR

RUDBECKIA HIRTA

Illustration of the Black-Eyed Susan is by our member, M. J. Paoli of East Brady, Pa.

In the 5 years that we have been printing "Wildflowers", we have run illustrations by Carolyn Bahl, Joan Smith Kemper, Leslie McBride, Phyllis Monk, Dr. Harold J. Rose, Isabel Teare, Mrs. Wm. Neidringhaus, Paul Kammer, Elinor Henry, Rob Bahl, Arabelle Wheatley, M. J. Paoli, Laura Wirkkala, and Anne Bahl.

Right now, our supply of usable illustrations is down to nothing. We welcome drawings from anybody on the list above and even more so from any first-timers.

We no longer have facilities for reducing and enlarging, so we would appreciate same-size drawings.

ARCHIVES

With this being our 100th Anniversary, how can we find out what the early years of the Botanical Society were like?

All of the old records are at the Herbarium in Carnegie Museum. Any member of our Society is welcome to go over to get familiar with what is there. Just call Sue Thompson, 622-3253. Sue is Collection Manager, and she will let you know if the time you select is satisfactory.

FIELD TRIPS

Esther Allen has agreed to be our Field Trip Chairman again this year, which makes the editor of these bulletins give three cheers. Deadlines cause a secretary to pull out his hair. (How do you think I got this way?) Not once last year did I have to phone Esther to demand, "Where's that schedule?"

Esther was also our Nominations Chairman for the forthcoming election. When she approached me about the secretary's job for another year, I had her over a barrel. I told her I would accept on ONE condition. She would have to accommodate my numerous wanderings. She would at times have to get the field trip schedules to me more than a month in advance. (On the other hand, maybe I won't be re-elected.)

Esther prefers to work that way. In fact, her goal is to set up at least a tentative schedule for the entire year.

She needs some help. First, she needs volunteer field trip leaders. It's the same ones over and over again. If each able-bodied member would lead just one trip, we could go the entire year without repetitions. NOW!

Next, she needs your suggestions where to go... some place we've never been before or an old place that you may have missed. NOW!

This is our 100th Anniversary. Let's make this year's Field Trip Schedule worthy of the occasion. Shall we go on field trips by trolley car as our predecessors did?