"Searching for Aroids" will be the topic of our February meeting. It will be presented by Sue Thompson, who is Collection Manager of the Herbarium at Carnegie Museum. Sue is a new member of the Botanical Society.

The meeting on Monday, February 10, will be at the usual time and place — 8:00 P.M. at Trinity Hall, Carlow College.

1986 PROGRAMS

Dr. Mary Joy Haywood has scheduled a most interesting group of speakers for our 1986 meetings —

January 13
DOLLY SODS WILDERNESS
AREA OF WEST VIRGINIA
Esther Allen

February 10
SEARCHING FOR AROIDS
Sue Thompson

March 10
MYSTERIES OF ORCHID POLLINATION
Sam Taylor

April 14
WEST AUSTRALIAN ORCHIDS
Herbert R. Brueschke

May 12
ECOLOGY OF VASCULAR WATER PLANTS
Richard Hartman

June 9
THE WEST IN THE FALL
Chuck and Marian Hissem

September 8
HEADON GARDENING
William Paxton

October 13
ROADSIDE PLANTS ON THE MOVE
Allison Cusick

November 10
RE-VISITING CARNEGIE MUSEUM’S HERBARIUM
Fred Utech

December 8
CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MEMBERS’ NIGHT
"All of Us" and guests

DOLLY SODS

I had known this, but then I forgot, so I was glad that Esther Allen explained the meaning of the name "Dolly Sods" at our January meeting. No, there is no lass named Dolly. It was derived from a German family name - Dahle - and the "Sods" was a localism for grazing lands.

MOUTHWASH FROM BLOODROOT

Plagued by plaque? There is a new mouthwash being studied that promises to wash it away. It’s called Viadent and contains sanguinarine, an extract taken from the bloodroot plant, Sanguinaria canadensis. The sanguinarine rinse interferes with bacteria’s ability to convert carbohydrates into gum-eating acid. It also blocks the enzymes that destroy collagen in gum tissue. Unlike some other mouthwashes, sanguinarine doesn’t stain teeth or taste terrible. It comes in mint and cinnamon flavors. Although long-term studies are still underway for this product, a number of periodontists are already advising their patients to use the mouthwash in addition to regular flossing and brushing.

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