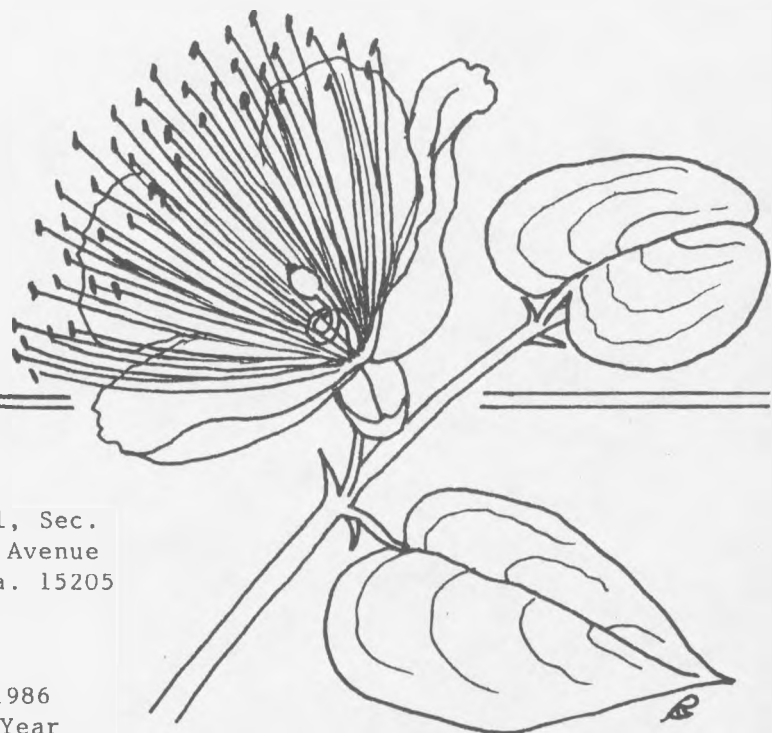


# Wildflowers

## THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



*Capparis spinosa*  
Common Caper

### FEBRUARY MEETING

"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	MEADOW 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.

### THANKS

We thank Hazel Hykes Carter, one of our honorary members, for another contribution of \$50.00 for the Botanical Society.

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### CAPPARIS SPINOSA

The Caper was photographed in May at Tiberias, Israel. It was growing along the street near our hotel. The plant was about 3 feet across with 7 or 8 blooms. Each bloom was about 3 inches wide. Stamens were rose-purple tipped with intensely rose anthers. The four petals were white. Stems were dark mahogany and foliage a deep green. (Phyllis Monk)

### 1986 OFFICERS

These officers were elected at our January meeting:

President - Dr. Mary Joy Haywood

Vice-President - Virginia Craig

Treasurer - Howard McIlvried

Recording Secretary - Betty Shepler

Corresponding Secretary - Robert F. Bahl

### VIRGINIA PHELPS

It doesn't seem right to present a listing of officers without the name of Virginia Phelps.

When I "dropped in" at a Botanical Society meeting back in 1969, the first member to greet me was Virginia. She was the Recording Secretary at the time. I may be wrong, but I think she has held some office in the Society ever since -- Vice-President, President, and again Recording Secretary.

We pray that Virginia's health will improve and that she will soon resume her very active role. We thank her for all she has done for the Botanical Society over these many years.

### BIBLE TOURS

For the fourth year, Phipps Conservatory is offering "Plants of the Bible." Four years ago, there were 12 tours. This year there will be a total of 27.

Tours are scheduled at 11 A.M., Noon, and 1 P.M. on -

Saturday, Feb. 1  
Wednesday, Feb. 5  
Saturday, Feb. 8  
Tuesday, Feb. 11  
Friday, Feb. 14  
Saturday, Feb. 15

- and at 1 P.M., 2 P.M., and 3 P.M. on -

Sunday, Feb. 2  
Sunday, Feb. 9  
Sunday, Feb. 16

Admission is by advance reservation only. Call 622-6958.

Three members of our Botanical Society - Betty Senter, Anne Fonas, and Anne Bahl - are among the Phipps docents giving these Bible Tours.