

# Wildflowers

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



### NOVEMBER MEETING AT HERBARIUM

Read this carefully. The meeting of Monday, November 10 will NOT be at Carlow College. It will be at the Herbarium of The Carnegie Museum at the usual time of 8:00 P.M.

Park on the upper level parking lot behind the Museum. Enter the lot at Forbes and Craig. Use the Receiving and Security Entrance to the Natural History Museum. This entrance is on the same level as the parking lot. Staff people will be at the door to escort you to the 3rd floor.

Dr. Fred Utech, Curator of the Dept. of Botany, will be showing us what is new at the Herbarium...and also what is old. He will bring out the archives of our Society, including specimens that were collected by Gutenberg, Jennings, Henry, and others. Dr. Utech points out that the Botanical Society predates the Museum, and that it was the Society's collection that was the beginning of the Herbarium.

### AVINOFF PRINTS AVAILABLE

The Jennings book, Wildflowers of Western Pennsylvania and the Upper Ohio Basin, is out of print. Any obtainable copies command a king's ransom.

However, members of the Botanical Society have the opportunity to get individual prints from this monumental work. At our November meeting at the Herbarium, we will be offered our choice of 168 of these Andrey Avinoff watercolors.

These prints, made from the original plates, are priced at \$10.00, \$15.00, and \$19.00 in the Museum gift shop. Members of our Society can get any of them at the meeting for just \$7.50. Proceeds will go to the Botanical Fund of the Herbarium.

### 1987 NATURAL WORLD PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Entries in this annual event sponsored by The Carnegie Museum of Natural History must be received between November 10 and 21. For the details phone (412)622-3283.

### FLOWERS THAT DRIVE US SLIGHTLY MAD

If you missed it in Smithsonian, you can read the condensation in the October Reader's Digest. Ogden Tanner's article "Flowers That Drive US Slightly Mad" is a treatise on ORCHIDS, those mysterious, complicated, irresistible plants that have always held us in their spell.

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### SABATIA ANGULARIS

This month's sketch of the Rose-Pink is contributed by our member, Laura Wirkkala.

### WERNER BUKER

It was entirely fitting that it was at our 100th Anniversary Celebration that Werner Buker was presented a life honorary membership.

Werner Buker joined our Society in February, 1941. I am going to make the outright statement that Werner contributed more to the Botanical Society of W. Pa. than any other member, past or present.

I cite my own case, but I am sure that it is shared by the rest of the membership, excepting only those who have joined in very recent years. I owe most of my store of botanical knowledge to Werner Buker. He was my tutor on countless field trips that spanned more than a decade and a half. He was the scheduled leader on many, many field trips, but that made no difference. He was the de facto leader on most of the others.

He knew where the wildflower stations were located and when we got there he knew just where to find any particular species. We all looked upon him for the identification of any specimen, and yet he never took a dogmatic approach. He never contradicted anybody. If somebody "guessed" wrong, he would in his modesty say, "I could be wrong, but..."

And we add our "but" ...but he never was.

### CONGRATULATIONS, EDIE MOCK

Our member, Edie Mock, has won second prize in a photography competition sponsored by Agway Magazine. Her winning entry was entitled "Geese". This picture will be printed in the magazine, and she will be getting a cash award.



### 100 YEARS - THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Our 100th Anniversary Banquet on October 13 was a resounding success, even if we did have difficulty recognizing some of our members in their Sunday-go-to-meeting duds rather than their bog boots.

Memorable meetings like this don't just happen. Somebody makes them happen, and so our thanks go out to those who contributed so much....to Edie Mock, our Banquet Chairman.... to Betty Thompson and her staff at the East Liberty Presbyterian Church for the delicious food....to Dr. Ann Robertson, who handled the publicity....to Virginia Phelps, who looked lovely in her long gown, for the souvenir wildflower note paper....to Esther Allen for the incomparable wildflower bouquets that graced every table....to Laura Wirkkala, who designed the program and also made the striking banner....to Bill Paxton for the collage.... to Walt Gardill, who captured the evening in photographs....to Allison Cusick, who was our speaker....and, above all, to our president, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, who just did everything.