

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



WILD PARTY

I'm sure that wild parties are frowned upon on the Carlow Campus, but this one is different.

Our December meeting, Monday the 14th at 8 P.M., will be our traditional wild Christmas party. We enjoy all sorts of things from the wild -- fruits, berries, nuts, mushrooms -- in pies, cookies, candies, jellies, beverages, etc. -- brought in by the members.

HOWEVER...and I have been asked to put this in the bulletin...don't stay away if you have nothing to bring. There is always enough to go around.

This year we again combine Members' Night with our Christmas party. Each member brings up to twelve botanical slides taken during the past year.



In the way of scientific research, there will be an exploration of the efficaciousness of Phoradendron flavescens as an osculatory stimulus. Purely fanciful mental absorption!

The party will be held at Aquinas Hall on the Carlow College Campus, just a little down from our usual meeting place, which is Trinity Hall.



1988 DUES ARE DUE

Bring your application and check to the December meeting. If you can't make the meeting, mail them to our Treasurer:

Walter J. Gardill
P.O. Box 226 Grosick Rd.
Ingomar, PA 15127

Please do not mail these applications to the Secretary. It just means an extra postage stamp, because I just send them right to Walter.

If you save your copies of Wildflowers and do not wish to cut out the form, that's O.K. Just put the information on a separate piece of paper.

Application for Membership in BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA	
Name	_____
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Address	_____ _____ _____
Phone	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Single, \$5
<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Family, \$8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Student, \$2.50

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Our 102nd Year

PHORADENRON FLAVESCENS

This sketch is the work of Carolyn Bahl. She dedicates it to her parents, who seem to have a sprig of mistletoe above them twelve months of the year.



IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME

Besides translating literally into the colloquial name, what do all these Latin names have in common?

Corallorhiza = Coral Root
Helianthus = Sunflower
Lycopodium = Wolf's Foot
Tragopogon = Goat's Beard
Hydrophyllum = Waterleaf

Answer: Not one of them is Latin at all. They are all Greek.

It is incorrect to make reference to Latin names, especially when it comes to genera. Although most species names do come from Latin, the vast majority of genera have Greek origins.



NEW PETERSON BOOK - MUSHROOMS

About a year ago, I heard that there was a new book in the Peterson Field Guide Series, this one on mushrooms. However, I was not able to locate a copy anywhere.

Finally, my daughter, Christina, got one for me in Boston. It is entitled simply Mushrooms, and the authors are Kent H. McKnight and Vera B. McKnight. Price on the book is \$13.95.

I have just received the book, and have not been in a position to evaluate it. Maybe one of the members could write a book review for publication in Wildflowers. Don't worry about some other member taking on the task. It would be interesting to see different opinions on the same book.



THIS ISSUE OF WILDFLOWERS

Through the grace of God, the miracles of modern medicine, and the assistance of my wonderful wife and daughters, we are getting out this issue of WILDFLOWERS.

Within the past month, I have had open heart surgery with a quadruple by-pass. Then within a day after coming home from the hospital, I was back for gall bladder removal. Incidentally, the surgeon removed it in three sections. Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres.

We can't let a little thing like this interfere with getting out WILDFLOWERS. Setting of goals is an important part of the healing process, and one of my goals is to get our bulletin out each month. This is where you can help. Members should send such an abundance of material that it is not necessary for me to originate anything myself. We will have a much better newsletter that way, too.

Send in articles of any kind, plus a supply of illustrations. Deadline is the 18th of each month.

Incidentally, I want to express my sincere thanks to the many members of the Botanical Society for their visits, calls, cards, and prayers. God bless all of you.