Zero Tolerance for Errors

I'm pretty good at spelling - who else can spell the same word three different ways? - but my typewriter isn't.

We want our book to be absolutely error-free, so we are asking all you eagle eyes to scrutinize the list of 600 and report any mistakes - wrong spellings, wrong families, wrong alphabetizing, wrong anything. We won't feel offended. After all, we found 27 errors on the first typing.

Nomenclature

The botanical names on the list are those used in the "Atlas of the Flora of Pennsylvania" by Wherry, Poggi, and Wahl. Where our member's list varied from the Atlas, we listed the committee's selection as a synonym.

We intend to employ these names from the Atlas throughout the preparation period. However, when our publication is finally printed, we want to follow the latest dictum of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature.

Could we have two volunteers from our membership? These two, working independently, would check all the names on the list to make sure we have the very latest. Thanks.

Selection of Slides

Who will select the slides for the book? You will. All you have to do is show up for our "slide selection" meetings. How many evenings we don't know, but we have three scheduled as starters - Friday, July 22; Thursday July 28; Monday, August 8. Starting time 7 P.M. We shall use our regular meeting place, Trinity Hall, on the Carlow Campus.

Best way, bring your slides with you. If you can't make the meeting but still want to submit slides for consideration, you can mail them to:

Dr. Mary Joy Haywood
Dept. of Biology, Carlow College
3333 Fifth Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

or drop them off at the Convent on the Carlow Campus.

It is foolish to send them by registered or insured mail. Your slides are priceless. No amount of money could compensate.

Whether you bring your slides or send them, they must be in the sequential order of the Master List. We can't take the time - a lot of people's time - to be putting some member's slides into sequence.

All slides must show the botanical name, and slides should be marked with your name. You do want them back, don't you?

We can't predict how many slides will be selected, but we are asking for two columns per night, so be guided accordingly.

Square Format

To obtain optimum utilization of space, all of the pictures in the book must be the same shape. So, which do we use - verticals or horizontals? Either way we eliminate 50% of our potential, so we have decided upon a square. That way we can use both verticals and horizontals, cropping one or both ends. (This will not harm the original slide). In most cases, this results in an improvement, because we cut off extraneous matter.

Since our pictures will be so small, 1-7/8" x 1-7/8", we favor close-ups rather than habitat shots.