

# 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 12th 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.



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.

### ELECTIONS

At the December meeting, we elect Botanical Society officers for 1989.

Because of the constant increase in cost-of-living, salaries of officers will be doubled for next year.

### OUR BOOK

Our selection of 600 names for Wildflowers of Pennsylvania was made up from lists submitted by eight members. This is not etched in stone.

We know that we can never come up with a list that will please every member, but we will give it a gallant try.

If you strongly oppose any species that were tentatively chosen, put them on a list. Behind each one write your reason for disapproval.

If you disapprove because the species is found only in the eastern part of the state, remember that we are putting out a statewide book. We definitely want these plants represented.

Another thing...for each one you want taken off, give us a suggestion of something you want added.

Send your list to Robert F. Bahl, 401 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. By January 9, please!

Later on, we shall have a meeting with all members invited. All participants will be frisked for brass knuckles.

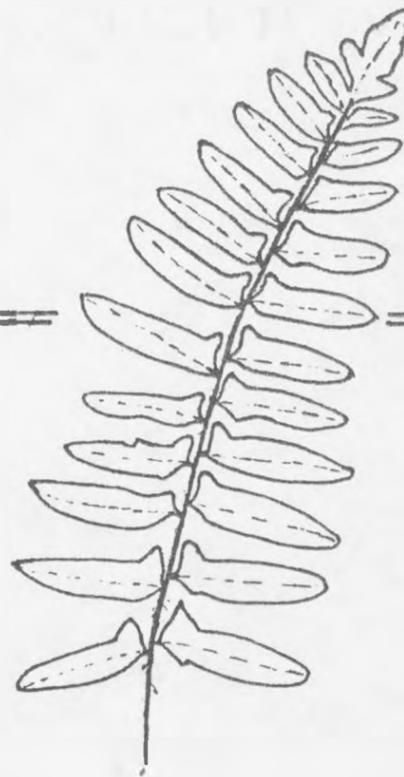
### SQUARE FORMAT IN OUR BOOK

A few of our members are upset because we have chosen a square format for our pictures. If somebody can come up with a practical page layout that would accommodate both vertical and horizontal pictures, we would welcome it with open arms.

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## DECEMBER 1988

Our 103rd Year



### POLYSTICHUM ACROSTICHOIDES

This sketch of the Christmasfern was made by Sister Constance Bahl from a specimen at Touchstone Center for Crafts.

How did it get the name Christmasfern? Take your choice --

1. It is green at Christmas time.
2. It was used by the New England settlers for Christmas decorations.
3. The sterile leaflets have a resemblance to Christmas stockings.



### ORCHID WATCH

Al and Scott Shriver have discovered a single specimen of Puttyroot, Aplectrum hyemale, at Raccoon State Park.



### PA. NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society Rare Plant Committee will be held in Harrisburg area on January 21, 1989. Interested? Call Paul G. Wiegman, 412-288-2774.



### TRIVIA QUESTION

Where is Botany Bay, and how did it get its name?

Answer will appear in Wildflowers...eventually.

### 1989 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