

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

December 1989

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 11th 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 1990.

Let's consider a much deserved salary increase for our officers. I propose we give them the same percentage increase that our congressmen vote for themselves.



AMARANTH

I bought a box of amaranth cereal, but my dear wife ate it all, and I never got a chance to try it.



PA. NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society Rare Plant Committee will be held in the Harrisburg area on January 20, 1990.

For complete details, reservations, or questions, call or write:

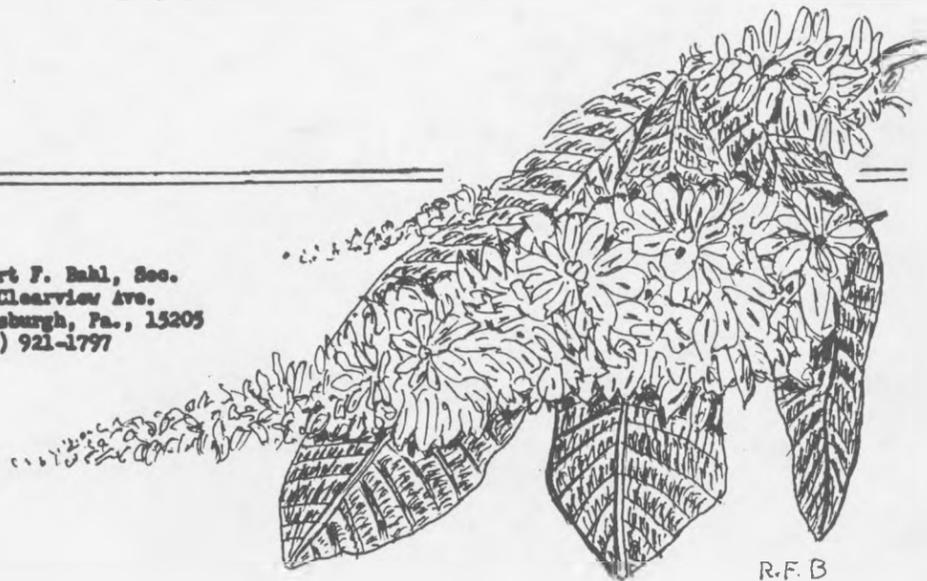
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"WILDFLOWERS" IS YOURS

From April to October, much of our bulletin is needed for our field trip schedules, and we cannot publish some of the other material that reaches us. However, we have the January, February, and March issues coming up, and we are wide open. Your articles are especially welcome at this time. Get them to me by the 18th of the month.

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Wild Poinsettia

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We celebrate Christmas with this sketch of Wild Poinsettia by Bob Bahl. However, this is not related to the common Poinsettia, which is in the Euphorbiaceae family. Rather, it belongs with the Rubiaceae.

This spectacular rain forest tree, also known as Chaconia, is the national flower of Trinidad. No decorated Christmas tree could surpass it in splendor. Its brilliant red inflorescences branch off in every direction, contrasting with the bright green foliage.



VIRGINIA CRAIG

Virginia is at home recuperating from surgery. I'm sure cards and messages would be welcome, but let's hold off on the phone calls for a while. Her address is 304 S. Winebiddle St., Apt. #3, Pgh., PA 15224.



NEW PETERSON FIELD GUIDE

There is a new book in the Peterson series. This one is entitled "Field Guide to Eastern Trees", and is written by George A. Petrides. Coverage is confined to trees; shrubs and woody vines are not included.

Many of you are familiar with the 1958 Peterson book on trees, which was also written by Petrides. Let me say that this new edition is totally different and a vast improvement.



1990 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	_____
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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