JANUARY MEETING

Our first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 14, at 8 P.M. - at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland. Anne and Bob Bahl will present the program, "Botanizing in Our National Parks".

January 1991

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BOTANICAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10, 1990! Just about 20 people attended our party. The slides were diverse and interesting - even our newest member, Jeane, brought slides. We all agreed that she would be a welcome addition to our club. Carolyn came - first time we had seen her at a meeting for several years. She is kept quite busy in her profession as a nurse-practitioner.

As usual - the refreshments were great. Our beverage this year was elderberry juice/ginger ale - unusual but refreshing and good. Most of us had made or eaten elderberry pie or jelly - but the juice was a new approach. It did remind me of the year that Stacey took graduate work at Salzburg University in Austria. Her Mutty made jelly from elderberry flowers and that was definitely a new taste experience!

We had cheese roll & pecans, cheese chunks on our favorite dog (wooden), & cheese and crackers. Tim cached his peanut butter fudge in a napkin! Walt's wife Joan baked those little cheese cakes with a cherry on top of each, delicious!

Anne's dried apples were great - healthful, few calories & satisfyingly crunchy. Other assorted candies & cookies & nuts added to our enjoyment.

Why don't more members come to this great annual Botanical Society Christmas Party? You would enjoy it!

- Ede Mock

CAROLYN PALAIA

A special thanks to our member, Carolyn Palaia! It was she who provided the door prizes for our Christmas Party, some very attractive and informative botanical calendars.

IN THE MERRY MONTH OF DECEMBER

Here it is the middle of December, and these wildflowers are still in bloom not too far from our door -

**Cymbalaria muralis** - Kenilworth Ivy
**Vinca minor** - Creeping Myrtle
**Galinsoga ciliata** - Galinsoga
**Aster simplex** - Panicled Aster
**Lepidium virginicum** - Peppergrass

The Pennsylvania Rare Plant Committee Meeting will be held January 19, 1991, 9 A.M., at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge, 473 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA.

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

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WANTED PICTURES

- Star-of-Bethlehem Ornithogalum umbellatum
- Snow Trillium Trillium nivale
- Lyre-leaved Rock Cress Arabis lyrata
- Rumex acetosella
- Hydrangea arborescens with sterile flowers
- Arrow-leaved Tearthumb Polygonum sagittatum

- Mary Lou Brown

1991 DUES ARE DUE

No dues statements are mailed out, so if you haven't paid your 1991 dues yet, send your check to:

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

Membership: Single - $5, Family - $8, Student - $2.50.