

Wildflowers

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JANUARY MEETING

The first meeting of the new year will be Monday, January 11, 8:00 pm, at Trinity Hall, Carlow college, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.



Our new vice-president, Tim Manka, will be the speaker, and his program is titled "Wings over America". It is about birds, but it is not an identification thing. Rather, it is a natural history of birds, and their relationship to plants.

Tim spent 13 summers in national parks collecting the slides and stories for this program. He is an old hand at giving nature presentations. By actual count, he has given 870 of them in schools and elsewhere.



SWEET VIOLET

Al and Lois Shriver have a new granddaughter. Perhaps we should also mention that Scott and Kate Shriver are the proud parents. The new arrival came on November 19, and her name is VIOLET.

Illustration is by Priscilla Stoughton.



BOOK REVIEW

Both arrived the same day. First, the publisher had sent me an advance copy of a new wildflower book. (I had promised a book review in our bulletin). Then, our granddaughter, Sara Nasuti, an 8th grader, came for a Thanksgiving visit.

I had a brilliant idea! The title of the book was "A Child's Book of Wildflowers". Why not have a child write the review! So I prevailed upon Sara to take the assignment.

Pardon a boastful grandfather for mentioning that Sara has just won a \$10,000.00 scholarship to Merion Mercy High School in a competition that embraced the entire diocese of Philadelphia.

Sara has been contributing illustrations for "Wildflowers" ever since she was 8 years old. (R.F.B.)

A CHILD'S BOOK OF WILDFLOWERS

By M. A. Kelly
Illustrated by Joyce Powzyk

FOUR WINDS PRESS, MACMILLAN
PUBLISHING CO. 32 pp., 15.95

Reviewed by Sara Nasuti



"A Child's Book of Wildflowers" is a very interesting and informative book. In 32 pages it tells of over 20 different types of wildflowers. It gives the origins of their names and special facts about them. There are many beautiful pictures that make this book easy and enjoyable to read. I especially like the "To do's". They tell of special things to do with particular flowers. This book is ideal for a report or if you just want to know the name of a wildflower in your backyard. It has great activities that I am eager to try. I enjoyed reading this book and recommend it to others, whether wildflowers is their hobby or not.

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COMMELINA COMMUNIS

The sketch of the dayflower was made by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.

Commelina has three petals. Two of them are showy, but the third is not conspicuous. Linnaeus must have had a sense of humor when he named the genus for the three Commelin brothers, two of which were prominent Dutch botanists, while the third brother didn't amount to much.



PENNSYLVANIA RARE PLANT COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting for 1993 ... on January 30 ... will be at the same location as last year, Room 156, Franklin Science Center, Shippensburg University. This location in Shippensburg, PA is nearer to a "middle" point of the state, and should give more people a chance to attend. We will begin at 9:00 AM.

The meeting is open to all members of the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society and anyone else interested in attending. The agenda for the morning will center around the Plants of Special Concern in Pennsylvania (POSCIP) list and any additions, deletions, or status changes you want to suggest.

On Friday evening, for those coming early, there will be an informal meeting, Room 150 Franklin Sci. Ctr., 7:00 PM to talk, share stories, and show slides of your 1992 field work. If you have photographs of places or plants which you think will interest people, please bring them along.

Meals and accommodations will be on your own, and you may want to bring a bag lunch for Saturday.

Motel information:

Budget Host Shippensburg Inn - 717-530-1234
Budget Host University Lodge Motel - 717-532-7311
Theo's Inn, RD 6, Shippensburg - 717-532-5551

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (412) 288-2777.

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OFFICERS FOR 1993

The following were "elected" to serve for the coming year:

President - Dr. Mary Joy Haywood
Vice-President - Tim Manka
Treasurer - Walt Gardill
Recording Secretary - Phyllis Monk
Corresponding Secretary - Bob Bahl



1993 DUES ARE DUE

No dues statements are mailed out, so if you haven't paid your 1993 dues yet, send your check to:

Walter J. Gardill, Treasurer
P. O. Box 226, Grosick Rd.
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Membership: Single - \$5, Family - \$8, Student - \$2.50.