

Wildflowers

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FEBRUARY MEETING

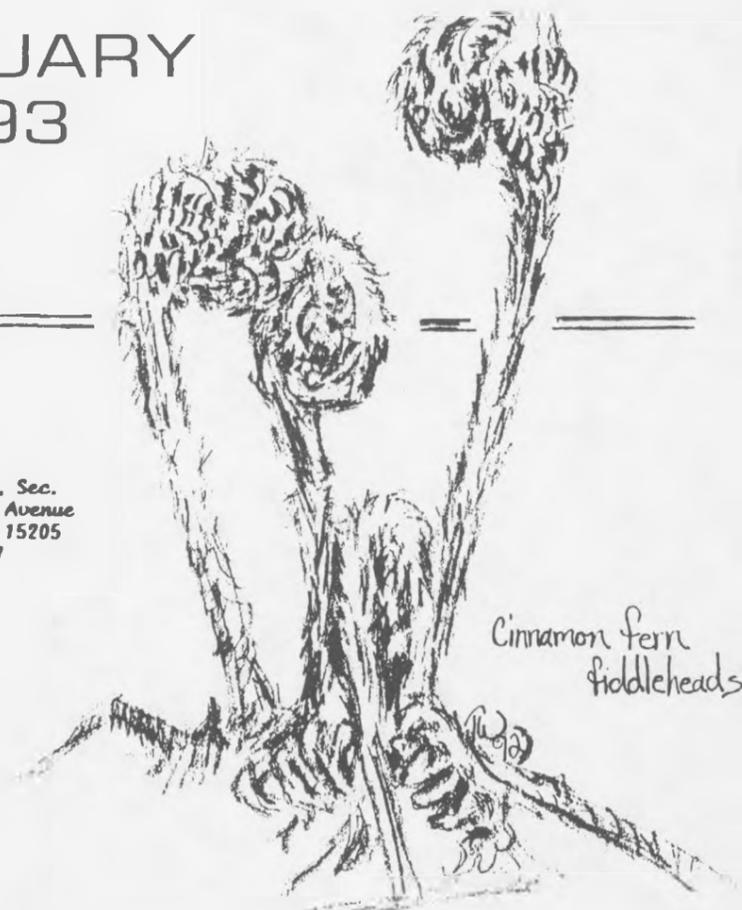
Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 8, 8 P.M. at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Our own Esther Allen will present the program, *Trees and Shrubs of Pennsylvania*.

Despite the title, this show is not being given by Woody Allen.



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Cinnamon Fern
fiddleheads

OSMUNDA CINNAMOMEA

The sketch of the cinnamon fern fiddleheads is by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.

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TIM MANKA

Our new vice-president, Tim Manka, is on the Board of Managers of The Academy of Science and Art of Pittsburgh.

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JOE DOMITROVICH

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joe Domitrovich as he recuperates from open heart surgery.

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FRED RIMMEL

The *Allegheny Bulletin* had quite a spread on our member, Fred Rimmel, in its Dec. 2 issue. Fred is in his tenth year as executive director of Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.



PRESIDENTIAL PLANTS

Now we have three botanical genera named for U. S. presidents. First, there is *Washingtonia*, a fan-palm in honor of George Washington. Then we have *Jeffersonia*, the twin-leaf, for Thomas Jefferson. And now we have *Clintonia*, named for our new president, Bill Clinton.

Just kidding!

Actually, *Clintonia* was named for another politician, DeWitt Clinton (1769-1828), governor of New York, who promoted the construction of the Erie Canal.

Now, we have a poser for you. Can you name two plant genera that were named for unsuccessful presidential candidates? To anyone coming up with the correct answer before we print it in next month's bulletin, we offer a prize of a pre-tested flashcube.

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YES, SANTA, THERE IS A VIRGINIA

The best Christmas present was having Virginia Phelps back with us at the January meeting.

Virginia wants to thank the members of the Botanical Society for their support -- for a steady flow of flowers, cards, and prayers.

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BOWMAN'S HILL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve provides internships to qualified students wishing to learn about native plants and public gardens. The 10-week program includes training by Preserve staff, work experience at the Preserve in various phases of botanical, horticultural and interpretive work, and a cash stipend.

If you are interested, get in touch with me, Bob Bahl. I have further information, and I can supply you with an application form.

The deadline for the receipt of the application is March 15.

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WILDFLOWER STAMPS

Walt Gardill commented on the large number of members who used the new wildflower stamps in mailing in their dues payments.

If you haven't sent in your 1993 dues, do it now, with or without a wildflower stamp.



WILDFLOWER SEEDS

We get a lot of queries as to where to get wildflower seeds...so we give you this clipping from the *Philadelphia Inquirer*...

For gardeners looking for wildflowers to enhance their home landscape, the New England Wild Flower Society is offering seeds or spores of more than 200 varieties of wildflowers and ferns in its 1993 Seed and Book Catalogue.

Included in the catalogue are natives for woodland, wetland and meadow gardens. The wide choice of seeds offers gardeners an economical way to obtain wildflowers and an opportunity to grow native plants not usually available from nurseries.

For gardeners germinating wildflowers from seed for the first time, try easy-to-grow varieties such as wild columbine, (*Aquilegia canadensis*)

butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) or cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*). More experienced gardeners will want to try ferns, gentians, pitcher plants or native species of rhododendron.

All requests for the 1993 Seed and Book Catalogue must be received by March 1 because seed sales close March 15. Requests will be filled in the order received. Send \$2 and a self-addressed envelope (No. 10 business size) with a 52-cent stamp to Seeds, New England Wild Flower Society, Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, Mass., 01701. No request for the catalogue will be honored without the stamped envelope.