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MARCH MEETING

This month's meeting, as usual, will be held at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3300 Fifth Ave., Oakland on Monday, March 8, 8 PM.

Our speaker will be John Flecher of Ellwood City. His topic will be the French River in Ontario, Canada.

WILDFLOWERS OF SPRING AT CCAC

Esther Allen will be giving her perennial course on *Wildflowers of Spring* at Community College, North Campus. There will be four Saturday sessions - 9 AM to Noon - March 20, April 10, April 24, May 1. There will be field trips to North Park, Trillium Trail, and Raccoon Creek Wildflower Reserve. Tuition is \$21.



For information on registration, call Esther at (412)366-0786.

FIELD TRIPS

Jeanne Poremski is again our Field Trip Chairman. If you have some particular place that you want to go, write to her or give her a call -

Jeanne Poremski
2236 Hayson Ave.
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(412) 343-6546

If you are willing to lead a field trip -- or know somebody who is -- give her a call.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN AT PHIPPS

An outdoor Children's Garden is being built at Phipps Conservatory. Fifth year architecture students at Carnegie-Mellon University participated in designing the garden, and will also be grading land, building walkways and doing construction.

The Garden will include an all-weather amphitheatre and an all-weather plant science area. A bog garden, a water wheel and fountain, and two learning centers are among the features being planned. All these areas will be used for educational programs, and may also be rented for children's parties.

To help finance this new garden, bricks for paving the walkways will sold for \$25 each. The bricks can be inscribed with any name suggested by

the donor. Certificates will be given acknowledging the purchase.

Seeing their names on bricks when visiting the garden will be a delightful experience for children and a pleasant surprise for adults. This is an inexpensive way to please a loved one.

- Anne Bahl

FLOWER SHOW AT PHIPPS CONSERVATORY

People, Places and Plants - The Spice of Life is the theme for the Spring Flower Show, Saturday, March 13 through Sunday, April 18. The last three three days will feature an international culinary food festival. Enjoy beautiful flowers, delightful fragrances, and tantalizing aromas.

- Anne Bahl

EPIPHYLLUM OXYPETALUM

Mary Lou Brown made this sketch of what is commonly, but incorrectly, called Night-Blooming Cereus. Actually, this one-night bloomer is not a *Cereus* at all.

Seriously!

SYMPATHY

We offer condolences to our member, Carolyn Palaika, upon the death of her father, Stanley Palaika.

NON-PRESIDENTIAL FLOWERS

Nobody came up with the correct answer to last month's poser. Which two wildflowers were named for unsuccessful presidential candidates?

The first is *Clintonia*, which was mentioned last month. It was named for DeWitt Clinton, who was governor of New York but was also a presidential candidate in 1812, running against James Madison.

The other is *Fremontia*, the flannel bush, named for John C. Fremont, the explorer, who was defeated by James Buchanan in 1856.

Actually there is a third one, *Jeffersonia*, but we didn't count that because Thomas Jefferson, although losing to John Adams in 1796, became president four years later.

"GET WELL" LIST

All of these have been in and out of the hospital and need our support -

Bob Morgan
Tim Manka's mother
Joe Domitrovich
Virginia Phelps

ROBERT F. WOHLEBER

We extend our sympathy to the family of Robert F. Wohleber, who died on February 17. Mr. Wohleber had been a member of the Botanical Society for 42 years.

BEWARE THE IDES OF MARCH

That was the unkindest cut of all.

I feel like Cassius every time I must cut a long-standing member from the mailing list. How I hate to do that!

Take a look at the address label on the envelope. If there is a red dot (stab wound) in front of your name, it means that Walt's computer list shows your 1993 dues as unpaid.

To err is human, and the computer is only human. How's that again? Any way, the computer has been known to make mistakes. If you have paid your dues, please let me know. If you just forgot, then send the check to me, Bob Bahl, and not to Walt. That way I get my "cut".

But, do it by the 15th of March. Then you will be sure not to miss any issues of *Wildflowers*.

Et tu, Brute!

