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OCTOBER MEETING

At our next meeting, Monday, October 11, 8:00 PM, we will have as our speaker the nationally-known bryologist, Jerry Snider, Ph. D.

Dr. Snider comes from the Department of Biological Sciences of the University of Cincinnati. His topic will be -

Think Small - a Survey of Mosses

Because of the prominence of our speaker, the October meeting will not be held in our usual place. Instead, it will be in Kresge Theatre, which is also on the Carlow Campus, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. Park in the usual place. Student guides will direct you to Kresge Theatre.



Pope urges green teaching

SANTO STEFANO DI CADORE, Italy (CNS) — Pope John Paul II, citing the risk of a modern "environmental holocaust," said respect for nature should be an essential part of young people's education. "Whoever really want to find themselves must learn to appreciate nature. The enchantment of the natural world leads to the silence of contemplation," he said.

M.B., P.B., J.C., P.C., M.D., J.D., B.F., A.G., E.H., H.H., F.H., W.M., R.H., S.J., D.J., P.K., B.K., M.K., J.K., L.L., J.L., H.L., F.L., M.M., N.M., R.M., R.M., P.M., D.O., N.P., D.P., S.P., S.P., F.R., J.S., R.S., J.S., D.S., M.S., W.W.

Here it is, September, and according to our treasurer's list, the 1993 dues have not been paid for the members initialed above.

Some of these have been members for 20, 30, and 40 years, and I'm positive they don't want to drop out now.

If you really have paid, and Walt's computer has goofed up again, let me know. Otherwise, send a check to Robert F. Bahl, 401 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Do it before October 15, please!



WILDFLOWER SEED AVAILABLE FROM NEWFS

For gardeners looking for wildflowers to enhance their home landscape, the New England Wild Flower Society is offering seeds or spores of over 175 varieties of wildflowers and ferns in their 1994 *Seed and Book Catalogue*.

Included in the *Catalogue* are natives for woodland, wetland, and meadow gardens. Early blooming wildflowers add color to spring shade gardens while many of the sun-loving varieties are vibrant splashes in summer borders or along pond shores. Once established these perennial wildflowers bloom for many years.

The wide choice of seeds offers novice to experienced gardeners and economical way to obtain wildflowers for their garden and an opportunity to grow native plants not usually available from nurseries. For people trying for the first time to germinate wildflowers from seed there are many easy to grow varieties such as wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sultivantii*) and cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*). More experienced gardeners might want to try ferns, gentians, pitcher plants, or native species of rhododendrons.

All requests for the 1994 *Seed and Book Catalogue* must be received by March 1 because seed sales close March 15. Requests will be filled in the order received. The *Catalogue* is an adjunct of the Society's world-wide seed distribution effort.

Send \$2.00 and a self-addressed, \$52 stamped envelope (#10, business size) to Seeds, New England Wild Flower Society, Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701. No request for *Catalogues* will be honored without the stamped envelope.

Members of the New England Wild Flower Society will automatically receive the *Seed and Book catalogue* in January 1994.

MONARDA DIDYMA

The sketch of the Bee-Balm or Oswego Tea was made by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Botanical Society -

Brian McBane
Herman Mock
Margaret Moga
Tom Pearson
Sonja Sletton
Fran Toohill

BOTANICAL BOOKS

I just received a price list from a bookseller that specializes in botanical books.

One that impressed me was *Hummingbirds and Orchids of Mexico* by Montes De Oca. This 93-page book in "fair" condition was published in 1963, and bears the modest price tag of only \$800.00.

The two-volume set of *Wildflowers of Texas* (part of the *Wildflowers of the United States* series by Ricketts) is priced at \$500.00. I paid \$60. for this a few years back.



GIVE ME A VOWEL

Listed below are the genera and species of 21 wildflowers. X's have been substituted for consonants and O's for vowels. After you have the answers, read your first letters on the left from top to bottom. Solution in next month's *Wildflowers!*

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