

# Wildflowers

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## FEBRUARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 14, 8 P.M., at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

Karen Berchin, a December 1993 Carlow art major, will present a slide presentation with music -

*Beautiful Things in Nature*

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## STATE WITH THE SMALLEST NUMBER OF ORCHIDS

Last month, we asked you which state had the smallest number of native orchid species.

It's not Alaska. It's not Nevada. It's not Rhode Island.

The answer ... surprise!!! ... is the state of Hawaii.

I quote from Carlyle A. Luer's *The Native Orchids of the United States and Canada* --

"In Hawaii only three species are native (*Anoectochilus sandwicensis*, *Liparis hawaiiensis* and a *Platanthera* probably synonymous with *P. hyperborea*), the smallest number for any state or province. In addition to these three native orchids, three species (*Arundina bambusifolia*, *Phaius tancarvillea* and *Spathoglottis plicata*) and one artificial hybrid (*Epidendrum X obrienianum*) have become naturalized in Hawaii by man."

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## JANUARY BLOOMER

We told you about the miniature rose we had blooming in December. When we returned from California on January 5, we dug through two feet of snow to find it still in bloom...and I have a picture prove it.



YALE COHEN

Behind the binoculars is our member, Yale Cohen. Beside him is another birder, Mike Fialkovich.

Yale and Mike were featured in a front page article in the January 3 *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* about the National Audubon Society's 1993 Christmas Bird Count. Confusingly, this is not held on December 25 but on New Year's Day, a full week later.

## HUNT INSTITUTE FOR BOTANICAL DOCUMENTATION

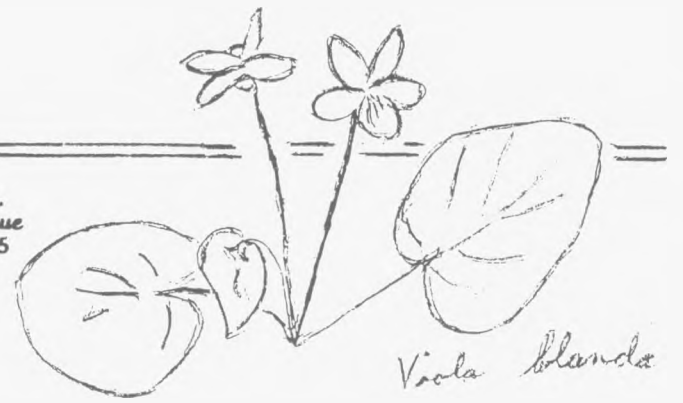
"Ensigns of the Rainbow Goddess" from Nov. 15 through March 31.

The exhibit offers over sixty illustrations and portraits of irises from the last two hundred years, chosen for their intrinsic appeal,

representing various artistic approaches to the genus and including figures from some of the most famous illustrated works devoted to this popular flower.

The Hunt Institute is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Please call 268-2434 for additional information.

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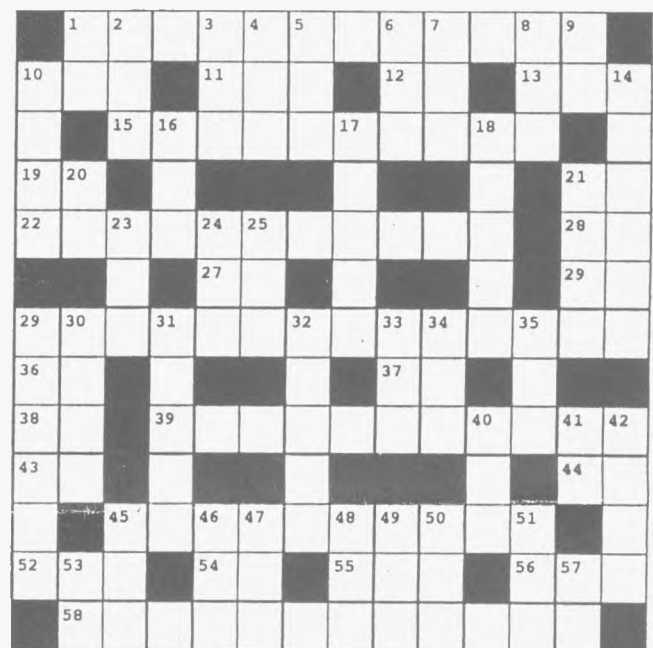
## VIOLA BLANDA

The sketch of the Sweet White Violet was drawn by our member, M. J. Paoli, of Duncansville, Pa.

## CIT II CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by Robert Bahl

### WILD ORCHIDS



### ACROSS

- 1 *Arethusa*
- 10 Large Snake
- 11 Lemon, lime, or orange
- 12 Symbol for a metallic element
- 13 Aegean Island
- 15 *Nodding pogonia*
- 19 Yes, senor!
- 21 Organization for former alcoholics
- 22 *Platanthera nivea*
- 26 Whence the Yankee in King Arthur's Court hailed from
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_ garde
- 28 Male pronoun
- 29 *Pink lady's slipper*
- 36 Come, all \_\_\_\_\_ faithful
- 37 Latin diphthong
- 38 Provider of TLC
- 39 *Malaxis*
- 43 One of Jupiter's moons
- 44 Just say it
- 45 *Rose pogonia*
- 52 One for a buck
- 54 That is
- 55 Big name in computers
- 56 Not even
- 58 *Calypso*

### DOWN

- 1 Accomplish
- 2 Brother \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Long fish
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ on a Grecian urn
- 5 Hillary Clinton \_\_\_\_\_ Rodman
- 6 Rival of AT&T and Sprint
- 7 Don't be up a creek without it
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ the season
- 9 Santa sound
- 10 Spelled backward, he's a double S.O.B.
- 14 Occupation of one-time Crafton resident, Donna Atwood
- 16 Supposed Indian word
- 17 Something to bring home
- 18 This place is jumping
- 20 Sign on a door
- 21 Head or heart \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 Killer whale
- 24 Yes vote
- 25 Cricket positions
- 29 Lots and lots
- 30 Prefix meaning wine
- 31 It might be made of daisies
- 32 River in SE France
- 33 Between mis and sols
- 34 Moon vehicle
- 35 College in Morgantown
- 40 Another sign on a door
- 41 State of the waltz
- 42 Street slang for Crafton or Ingram
- 45 Old man and the \_\_\_\_\_
- 46 Colorless, odorless, tasteless, gaseous mixture
- 47 Phi Beta Kappa symbol
- 48 Wire measurement
- 49 Japanese sash
- 50 He calls a strike
- 51 Man with a \_\_\_\_\_
- 53 Maid \_\_\_\_\_ honor
- 57 \_\_\_\_\_ Zhivago

This puzzle originally appeared in the *Crafton-Ingram Times II*.

Answers will be in the next issue of *Wildflowers*.