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 -

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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 sandvicensis, Liparis hawaiensis and a Platanthera probably synonymous with P. hyperirosea), the smallest number for any state or province. In addition to these three native orchids, three species (Anudina lamkiophis, Phaius tancarellae and Spadophyllum picata) and one artificial hybrid (Epidendrum X orientianum) 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 to 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 iris 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 209-2434 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

ACROSS
1. Arthusa
10. Large Snake
11. Lemon, lime, or orange
12. Symbol for a metallic element
13. Aegean Island
15. Nodding pogonia
16. Yes, senor!
21. Exception 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
30. Malaxis
36. One of Jupiter's moons
43. Long fish
46. Accomplish
47. Latin dipthong
48. Wire measurement
49. Japanese sash
50. He calls a strike
51. Man with a ______
52. One for a buck
53. Big name in computers
54. That is
55. This place is jumping
56. Not even
58. Rose pogonia
59. Colorless, odorless, tasteless, gaseous mixture
60. Japanese sash
61. Colorless, odorless, tasteless, gaseous mixture
62. Prefix meaning wine
63. Colorless, odorless, tasteless, gaseous mixture
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DOWN
1. Accomplish
2. Another sign on a door
3. Rose pogonia
4. Robert Bahl
5. Dog
6. Colorless, odorless, tasteless, gaseous mixture
7. Wire measurement
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This puzzle originated in the Crofton-Ingom Times II.

Answers will be in the next issue of Wildflowers.