

# Wildflowers

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THE BULLETIN OF THE  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## DOUBLE ISSUE

We're doubling up for November and December...for the usual reason. Anne and I will be out in California to welcome a new granddaughter. Carolyn is expecting around the middle of November.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

The doctor is in.

Dr. Mary Joy Haywood will give the November program -- the subject "Diseases of Plants". The date is Monday, November 14 at 8:00 P.M. It will be at our usual place -- Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland.

## DECEMBER MEETING

Our December meeting, Monday the 12th at 8 PM, will be our traditional wild Christmas party. We enjoy all sorts of things from the wild -- fruits, berries, nuts, mushrooms -- in cookies, candies, pies, jellies, beverages, etc. -- brought in by the members.

This year we again combine Members' Night with our Christmas party. Each member brings up to twelve botanical slides taken during the past year.

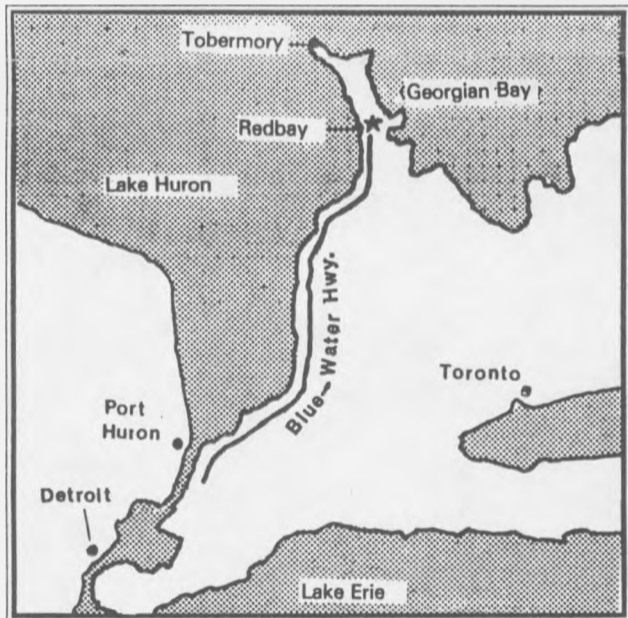
The party will be held at Aquinas Hall on the Carlow College Campus, just a little down from our usual meeting place, which is Trinity Hall.

## A WEEK ON THE BRUCE

Back in 1987, eleven of us from the Botanical Society experienced the "Week on the Bruce". It was the most memorable botanical experience of my life...and I can see the other ten nodding in agreement.

I wanted so much to go back, but this project was discontinued the following year. Now, Terry Ingram has revived it, and there will again be a "Week on the Bruce" -- June 10-17, 1995.

I'd give an eye-tooth to go next year, but my legs, which are 30 years older than the rest of me, won't let me. But, Mary Joy is planning to go, and she has agreed to act as co-ordinator for our group.



Enclosed with this bulletin is a folder and registration form. However, do not send this to EEC. Instead, send it to Dr. Mary Joy Haywood at Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

The fee for the trip is \$475, but there is a \$50.00 discount for each additional person one brings along...in other words \$50. off for all except the first person. Mary Joy will forward the registrations and divide the savings among all the members who go.

We did that the last time and everybody saved money.

## NATIONAL AVIARY SHOW

A note from Rose Weber --

NATIONAL AVIARY  
"Wings and Wildlife Art Show and Sale"  
November 4, 5, 6

Regular admission includes art show

Opening Show Reception  
Friday, Nov. 4 (evening)  
\$12.00

For more information call National Aviary 323-7235

There will be many fine artists -- painters, sculptors, jewelers, potters, carvers -- that will demonstrate and sell their work. Both animal and plant subjects are included.

Individuals who attend the opening reception can use their tickets to enter the aviary again during the weekend.

## ELECTIONS

Forget about Singel and Ridge. Forget about Santorum and Wofford. The important election is the one for officers of the Botanical Society at our December meeting. Nominations from the floor are in order.

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401 Clearview Avenue  
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## POINSETTIA HETEROPHYLLA

The Wild Poinsettia, *Poinsettia heterophylla*, is a far cry from the Christmas Poinsettia, *P. pulcherrima*, with which we are all familiar. It is a weedy herb of disturbed fields in the South. The two belong to the same family, and the Wild Poinsettia does resemble its cousin, but in miniature.

The sketch was made by Arabelle Wheatley, who now resides in Florida.

## SPIRANTHES IN BLOOM

This card from Pam Nelson -- postmarked September 28 -- arrived too late for our October issue.

"*Spiranthes ochroleuca* is blooming especially nicely at Camp Silver Lake right now. The next couple of weeks should be prime photography time."

## VIRGINIA PHELPS

We were happy to see Virginia at our October meeting, right after getting a pacemaker.

## GARDENER'S DREAM

Our honorary member, Hazel Carter, at age 93 has moved to New Jersey to be near her daughter.

Her house at 3329 Waltham Ave., Dormont is now **FOR SALE**. This is a 3-bedroom house with finished basement and 2-story garage (plenty of storage room for all those garden supplies). The lot is 60' x 220' and has on it a lovely English-style garden with lots of wildflowers and ferns.

Hazel doesn't want to sell this to just anybody. She wants it to go to somebody who will appreciate the many years of painstaking labor she put into the garden. She wants someone who will love it and maintain it.

If you have any interest at all...or if you know somebody... call this number -- 412-563-6545.

## 1995 DUES ARE DUE

Bring your application and check to the November or December meeting...or mail them to our Treasurer: Walter J. Gardill, P. O. Box 226, Grosick Rd., Ingomar, PA 15127.

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| Application for Membership in<br>BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA |  |
| Name   | _____                                    |
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| Address  | _____                                    |
| Phone  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal   | <input type="checkbox"/> Single, \$5     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Membership                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Family, \$8     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Student, \$2.50 |