

# Wildflowers

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## A MESSAGE FROM MARY LOU

The "Contract with America" contains some hidden surprises.

One bill called "Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act" would destroy all our clean water, clean air and anti-pollution laws. It attacks environmental protection by requiring an avalanche of new "cost benefits" and "risk assessment" studies before an agency can ever issue a rule, and makes it almost impossible for Congress to pass any new environmental law. (400 pages of fine print in this bill detail the plan for this.) Giant polluting corporations will be handed control of our government's regulatory process.

Results will be more clear-cutting, strip-mining, oil drilling, with more air and water pollution, more poisoned drinking water, contaminated food and disease for us humans.

Also "Unfunded Mandates" bill would have devastating consequences for our health. U. S. government will be powerless to make cities and states comply with anti-pollution laws, to treat their own sewage, and test their own drinking water unless the federal government pays 100% of the cost.

This information is from *Sierra Club* and *Natural Resources Defense Council* which ask us to call, Fax, or write to our Representatives, Senators and also Speaker Gingrich and Senator Dole.

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- Mary Lou Brown

## WILDFLOWERS IS YOURS

From its inception, *Wildflowers* was intended to be a forum for our members. Feel free to express your views. Whether or not we agree, we will print exactly what you send us. The only requirements are that there be some botanical connection and that your name be on the article.

Deadline is the 18th of the month.

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If we combine our orders, I'm sure we can hit the 3-49 category. I don't hope for more than that.

If you want to take advantage of the discount, bring your check for \$11.85 to the March meeting, or mail it to me, Robert F. Bahl, by March 20. Make checks payable to Spring Lake Publishing.



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## TYPHA ANGUSTIFOLIA

The sketch of Narrow-leaved Cat-tail was made by our member, Tammy Watychowicz.

## SPRING AT PHIPPS CONSERVATORY

Spring is coming and with it the annual Spring Flower Show. It starts on Saturday, March 18, and ends on Sunday, April 16. All the favorite spring show flowers will be there to thrill with their beauty and their fragrance. Adding to the ambience will be characters from *Winnie-the-Pooh*.

Phipps will be open every day but Monday, from 9:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M.

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- Anne Bahl

## A LETTER FROM BETTE BATES

This is hardly timely, but it is the first opportunity we have had to print this in *Wildflowers* -

Oct. 12, 1994

Dear Bob:

We bought a desert half acre lot here in Alpine and moved a new double wide on to it this summer. This is the first time we have been here at this time of year and I have gotten acquainted with a lot of new flowers. I was amazed at the flowers growing on our lot. So many of them I had never seen before. The ones we are really enjoying are the Angel Trumpets, the yellow and orange Flame flowers, the Mallows, Gaura, Dwarf bluets, the Narrowleaf Dyschoriste which has a very pretty blue to lavender flower, Mexican Hat, and Blue Gilia. There is also a very interesting flower I haven't been able to identify yet. I thought the Lyre leaf Green Eye one of this areas interesting composites. Do not think there are the interesting fall composites here that there are in the East.

Anyone coming to the Big Bend I would love to have them stop & see us and be glad to show them the wild flowers. We took several hikes in the Davis Mtn. St. park this spring and learned a lot more flowers there.

I am enclosing one of our cards with our phone no. & st. address. The Soap Tree Yucca is just coming up but I'm sure that is what it is. Also we didn't see the Prickly Pear bloom.

I was so sorry to hear about the McIlvrieds son. I kept scanning the names in our papers to see if knew anyone but no names were familiar to me.

I enjoy getting the news of everyone. I have been sharing *Wildflowers* with Dr. Warnock who has written the flower field guides for the Big Bend, and Davis Mtn areas.

Yours truly

Bette Bates

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## ONE OF OUR BULLETINS IS MISSING

If a fellow member talks about not receiving this particular issue of *Wildflowers*, ask whether 1995 dues are paid.

Much as we hate to do so, we trimmed our list of delinquent members. We will be happy to re-instate when dues are submitted.

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## THE HISSEMS

Both Chuck and Marian are now at --

The Heritage Shadyside  
Room 111  
5701 Phillips Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

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## MARCH MEETING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13 -- 8:00 P.M. -- at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave.. Oakland.

Esther Allen will give the program. NON-FLOWERING PLANTS.

