FIRST FIELD TRIP
When—Saturday, March 30
Where—Cedar Creek County Park,
Westmoreland County
Starting Time—10:00 A.M.
Leader—Bill Kotsenas
Directions—Meet in the parking lot of Howard Johnson's (left side of road going south) at the intersection of Routes 91 South and I-70.
Expectations—If it's not too late, we will see a hillside bank covered with blooming Snow Trillium (Trillium ovatum), we'll also see Hatcher's Spring (Virginia lutea) and Walking Fern (Ctenolepis chlorophylla).
Jeanne Ponzewski — 412-343-6564
Scott Speedy — 412-639-3517

MARCH MEETING
Our next meeting will be Monday, March 11, 8 P.M., at Trinity Hall on the Carlow College campus, 3333 Fifth Avenue, Oakland.
Our own Esther Allen will give the program on Derby Days.
And if you don't know who or what Derby Sods is, that's all the more reason to come.

WEEK ON THE BRUCE, 1996
Reminder: This year's Week on the Bruce will be from June 22 to 29.

MISTY AND THE ELEPHANTS
We once had a precious miniature poodle named Misty. Misty's job was to keep the elephants away. She did her job well. We never once saw an elephant on the property while she was here.
Misty has gone to puppy heaven, and wouldn't you know it ... we now have elephants!
One of the common names for Spicilegus ovalis is "little elephants". We learned this from Honhaya's "Chuchu of Indiana".

CONDOLENCES
Our sympathy to Kim Metheny, whose father, Richard Tomasson Metheny, died on February 4.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT ROUMAN'S HILL
The Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve in eastern Pennsylvania is again offering an internship program that begins in May and runs for ten 40-hour weeks.
I have the information and also an application form. This application must be received by March 15.
If you are interested, see me at the March meeting or call me at (412)1921-1797.

An Invitation to the 1996 Joint Field Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America
Torrey Botanical Club
Philadelphia Botanical Club
June 23-27, 1996
State University of New York (SUNY)
Albany, New York

The 1996 Joint Field Meeting will take place from the Sunday evening program to Thursday morning breakfast, June 23-27, at the New York State University at its campus in Albany, New York.
Field trips will examine the nearly pitch pine harders, the unique Hudson River ice meadows and calcareous site just south of Albany, an upland rich in rich and varied plant communities. All these sites are botanically exciting with rare plants for observation and photography (no collecting!). All transportation during the field meeting will be by chartered buses. The ice meadows are the faunist mire environment at about a 1 and a half hour drive. The Pine Bush is just a few minutes away. Evening programs will feature noted leaders in the botanical field from the Albany area.

Botanical housing for the four nights and ten meals (Monday breakfast through Thursday breakfast) will be provided by SUNY. All bedding and towels will be supplied. Shared bathrooms are on each floor.
The price for the field meeting is $240 per person. Included: double occupancy housing, meals, bus transportation, trip leadership, and evening programs. Single occupancy rooms are available for an extra $30. (Total $270). If accommodations are not specified, they will be assigned. The price for participation on the field trips only (without housing or meals) is $65 per person.
The deadline for registration is May 15th, but prompt registration is advised as total participation will be limited to 80 people.
If you have any questions please contact field meeting chairman Ed Miller, 436 Miller Road, Rexford, NY 12148 or call him at 518-371-8834.

WEST VIRGINIA WILDFLOWER PILGRIMAGE
The 35th annual West Virginia Wildflower Pilgrimage will be held at Blackwater Falls State Park, May 11-14, 1996.
Information about the West Virginia Pilgrimage may be obtained by writing Catherine Knappe, Wildflower Pilgrimage Coordinator, 1250 31st Street, Apt. 418, Parkersburg, WV 26101, or call (304)428-0607.

Native Plants in the Landscape
Millersville University
June 13-15, 1996
The 6th annual conference will be held at Millersville University in Millersville, near Lancaster, PA. The goal of this year's conferences is to enhance the knowledge, cultivation and use of native plants in our landscapes.
The conference will focus mainly on the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast Regions of the USA.
Twenty four speakers will address aspects of native plant communities, urban restoration, how the diversity of our native flora has enriched and what will become of it, discovering creative connections to nature, concepts of identifying, propagating and planting natives, "savoring" the botanical interior and natural paternning with magical fluts and a history of native customs. This conference encompasses a broad mix of practitioners and professionals with an interest in the impact on our landscapes. It includes presentations, workshops, field trips and social events.
Registration, room, and board is $140/double occupancy, $150/single occupancy. Registration limited to 400. Contact: Continuing Education, P. O. BOX 1002, Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551-0202; tel. (717) 872-1742. Conference Director Gay L. Stocke (717) 872-7379.