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WILD PARTY

I'm sure that wild parties are frowned upon on the Carlow Campus, but this one is different.

Our December meeting, Monday the 9th at 8 P.M., will be our traditional wild Christmas party. We enjoy all sorts of things from the wild -- fruits, berries, nuts, mushrooms -- in pies, cookies, candies, jellies, beverages, etc. -- brought in by the members.

HOWEVER...and I have been asked to put this in the bulletin...don't stay away if you have nothing to bring. There is always enough to go around.

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



In the way of scientific research, there will be an exploration of the efficaciousness of *Phoradendron flavescens* as an osculatory stimulus. Purely fanciful mental absorption!

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.



1997 DUES ARE DUE

Bring your application and check to the December meeting. If you can't make the meeting, mail them to our Treasurer:

Walter J. Gardill
P. O. Box 226, Grosick Rd.
Ingomar, PA 15127

Please do not mail these applications to the Secretary. It just means an extra postage stamp, because I just send them right to Walter.

If you save your copies of *Wildflowers* and do not wish to cut out the form, that's O.K. Just put the information on a separate piece of paper.

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| Application for Membership in BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA | |
| Name | _____ |
| name | _____ |
| 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 |

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

Phyllis Monk attached this note to her sketch, "This is one of my 'Last Roses of Summer', a Peace Rose that later dropped 67 petals. 11-4-96".



ELECTION IN DECEMBER

We elect officers for the year 1997 at our December meeting. Once again, you have the opportunity to kick the rascals out.



THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WORDS

Some years ago, Dr. Wilfred Funk made up a list of the most beautiful words in the English language. This is his list:

asphodel, lawn, dawn, chalice, anemone, tranquil, hush, golden, halcyon, camellia, bobolink, thrush, chimes, murmuring, lullaby, luminous, damask, cerulean, melody, marigold, jonquil, oriole, tendril, myrrh, mignonette, gossamer, alyssum, mist, oleander, amaryllis, and rosemary

Note that 12 out of 31, a whopping 39%, have a botanical connection.



THE BEAUTIFUL STATE OF MAINE

Our newest member is from Maine. He is Rick Speer of Auburn, ME.

Did you know that we have members in Ohio, Colorado, Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, and New Jersey?



SYMPATHY

Our condolences to Ann Robinson on the death of her mother!



WINTER FLOWER SHOW AT PHIPPS

A visit to Phipps Conservatory to see the Winter Flower Show is an excellent way to forget about the cold weather. Stroll through colorful and fragrant rooms. Admire the beautiful flowers, among which are poinsettias, cyclamens, kalanchoes, amaryllis, narcissus and jasmine. Inhale the delightful fragrance. Leave exhilarated.

Get another perspective on the show. Attend an enchanting Candlelight Evening. These start on Tuesday, Dec. 17 and continue through Tuesday Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) from 6 to 9 P.M.

Winter Show hours are 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., starting Friday, Nov. 29. Last day of the show is Sunday, Jan. 12, 1997. The conservatory will be closed all Mondays and Christmas day.

- Anne Bahl



A MERRY CHRISTMAS, A HAPPY HANUKKAH TO ALL