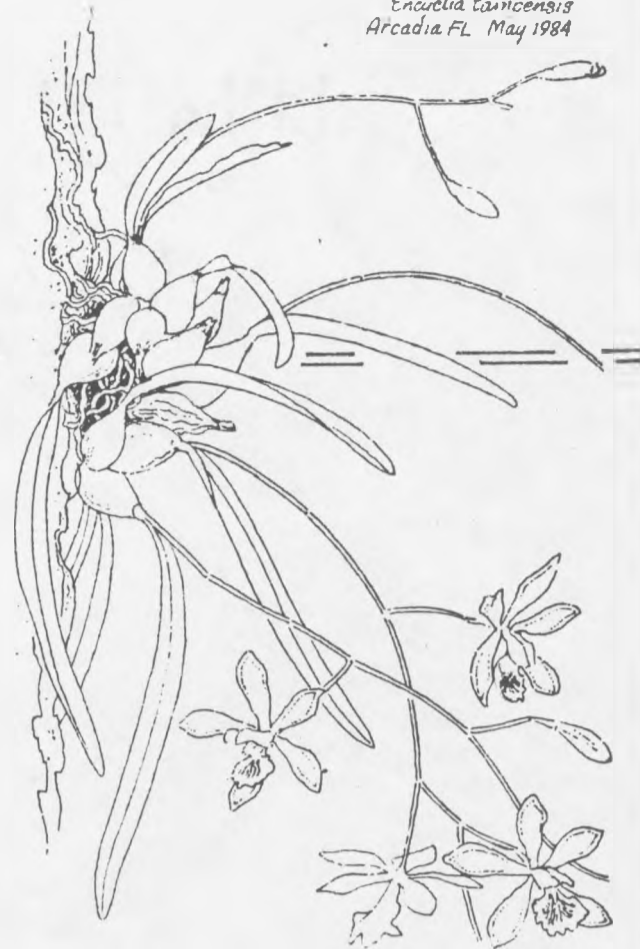


Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

Encyclia tampensis
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WILD PARTY

Our annual Christmas party is always a wild one.

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.

I keep hoping that someone will bring in phoradendron flavescens, but nobody ever does.

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 have combined Members' Night with our Christmas party. Each member brings in up to twelve botanical slides taken during the past year. We haven't cleared it with them yet, but we are hoping that Chuck and Marian Hissem will do the projecting.

This will be our December meeting, Monday the 10th at 8:00 P.M. at our usual meeting place at Carlow College.



JIM AND BETTE BATES

The Bates's were home (?) for Thanksgiving. The way they have been traveling around these years, we have to put a question mark after the word.

Jim and Bette have bought a house adjacent to the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, and they can see the ocean from their new home.

They will be making this their permanent home in the spring. They have sold their home in Pittsburgh. They plan to spend the winter in Big Bend National Park in Texas.

Bette will be serving as a National Forest Volunteer at the Recreation Area, teaching others about the plant life.

Jim and Bette welcome the members of the Botanical Society to see them if they are in the area. Their address, from the beginning of May, will be #18 River Bend Road, Reedsport, Oregon 97467.

MY VIOLET

I first spotted this common blue violet, Viola papilionacea, blooming behind my garage on the 22nd of November. I have been taking a picture of it every day. As this is being typed, November 28, it is still in fine shape. I'm hoping it holds up until the first of December.

BUTTERFLY ORCHID

Our talented artist, Arabelle Wheatley, spends her winters in Arcadia, Florida, and the rest of the year in Wind Ridge down in Greene County. This time we reproduce one of her Florida favorites, the Butterfly Orchid, Encyclia tampensis.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

February 16 to 23 -- photograph the flora and fauna of the Everglades under the expert tutelage of Paul E. Kammer and Michael Lustbader.

Paul is a member of our Botanical Society. His slides have been displayed in international juried photo salons, and all three of his prints were accepted in the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Art Festival juried photo show. In 1981, his color slide won first place in the Natural World Photographic Competition of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Paul has presented Photo Essays and "how to" programs to camera clubs and nature organizations. Members who have attended any of his slide shows at Botanical Society meetings know that his photography is unexcelled.

His associate is Dr. Michael Lustbader, who has taught basic photography and is an accomplished Cibachrome printer. His color work hangs in private collections, offices, and homes. Michael's work has been published by the Sierra Club, Eastman Kodak Corp., Groliers, Carnegie Institute, and Olympus Corporation. He is currently represented by Photo Researchers of New York.

Both Michael and Paul share a deep love and appreciation for the Everglades. Michael has been photographing the Glades for the past ten years. Paul made his first trip in 1969 and has returned every year since then, sometimes making two or three trips a year to photograph the Glades. Bird photography and macro are two of their specialties.

If you would like more information on this Everglades Photography Workshop, call (412)495-3164 or (412)843-5152 evenings.

DUES ARE DUE

This time we are enclosing a separate form for membership renewal, so you will not have to cut up your bulletin.

Bring it with you to the December meeting. If you can't make the meeting, mail it with your check to our treasurer:

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