

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.



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JANUARY MEETING

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 11, at our usual place, Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. 8:00 P.M. Free, safe parking.

We have a 16 mm. film and lecture on Conservation entitled "Promises to Keep". This is being furnished by Consol.

I believe we are supposed to have election of officers, too. This is your chance to kick the rascals out. Choo-choo! Choo-choo!



OUR WILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

We really did have a wild party at our annual Christmas meeting.

Virginia C. and the Shrivvers both brought in wild blackberry pies. Picking wild blackberries in their usual thicket must be as wild & jagged as you can get.

President Mary Joy brought a pumpkin pie. The pumpkin probably goes back in an indirect line to the squash grown by the earliest Indians (they were pretty wild.)

The pecans on Virginia P.'s cheese ball go back to the original pecans growing wild in our southern states, one of the four fruits originating in our country.

Esther really went all-out wild, bringing us herb tea, pickled wild crabapples, parched corn, (which goes back in a direct line to the corn grown by the native Americans) & water cress.

Some of the chocolate fudge had black walnuts (wild) in it.

Laura's pear halves with cranberry conserves would qualify as wild, since the cranberry is another of the fruits originating in our country & found growing in New England by the first settlers.

Tim's bottles of Dr. Pepper were sort of wild, especially to one who drinks only buttermilk & fruit juices. Walt said he first tasted this drink forty some years ago down at Ft. McClelland, Alabama. He thought that it tasted like medicine. No wonder, it was probably originated by a medicine man who used wild roots & berries.

Anne's dried apples were probably similar to the ones which the Indians used in their pemmican.

I wouldn't be surprised if Walt's wife Joan was nearly wild after making miniature lady locks from 7 pm to 4 am - 400 of them. Not all were for the Botanical Society.

I can't think of anything wild about the chocolate cookies, but they tasted good anyway.

All of you people who missed the meeting should start planning now to bring something wild to next year's Christmas party.

- Ede Mock



PHIPPS CONSERVATORY

A 10-week training class for new docents will begin on Wednesday, January 6.

Plants of the Bible tours will be conducted by docents....

Saturdays 1-30, 2-6, 2-13 at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 PM

Sundays 1-31, 2-7, 2-14 at 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 PM

Wednesdays 2-3, 2-10 at 11:00 AM, 12:00 N, 1:00 PM

During January and February, special tours of the Desert will be given on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 11:00 AM.

For reservations and more information about any of these programs, call 622-6958.

A special exhibit, "House Plant How To" will be in place from January 17 through February 28.

- Anne Bahl

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JANUARY 1988

Our 102nd Year

1988 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Botanical Society meetings are held the second Monday of each month except July and August. Meetings are at Trinity Hall on the Carlow College Campus, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. Starting time is 8 P. M.

January 11, 1988

"Promises to Keep"
16mm film and lecture on conservation
CONSOL

February 8, 1988

"Seasons of the Appalachia Range"
Scott Ridgeway

March 14, 1988

"The West in Springtime"
Chuck and Marian Hissem

April 11, 1988

"Tropical Plants of Trinidad"
Emphasis on ferns
Joan Gottlieb

May 9, 1988

"Deposition of Atmospheric Chemicals in Bogs"
William Shell, Ph. D.

June 13, 1988

"Culturing of Roses"
Gervase Degenhardt, O.F.M. Cap.

September 12, 1988

"Forest Ecology During the Gypsy Moth Invasion"
Cynthi Walter, Ph. D.

October 10, 1988

"Potpourri of Orchids for Homegrowers"
Dan Paterak, Phipps Conservatory

November 14, 1988

"Insects - Friends or Foes"
Esther Allen

December 12, 1988

"Christmas Party and Members' Night"

- Dr. Mary Joy Haywood

BOTANIZING IN DECEMBER

December 27...in full bloom...a large patch of *Senecio vulgaris*, common groundsel...Clearview Avenue, Crafton.



DUES ARE PAST DUE

On February 1, we make up a new mailing list for the coming year. There was a dues notice in the December bulletin. If you haven't sent it in yet, do so before January 31. Send to treasurer Walter Gardill, P. O. Box 226 Grosick Rd., Ingomar, PA 15127.

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