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## THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

## FEBRUARY MEETING

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

The topic will be The Bruce Peninsula, but we will not have a single speaker. Instead, the program will be given by the "Bruce Alumni" -- our own members who have experienced the Bruce, either with a group or on their own.

So far, we have these members lined up --

Joan Gottlieb Virginia Phelps Anne Bahl Bob Bahl Phyllis Monk Billy Monk Scott Shriver Al Shriver Clete Smith Emily Johnson

But, that need not be all. Others are welcome to join. Bring slides, no more than 30. Bring them in a Kodak carousel, if you can.

## A WEEK ON THE BRUCE

As of our last meeting, January 9, there were 19 members of our Botanical Society who had sent in deposits for the "WEEK ON THE BRUCE" this June, and I understand that several more have joined since then.



Yes, the spots are filling up fast. If you want to go, our advice is to call Dr. Mary Joy Haywood the minute you get this bulletin -- 412-578-6175.

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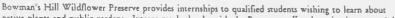
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It's nice to see somebody using the latest botanical nomenclature -- like this Foodland ad --

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# INTERNSHIP PROCESSIN INFORMATION

BOWMAN'S HILL WILDFLOWER PRESERVE P.O. BOX 103, WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA (18977) (215) 862-2924



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## SYMPLOCARPUS FOETIDUS

The sketch of Skunk Cabbage, our earliest bloomer, was made by my favorite artist, Anne Bahl.

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## YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS

For 10 years, I have been trying to get a copy of Carlyle A. Luer's out-of-print "The Native Orchids of Florida". Several times I almost had one, but each time it slipped away.

This Christmas, Santa Claus (instigated by my wonderful daughters) finally brought me one.

How is that for role reversal? It used to be that l was Santa Claus for *them*.

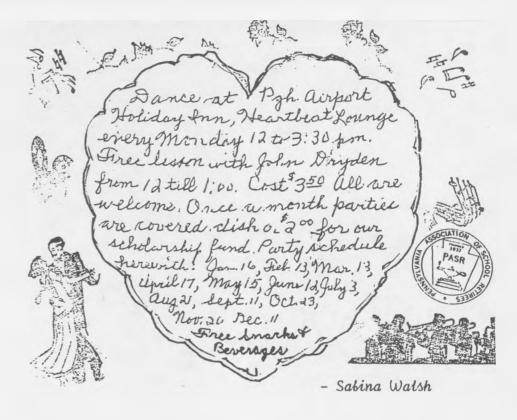
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HELP!

No, this time we are not asking for your assistance. We're offering help to you.

If you are like most of us, you have accumulated a pile of pix in a G.O.K. file. Some of us put them in the genus Darnifino.

Help is on the horizon. Phyllis Monk, our new program chairman, is planning to have a panel of experts at one of our monthly meetings to identify your slides. The date hasn't been set, but start gathering your slides.



native plants and public gardens. Interns work closely with the Preserve staff and receive intense training in the following areas:

#### **Native Plant Propagation**

Interns will learn the theory and techniques of growing native plants from seeds, cuttings, spores, divisions and so forth. They will also assist the Propagator with the daily care of the Preserve's native plant nursery.

### Groundskeeping and Trall Maintenance

Interns will assist the groundskeeping staff in the care of the Preserve's native plant collection. This includes planting wildflowers, removal of invasive species, pruning woody plants, and maintaining the Preserve's 26 trails and habitats.

#### Interpretation and Education

Interns will assist the Museum Educator is all aspects of the Preserve's educational program. Interns help with tour guiding, exhibit preparation, and interpreting the Preserve's native plant collection to the public. Interns also participate in a weekly botany class and receive training is taxonomy, plant identification, herbarium care and plant collections records.

The internship program begins at the end of May and runs for 10 weeks and includes a cash stipend. Field trips to other botanic gardens and natural areas round out interns' understanding of plants and public gardens. Interns are required to keep a daily journal of their internship and submit it for review upon completion.

Applicants must be of college level ability and have completed course work in botany, horticulture and/or related environmental studies. Applicants should be capable of rigorous outdoor work including lifting, digging and sustained walking which are required at times during the course of the internship. Interns are responsible for making arrangements for housing and provide their own transportation.

Intern applications are available by contacting the Preserve at (215) 862-2924. All applications must be received by March 15.

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve is an 80-acre preserve located on the north side of Bowman's Hill about two miles south of New Hope, Pennsylvania on River Road (PA, Route 32). The Preserve's plant collection of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, and ferns represents nearly one half of Pennsylvania's native flora.

The Preserve's Mission is to lead people to a greater appreciation of the beauty and value of native plants and inspire on the part of the public an ever increasing commitment to the conservation of Pennsylvania's natural heritage.

## WILDFLOWER CATALOG

I have just received a very informative catalog on wildflowers. Each flower is *illustrated in color*. Specifics are given for blooming period, germination time, sowing depth, light and soil requirements, etc.

Write to Wildseed Farms, Inc., 1101 Campo Rosa Road, Post Office Box 308, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434, or call toll-free 1-800-848-0078.

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## RED DOT IN THE MORNING, MEMBERS TAKE WARNING

Check the address label on the envelop. If there is a red dot in front of your name, it means that Walt's computer says that your 1995 dues haven't been paid.

Maybe the computer is wrong. It has been Known to make mistakes. If so, notify me -- Bob Bahl -- and I will get things straightened out.

However, if you just didn't get around to sending in your current dues -- S5 for single dues, S8 for family -- mail it immediately to Robert F. Bahl, 401 Clearview Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Even with postage up another notch, we could still afford to keep delinquents on the mailing list, but it wouldn't be fair to the other members.