

# WILD NEWS

## NOVEMBER MEETING

### WOODY PLANT PROPAGATION

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15 7:30 P.M. BETHEL CHURCH

Ed Milhous, Prince William County Extension Agent, will present a program on Woody Plant Propagation at our November meeting. Ed has a deep concern for the conservation of native plants and will explain how propagation can be easier and more successful than trying to transplant wild trees and shrubs to home gardens.

Items of business will include a report from the Virginia Wildflower Preservation Society's October executive meeting attended by Jean Chitren and Nancy Arrington, and up-dated information on our chapter formation. Members will be encouraged to help sell the Wildflower Note Cards we've had printed as our first fund raising project.

Please plan to attend — check your membership list for a member you might carpool with or call Nancy Arrington, 368-8431, or Elaine Haug, 670-2347 if you need a ride. We'll skip December and meet again in January.



### NATIVE PLANTS RESCUED

ELAINE HAUG  
Chairman, Survey Committee

Our rescue at Fernbrook on Oct. 9 was a great success. Participants were Jean Morgan, Joan Wolfe, Jeanne Fowler, Nancy Gray, Marie Davis, Jeannette Garrison and myself.

We rescued and relocated to Locust Shade Park preserve many maidenhair ferns, hepaticas and wild gingers. Other plants included shinleaf, partridgeberry, spotted wintergreen, witch hazel and paw-paw trees. Many plants were left and a spring walk will be scheduled to see this very rich area. There is a chance that some rare wildflowers will be found at Fern Brook and those who have been there can't wait for spring.

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### MEMBERS ATTEND V.W.P.S. ANNUAL MEETING

A dozen P.W.W.S. members participated in Virginia Wildflower Preservation Society's first Annual Meeting and Plant Sale.

Harry Phillips presented a slide program on the North Carolina Botanical Garden's efforts to conserve native plants through rescue and propagation.

Preservation of North Carolina's native plant habitats through the Natural Heritage Program was discussed by Chuch Roe.

### NEW MAILING LABELS

Prince William Wildflower Society has joined the computer age. Many thanks to Society Secretary Roxetta Wyer and husband Russ for putting our mailing list on their computer.

## FAVORITE WILDFLOWER CONTEST

Although election day has come and gone you still have a chance to vote — in the Wildflower Society's Favorite Wildflower Contest!

"Ballots" are included with this month's newsletter to give members a chance to vote. If you've already cast a ballot pass the sheet along to anyone else who would like to participate.

Bring your completed ballot to the next meeting, mail it to the Society, or call your preference to Elaine Haug 670-2347 or Nancy Arrington 368-8431.

In addition to our own members, participants so far include visitors at our exhibit at the County Fair and members of Centennial, Countryside, Hills and Dales, Manassas, Montclair, Trowel and Woodmar Garden Clubs.

As of Nov. 1 totals are:

Birdfoot Violet	8	Jack-in-the-Pulpit	13
Bloodroot	9	Pink Lady's-slipper	33
Butterfly-Weed	8	Spring Beauty	1
Cardinal Flower	6	Troutlily	2
Columbine	12	Virginia Bluebell	57
Dutchman's-breeches	7	Wild Ginger	0



PROGRAM SPEAKERS & IDEAS NEEDED

## EDUCATION

THALIA ROLAND, Chairman

To further the education of our own members and to develop a speaker's bureau for the Society, we will try to have an interesting and informative program at each meeting. Call me at 368-9792, if you:

- can present a program
- know of someone who would be willing to speak to our group
- have an idea for a program you think would interest other members

Subjects should be related to native plants and a few possibilities are conservation, photography, edible plants, medicinal plants, propagation and cultivation.

Native Plant Rescue, continued from pg. 1

On Oct. 18, with the help of member Jean Morgan, we surveyed a 7-acre area of Raintree development. We rescued a few choice plants before construction started and may be able to rescue more plants from this area in the spring.



## SUCCESSFUL FALL FOLIAGE WALK

Our Fall Foliage Walk at Conway Robinson on Sunday, Oct. 17, was attended by around 25 members and guests. County Forester Tom Davidson pointed out areas of interest related to the natural history of the Forest and explained some aspects of the Forestry Service's management program.

Thanks to clean-up help during August and September from Margaret Eccles, Marie Davis, Elaine Haug, Jean Morgan, Marion Blois, Kevin Donelan, and Nancy Arrington we have the picnic and entrance areas looking much better.

Come spring we'll start a regular clean-up program. Also we want to schedule walks throughout the spring and summer months to take advantage of the Forest's variety of wildflowers and wildlife.

We've received word from the Va. Game Commission that they've chosen an area near Newport News for their first "Watchable Wildlife" program, but they are still considering Conway Robinson for future funding.

## ENDANGERED WILD FLOWER CALENDAR

The calendar is 10 1/4" x 17" when opened and contains information about the unique features, reasons for endangerment and conservation plans for each of the 14 full-color flowers shown; a map of the United States showing the number of endangered plant species in each state; a list of selected reading material; and full-page monthly calendars with space for each day of the month.

Calendars are 5.50 ea or 4.50 for 3 or more (price includes postage). Order from: "Endangered Wild Flower Calendar", c/o Biology Dept., Brooklyn College, Brooklyn NY 11201. A calendar will be available for your inspection at our Nov. meeting.

## TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

Pauline Messier is chairman of our newly organized telephone committee. Callers Marie Davis, Kay Smalwood, Dorothy Johnson, Esther Jewett and Dorothy Weathers will inform and remind members of Society happenings.

## Wildflower Note Cards

All members are needed to help sell the Wildflower Note Cards. If you can't pick up your supply at the Nov. 15 meeting call Chairman Nancy Gray, 368-7228, or Nancy 368-8431, or Elaine 670-2347, and we'll get a supply to you.

**THE NOTE CARDS SELL FOR \$1.50.** The price on the order form includes postage. Cards make ideal gifts for teachers, students, relatives, friends, and anyone you'd like to remember with a small gift.

## A FEW GOOD BOOKS

The following soft-cover books offered for sale by the Society are the very best available in their price range. The fact that the Birdseye, Dana, and Brooklyn Botanic Garden books are still in print after 20-30 years is evidence of their well deserved

popularity. The New York and North Carolina books are equally valuable to Virginians, and the Flower and Fern Finders are excellent guides for both beginners and pros. Each will be a worthy addition to your wildflower library or a nice gift for a fellow wildflower enthusiast.

The books will be for sale at our Nov. 15 meeting or you may order using the form below.

- No.1 Common Wildflowers of New York State, New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 1975. 32pp. 50c plus 65c postage.**

Beginners field guide arranged by family with brief description, black & white illustration, location and blooming time.

- No.2 Fern Finder, Anna C. & Barbara G. Hallowell, Nature Study Guild. 1981. 61 pp. 1.50 plus 40c postage.**

Pocket-size guide to native ferns of northeastern and central North America.

- No.3 Flower Finder, May Theilgaard Watts, Nature Study Guild, 1955. 62 pp. 1.50 plus 40c postage.**

Pocket-size guide to the identification of spring wild-flower families east of the Rockies and north of Smokies, exclusive of trees and shrubs.

- No.4 Gardening with Wild Flowers, Brooklyn Botanic Garden**  
Record. 1962. 85 pp. 3.25 plus 65c postage.

Black & white photos, color photo section, charts & maps. Covering all regions of the United States, well-known contributors discuss propagation and cultivation of wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, seed collecting and books.

- No.5 Growing Woodland Plants, Clarence & Eleanor Birdseye,  
Dover, 1951. 223 pp. 3.50 plus 65c postage.**

Presents information for starting wildflower gardens – preparing soil, gathering plants, propagating and re-establishing wildflowers where they have been exterminated. Includes detailed information on over 200 wildflowers and ferns giving blossoming time, habitat, and propagation directions. Illustrated with 195 line drawings.

- No.6 How to Know the Wild Flowers, Mrs. William Starr Dana, Dover, 1963. 418 pp. 5.00 plus 90c postage.**

Revised, modernized republication of the 1900 edition. Field guide organized by flower color; each color group arranged according to blooming time. Provides botanical information, history, uses, folklore and habitat. 174 full-page line drawings.

- No.7 North Carolina Native Plant Propagation Handbook**, North Carolina Wild Flower Preservation Society, Inc., 1977. 79 pp. 4.50 plus 65c postage.

Authoritative guide to native plant propagation with additional sections on conservation, cultivation, seed sources, N.C. native plant gardens, and recommended literature. Pen & ink illustrations.

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**Make check payable to Prince William Wildflower Society and mail to: P.W.W.S. BOOKS, P.O. Box 462, Manassas, Va. 22110**

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have joined us since the last newsletter. Please add the names to your original list.

Bass, Ken & Fran  
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Nokesville, Va. 22123  
594-2714

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Manassas, Va. 22111  
361-8361

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Manassas, Va. 22111

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Manassas, Va. 22111  
791-3256

Louer, Frances  
15800 Palmer Ln.  
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10115 Henry Ct.  
Manassas, Va. 22110

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Woodbridge, Va. 22192  
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Taylor, Mary R.  
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221-1309

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19126 Oakmont St.  
Triangle, Va. 22172  
221-4010

## WILDFLOWER HERITAGE

Elaine Haug

"I know of two places in Prince William County where Yellow Lady's-slippers grow . . . There's a beautiful patch of Columbine at Lake Manassas . . . I once saw Squirrel's Corn beside a creek near Haymarket . . . You should see the Birdfoot Violet along the road to Greenwich."

The quotes above are among the many from several different people that I've heard about the location of wildflowers in the county. I'm in the process of forming a Wildflower Heritage committee to verify and record on a county map the location of wildflowers — especially the rare ones that are on our conservation list.

In the process of compiling this record we may find areas containing threatened and endangered wildflowers, and we can take steps to see that those areas are preserved. Other choice spots can be watched closely and plants can be rescued if the area is to be developed.

If you are one of the people quoted above or if you know the location of some of our more rare wildflowers, I'd like you to serve on the committee or at least report those locations to me. The Wildflower Heritage Committee will begin its work this winter and go out to verify locations in the spring. If you don't hear from me in the next month or so call me at 670-2347 if you can help.

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Sudley & Plantation Rds.