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MEETING NEWS:

The November meeting of the Anchorage Chapter will be held on Monday, November 2nd, at 7:30PM at the First Congregational Church, 2610 East Northern Lights Blvd. This is the large brown church building just east of Wendler Jr. High School on the south side of Northern Lights. Entrance is at the back of the church (east side).

BOARD MEETING---At 6:45PM immediately preceding the general meeting. Board members please take note.

PROGRAM---

COASTAL VEGETATION OF ATTU ISLAND
presented by Dr. Stephen Talbot, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.

DUES IS DUE:

1993 membership dues are coming due soon. You may pay at anytime now for the 1993 year. Students---\$5, Individuals---\$10, and Family---(2 voting members)---\$15. You may send your dues to the Society's P.O. Box or pay at one of the meetings.

MYSTERY PLANT:

Another very common evergreen woodland plant found in the southern half of the State at least to the arctic circle. Its range follows closely that of forested areas. Leaves yellow-green and the nodding flowers are pale greenish-white.



Mystery Plant

NEWS FROM KACHEMAK CHAPTER (HOMER)

KACHEMAK BRIEFS-submitted by JoAnne Popham, Pres., Kachemak Chap.

As I sit trying to recount summer activities of the Kachemak Chapter, I am once again amazed at how fast the summer passed. The Kachemak Chapter members are often involved in the Garden Club as well as going off in 20 different directions, but we did get together twice formally and had two ongoing projects.

On July 18 members and families met at the Wynn Nature Center on Skyline Drive to continue the survey of native plants which was begun a year ago. The Nature Center is under the jurisdiction of the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies and will be used for environmental education programs. A more formal meeting was held on August 6 to hear Ed Berg, who is currently a Ph. D. candidate at the University of Georgia, speak on "The Sex Life of Plants."

Members of the Kachemak Chapter of ANPS worked with the Pratt Museum on a weekly basis to give tours of the museum's botanical garden. These worked out exceptionally well and will hopefully be continued next year. Gail Sorenson did the lion's share of the tours but was helped by several others. The format was open and ranged from ethnobotany to wildflower gardening. The City of Homer had no money to beautify its streets and asked community groups like ours to adopt a stretch of ground. We asked for (and received) a plot about 12 feet wide and 50 feet long in front of the old Fish and Wildlife Headquarters (octagonal building) on Pioneer Avenue. It was a real challenge because the soil was exceptionally poor, we had no water at the site and it was full of weeds. But Teena Garay and Beth Cumining worked hard with weedeater and caring hands. Marsh marigold, iris, ferns, Jacob's ladder, yarrow and lupine were some of the plants that graced this little area. Next year we hope to work with the new owners to improve the ground and we also hope to have signage including who we are.

By the time you read this we will have held our fall meeting and election of new officers on October 22. Norma Dudiak is our featured speaker and will be showing her slides of "Alpine Flowers of Denali" taken during the early summer field trip with ANPS.

SEEDS:

If you have wildflowers seeds for our annual seed sale, please bring them to the meeting or contact Verna Pratt at 333-8212.

STATE BOARD MEETING

At the recently conducted State Board meeting, the following items were discussed:

1. The Nominating Committee presented its recommendations for officers for 1993-94. The slate consists of the officers presently serving. Additional nominations may be made by sending your recommendations to the Society's P.O. Box to arrive not later than 15 December. A ballot will be sent to members with the December newsletter.

2. It was voted to reduce the price of ANPS Prints. They will be on sale for \$5 each at the monthly meetings. It was further voted to investigate the design and pricing of a Society T-shirt.

QUIZ ANSWER:

Sidebells Pyrola, One-sided Wintergreen (*Pyrola secunda*), a charming member of the wintergreen (Pyrolaceae) family.



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