

# **Borealis**

the newsletter of the



November 1993

*P.O. Box 141613 Anchorage, Alaska 99514*

## **Anchorage Chapter News**

The November ANPS Anchorage Chapter meeting will be held Monday, November 1st at 7:30PM in the First Congregational Church at 2610 E. Northern Lights Blvd. This is the large brown church building just east of Wendler Junior High School on the south side of Northern Lights. Please use the entrance at the back of the church.

The speaker this month will be Dr. Kim Peterson. Dr. Peterson is a professor at UAA specializing in plant sampling and ecology. The program will be about plants of the North Slope.

## **State ANPS Meeting Held**

On October 2, the Alaska Native Plant Society held its annual meeting at the home of Vice-President Jean Poore. A quorum was present. Joanne Papham, president of the Homer ANPS Chapter, presented a report on the grant given to the Pratt Museum in 1992. A treasurer's report (attached) was submitted by Yaso Gurusingham-Thiru. Two motions were presented and passed. It was voted to set aside \$500 to be used at the recommendation of State President Sally Karabelnikoff for the herbarium at the UAA Campus. \$500 is to be used for a membership in the Alaska Botanical Society.

## **Anchorage Chapter Elections**

A nominating committee has been appointed to begin the election process. If you are contacted for information, please try to be of assistance to the members. Offices for which volunteers can be nominated are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and chapter representative.

## **Mystery Plant**

This woody shrub is found throughout most of Alaska with the exception of the Aleutian Chain, parts of the Arctic Slope and most of South East. Although it is commonly found in bogs and wet tundra, it can be found in dry rocky areas up to 3,600 feet. Size is variable depending on conditions and elevation but generally 12 to 30 inches. The branches are quite shaggy looking, making it easy to recognize even in the winter. Can you name this plant?



## Field Trip News

It is not too soon to start planning for next summer's field trip season. If you know of an unusual or exciting place to visit, please let the field trip chairman know about your suggestion. Trips involving extra time or expense require a great deal of planning and advance notice. Start compiling a list of places that you would like to share with other native plant fanciers now so that the next field season can be the best yet.

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## Mystery Plant Answer

Shrubby Cinquefoil -- *Potentilla fruticosa*

Also known as the tundra rose, the mystery plant is a member of the Roseacea family. The under side of the brittle bluish green 5-parted leaflets is silvery hairs. The bright yellow soft velvet-like flowers are about one inch across and produce seeds in a characteristic folded up capsule that frequently is present even in the winter. Similar horticultural varieties are frequently used in landscaping as they are bright and colorful most of the summer and until the temperatures dip to about 20 degrees.

## Fairbanks News

ANPS members in the Fairbanks area are planning to hold a few meetings this winter. If you want to offer your time to help or if you have a program that you would like to offer, please contact Mike Emers at

ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY  
TREASURERS REPORT

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	Month JULY → SEPT	Year to Date (JAN → SEPT)
Beginning Cash Balance	4,382.46	4,724.40
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>		
Membership dues .....	88.00	1235.00
Sale of prints .....		105.00
Sale of decal stickers .....		4.75
Sale of sew-on patches .....		
Sale of seeds .....		
Contribution to scholarship fund .....		
Contribution, unrestricted .....		
Advertising .....		15.00
Miscellaneous <i>Book Sale</i> .....		36.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>88.00</b>	<b>1,395.75</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>		
News letter, postage, printing .....		790.19
Business license .....		
PO Box rental .....		49.00
Seed sale envelopes .....		
Administrative supplies, postage .....		
Postage prepaid on sales items .....		
Monthly meetings, refreshments .....		
Refunds .....		
Miscellaneous <i>To state, 30% of 192 dues</i> .....		310.50
<i>Educational Project, Pratt Museum</i> .....		500.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b> .....	-	<b>1,649.69</b>
Closing Cash Balance	4,470.46	4,470.46

146 paid members as of Sept 30, '93.

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