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NEWSLETTER, SEPTEMBER 1982

OCTOBER 11 -- POT LUCK HARVEST DINNER AND SLIDE SHOW, 6:30 p.m. at The Pub, in the Campus Center part of the Anchorage Community College/UAA Physical Education Facility off Providence Drive.

HARVEST DINNER -- a chance to show off your garden's bounty, the bread that won a prize at the State Fair, the fish you caught, or your favorite way of preparing wild vegetables or berries. If gathering and preparing wild foods is one of your interests and you have a dish (and/or a recipe) you'd like to share, please do. Let's make the Alaska Native Plant Society's pot luck dinners unique. (But NO WILD MUSHROOM DISHES at this feast, please.)

BRING AN INTERESTED FRIEND, A DISH TO SHARE (enough salad, main dish or dessert to serve three times the number in your party), and 5 to 10 of YOUR BEST ALASKA WILDFLOWER SLIDES, with your name on them, to show after dinner. (Beverages, paper plates, napkins, and plastic tableware will be provided.)

FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS, there will be an opportunity to sign up for 1983 membership and be a member for the rest of 1982 at no extra charge. Membership privileges include newsletters, summer field trips, and regular monthly programs, October through May. (Individual memberships cost \$10, families \$15, students \$5.)

POT LUCK ENTERTAINMENT, too -- a slide show of pictures from summer field trips with the Alaska Native Plant Society or on your own. If you have a couple of unidentified beauties and you'd like to know their names, this is your chance. Not all flowers can be identified precisely from slides, but many can. Caution: not too many at one meeting, please.

MEET THE NEW OFFICERS -- they'll be installed at the meeting. This is the first regular election -- up to now we've had steering committee volunteers serving as officers.

GET ACQUAINTED with a growing, enthusiastic group of wildflower fanciers. Members include botanists, gardeners, teachers, students, greenhouse operators, photographers, hikers, wild food gatherers, mushroom hunters -- you name it. You're sure to find new friends who are enthusiastic about your favorite activities.

ANSWER THE CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS to put on programs, lead field trips, serve on committees, publish the newsletter or whatever activities you enjoy. This is your opportunity to make your interests known and get involved in making the Alaska Native Plant Society an organization that reflects your interests.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -- for meetings Nov. 1 & Dec. 13 at the Pub. (Regular meeting nights are the first Monday of each month, October through May, but October and December had to be rescheduled because the meeting room wasn't available then.)

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Verna Pratt will present Wildflowers of Eagle Summit. This area, on the road to Circle, is said to offer more varieties of wildflowers in June and early July than any other area in Alaska. Douglas Tryck will present a mini-lesson on how to identify members of the Mustard Family, Brassicaceae, (formerly, Cruciferae). Many members of this group are familiar garden plants; not surprisingly, the wild ones are edible, too.

BE SURE TO VOTE -- ballots should be mailed by September 30.

