

# Alaska Native Plant Society

P.O. Box 8-737 Anchorage, Alaska 99508

## NEWSLETTER, MARCH 1983

MARCH 7 -- The March program meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. Monday at The Pub, in the Campus Center part of the Anchorage Community College/UAA Physical Education Facility off Providence Drive. Education Chairman Marianne G. See, a botanist with the Bureau of Land Management, will present "A Look at Lichens." She will outline the major types of lichens, some aspects of lichen ecology, and the common lichen species of Alaska. Chery McCaffrey, a plant ecologist working for BLM as a photo interpreter, will present "Characteristics of Woody Plants for Winter Identification." She will describe and show points to look for with "touchy-feely" examples of some local plants. A board meeting at 7:15 will precede the program meeting at 8 p.m. The public is welcome to attend program meetings -- come and bring an interested friend. Program meetings through May will be the first Monday of each month at The Pub. No program meetings are scheduled for June through September, during the summer field trip season.

PLEASE RETURN THOSE BALLOTS FROM LAST MONTH -- Non-profit, tax deductible status requires a change the Society's Constitution. A vote of two-thirds of the membership is needed and we're still a few votes short. Please round up your ballot and send it in or bring it to the March meeting. The Internal Revenue Service is waiting. If you haven't renewed for 1983, put your check in, too, because only the votes of paid up members can be counted. The new language is to make that check deductible from your income tax.

LAST CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS -- This will be the final newsletter for members who have not sent in their 1983 renewals. You'll also need to renew to receive the summer field trip schedule. Here's a blank for your convenience. Please fill out the membership survey also if you haven't completed one recently. Mail to the Post Office box or bring it to the March meeting. Bring your membership card, too, and get it stamped for 1983.

SUMMER FIELD TRIPS -- a trip to Nome is planned and lots of shorter ones closer to Anchorage, too. If you think you'd like to lead a field trip or help with one, or even just have a suggestion on where to go, please call Joanne Sedgewick.

COMMUNITY SCHOOL CLASSES -- Frank Bogardus will teach a wild herb and plant identification class from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays, March 31 - May 19 at Nunaka Valley Community School. Cost will be \$5 to members of the Alaska Native Plant Society, \$10 to non-members. Verna Pratt will teach a class on easy identification of wildflowers from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays, May 3 - May 24, at Rogers Park Community School. Cost will be \$8. Watch your newspaper for community school registration information. Community School wild plant classes are always popular. If you are interested in teaching one, get in touch with the Anchorage Community School coordinator or see Verna Pratt.

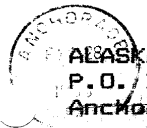
### SOME PHONE NUMBERS if you need information or want to help out:

Verna Pratt, President.....  
Peggy Pletcher, Membership.....  
Marianne See, Education.....

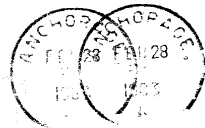
Joanne Sedgewick, Field Trips....  
Jerrienne Lowther, Newsletter....

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS -- The Alaska Center for the Environment asked the Alaska Native Plant Society to consider preparing an educational display on native plants that would be of interest to tourists. Board members suggested a display of laminated, pressed wildflowers would be appropriate. Anyone interested in working on this should contact Verna Pratt. Also needed: someone to take over preparing material on one plant family per month for the newsletter and program meetings. Debbie Brown is trying to get a branch of the Society started in Fairbanks and has also requested information on unusual native plants being grown in the Anchorage area. The board has voted to delete from the mailing list those members who have not paid their 1983 dues by the end of March.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Treasurer Larry Haller presented a year end report showing that membership dues and donations through December 31 totaled \$1,165.00 and earned \$1.62 in interest from a savings account. Disbursements were as follows: postage, \$84.60; post office box rent, \$26.00; stationery & membership cards, \$107.00; newsletter printing, \$76.25; officer administrative supplies, \$56.32; and miscellaneous, \$6.48; a total of \$356.65. Cash on hand as of January 1 was \$809.97.



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HAVE YOU MAILED YOUR BALLOT  
AND YOUR RENEWAL FOR 1983?

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SURVEY OF MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS

I would like to learn more in the monthly programs about:

- how to identify wild plants
- collecting/pressing specimens
- protecting wild plant habitat
- wild edible plants & berries
- mushroom identification
- how to recognize plant families
- wildflowers outside Alaska
- revegetating scarred areas
- animal/plant relationships
- specific habitats (bogs, etc.)
- flowers of Denali Park (etc.)
- plants in Alaska prehistory
- winter plant identification
- growing wild plants from seed
- transplanting native plants
- cultural uses of wild plants
- preparation of wild edibles
- recognizing poisonous plants
- how to dry a wild bouquet
- fire ecology/plant succession
- plant/insect relationships
- plants of the arctic tundra
- Southeastern forest ecology
- mosses & lichens

Please DOUBLE CHECK any of the above that interest you strongly.

CROSS OUT any that don't interest you at all.

ADD TOPICS OF YOUR CHOICE, as many as you wish, in space below.  
(Write on the back if you need more room.)

What additional information would you like in the newsletter?  
(Choose from above list or make up your own suggestions.)

I like evening/half-day/all-day/two-day (weekend) field trips.

I would like to go on a field trip to

I would like to LEAD a field trip to

I need more information about leading field trips.

I would like to know where to take a course/workshop on

I would like to present a mini-course/workshop on

I would like to see the Society undertake a project on

Additional comments (write on back if you need more room):

CIRCLE AREAS in which you are willing to help: general programs, educational programs, mini-botany programs, field trips, publicity, hold office, accounting, art displays, committees, planting, programs for schools, office work, educational displays.

PLEASE \_\_\_\_\_ START \_\_\_\_\_ RENEW my membership.

New memberships and renewals will remain in effect through December of 1983.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: Individual \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10)  
Full time student \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5) Family \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15)

NAMES OF VOTING MEMBERS (1 OR 2 OVER AGE 18)

Please mail the questionnaire or membership application or bring it to the next meeting.

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ AMT. ENCL. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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