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\*\*\*\* NEWS BULLETIN \*\*\*\*

THE FINALLY TALLY OF RETURNED BALLOTS HAS INDICATED THAT THE MEMBERS WERE OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOCIETY CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. THEREFORE, WE ARE NOW A STATE-WIDE ORGANIZATION WITH CHAPTERS.

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MORE CLASSES AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER GIVEN THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN VALDEZ. Contact Person for Registration is Nancy Lethcoe. Message phone--- . You need to book ahead of time, but may pay when the class starts.

#1--JUN 15-21-----NATURAL HISTORY OF PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND

1 Credit  
Instructor-Nancy Lethcoe  
Fee-\$425  
Notes: you supply your own food

#2--JUL 20-26-----MARINE BIOLOGY (of Prince William Sound)

(including Botany. Emphasis on the relationship between the Land and the Sea)  
1 Credit  
Instructor-Rick Steiner, Assoc. Prof. of Univ.of Ak., Marine Biology, Advisory Program  
Fee-\$425  
Notes: you supply your own food

#3--JUL 27-AUG 8--PHOTOGRAPHY AND GLACIER STUDY

2 Credits (1 for each class)  
Instructors: Nancy Zimmerman-photography  
Edward B. LaChapelle-Glacier Study  
Fee-\$1155  
Notes: food is provided

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\*\*\*\*\* ALASKA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* SUMMER FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE \*\*\*\*\*

These field trips are designed to explore a variety of Alaska plant communities for educational and appreciative values. We discourage the collection of plant materials. Hikes will be held rain or shine, so please come prepared for inclement weather. Useful items to bring along would include binoculars, camera, insect repellent, hand magnifier and notebook. A daypack would be handy for extra clothing and lunch, as appropriate. Meeting place, unless otherwise indicated, is the Southwest corner of the parking lot West of Bldg. K on the A.C.C. campus. For further information call the Field Trip Leader at the listed number or Verna Pratt at

MAY 14 (MON.)---SEWARD HIGHWAY-McHUGH CREEK PICNIC AREA -- Leader: Verna Pratt

Plants in this area develop extremely early. Many plants are similar to those in Anchorage woodland, some different. Alpine plants are at a lower elevation in this wind-swept area. This is a State Park---NO COLLECTING! Minimum age 5, some areas are quite steep and might be hazardous to small children. Allow 2 to 4 hours. Meet at Bldg. K at 6PM or at the upper parking lot at McHugh Creek Wayside at 6:30-6:45PM. This is about 2 to 3 hour field trip.

MAY 17 (THURS.)---CAMPBELL AIRSTRIP -- Leader: Frank Bogardus,  
A gentle, easy hike to see various emerging spring plants on a sunny Spring evening. Look for *Adoxa moschatellina*. Municipal Park-NO COLLECTING! May be wet, rubber boots or waterproof hiking shoes best. Plan on about 2 hours. Meet at Bldg. K parking lot at 6:30PM or at 1st turnout on the right side of Campbell Airfield Road.

MAY 19 (SAT.)---WHITTIER -- Leader: Nancy Lethcoe (Call Verna Pratt for info)

Early Spring trip along roadway and into very wet (maybe snowy) wooded area. Look for: *Arabis lyrata*, *Potentilla villosa*, *Lysichiton americanum*, and others. Bring warm clothing, raingear, and shoes or boots appropriate for wet area. NOTE: the Alaska Railroad summer schedule was still unavailable at presstime for this bulletin. We should have information at the May meeting (or call for particulars if you plan on going on this trip). We will probably leave Portage RR Station about 1PM and return in the late afternoon or early evening. Cost will be about \$10.50 per person round-trip.

MAY 23 (WED.)---MOSQUITO LAKE, near Goose Lake -- Leader: Marilyn Barker,

An early bog trip typical of the Anchorage area. Wear shoes and clothing suitable for wet area. Meeting place is Bldg. K parking lot at 6:30PM, where we will re-group for a very short drive to the lake. Allow 2 to 3 hours total time.

MAY 28 (MON.)---NANCY LAKE RECREATION AREA -- Leader: John Wenger,

Coordinated with the Audubon Society. Two trips, one at 9AM and one at 1PM, to help prevent congestion on the trail. Morning trip will probably see more birds. Look for Arctic Loons. Nature trail-NO COLLECTING! Take Parks Hwy. North to Mile 67.2 (about 3 mi. South of Willow), turn left at Nancy Lake Recreation Area Sign (Parks Blvd.), park at the small brown cabin at about Mile 2.5 About a 3 hour trip.

**JUNE 2 (SAT.)---BIRD CREEK RIDGE -- Leader: Verna Pratt**

A steep, but not dangerous, hike to the higher elevations is more than worth the effort. Minimum age 4 to 5, could be tiring to small children. Look for *Myosotis alpestris* and *Botrychium lunaria*. State Park--NO COLLECTING! Wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots. Bring warm clothing as it is very cold at the higher elevations if it is windy. Meet at 9:15AM at Bldg. K parking lot or at 10:15-10:30AM at the NEW parking lot for Bird Creek Ridge on the East side of Seward Hwy. just South of Bird Village. Plan on 5 hours plus of hiking.

**JUNE 3 (SUN.)---BODENBURG BUTTE, Palmer -- Leader: Verna Pratt**

A very interesting hike up a fairly steep mound. Minimum age 5 as it could be hazardous. Wear sturdy shoes. Bring lunch. Look for *Calypso bulbosa* and *Artemesia* species. Meet at 10:30AM at the Bldg. K parking lot or at 11AM at the Weigh Station on the Glen Highway North of Anchorage. Plan on about 6 hours total for the trip.

**JUN 5, JUL 3, AUG 14 (TUES. EVE.)---GLEN ALPS SURVEY --Leader: Marilyn Barker,**

This is a survey of the mound adjacent to the parking lot and the nearby meadow, that was done last Summer. We hope it will be an annual event. This is a great learning experience. State Park--NO COLLECTING! Bring appropriate clothing, can be very cold even in Summer if it is windy. Meet at 6:00PM at Bldg. K parking lot or at 6:45PM at parking lot at Glen Alps entrance to Chugach State Park.

**JUN 9 (SAT.)---NORTH END KNIK ARM (wetlands) -- Leader: Cheryl McCaffrey,**

An opportunity to get into a wetland and see what's there. The area is a marsh affected by highway impoundment, land subsidence, and tides. Minimum age for children---old enough to be wary of automobiles. This may be part of Eklutna Flats Preserve Area---NO COLLECTING. Wet area--suggest insect repellent and long appendage covers (jeans, long-sleeve shirt). Meet at 10AM at Bldg. K parking lot. Car pool in van if available, as parking is a problem at the area to be visited. The place of interest is west of the Knik River along the Glenn Highway. There is a grove of *Populus*, which would be good for parking, on the south side of the road about 2 or 3 miles from the area of interest. That's too far to walk, so any suggestions will be appreciated. Note: if you live North of Anchorage and want to go, please call after June 3 for more convenient arrangements.

**JUN 23-26 (SAT.-TUES.)---BISON GULCH -- Leader: Verna Pratt**

This will be our yearly gathering of the Anchorage and Fairbanks groups. Bison Gulch is located at Mile 243.6 on the George Parks Highway. Some areas are very steep, but not hazardous if reasonable care is taken. This is a choice alpine area with many different plant species typical of the McKinley Park area. There will be a planned field trip each day, with the 1st being Sat. afternoon at 2PM. The Annual Meeting will be on Sat. evening about 7PM at the campsite, weather permitting; or at a local eatery. There is a good area on a hilltop for camping (lots of room for tents, trailers and campers). Alternatively, there are accommodations available in Healy (about 3 miles N) and at McKinley Chalets (a few miles S). Rail travel to Healy is very difficult, since it is strictly a flag-stop on only 2 days each week, and the fare is about \$105. One other alternative would be car-pooling. We will erect a large sign or banner at the turnoff from the highway, to help you locate the area.

JUL 14 (SAT.)---ARCTIC VALLEY -- Leader: Verna Pratt

A steep, but not dangerous, climb into the Alpine country. Minimum age 4 or 5. Wear sturdy shoes, bring warm clothing and lunch. This is a very rich area. Let's search out the 2 plants found last years by 2 of our members--Saxifraga Eschscholtzii and Draba stenopetala. Meet at 9:15AM at Bldg. K parking lot or at 10:15AM at the Ski Chalet at the Arctic Valley Ski Slope (civilian side). An all-day trip, plan on at least 4 to 6 hours of hiking.

JUL 28 & 29 (SAT.&SUN.)---SELDOVIA -- Leader: Susie Stranik,

This is a slightly warmer, more moist climate, also including seashore plants. Bring lunch and snacking foods for 2 days, plus sleeping bag. Bring a dish for potluck dinner on Saturday; Susie will call those confirmed for the trip to coordinate this. NOTE: If we can get 16 confirmed (17 maximum) passengers by July 1st, the Society will charter a plane to Homer at a cost of \$83 per person. Otherwise, you will be required to make your own arrangements to fly to Homer on Valdez Airlines leaving Anchorage at 7:30AM on Sat. July 28 and returning to Anchorage about 8:30PM on Sun. July 29. Cost is \$102.00 per person. The charter plane fare from Homer to Seldovia is an additional \$26 round trip per person. THEREFORE, TOTAL ROUNDTRIP PER PERSON AIRFARE FOR THIS TRIP IS \$109 IF WE GET ENOUGH PARTICIPANTS TO ARRANGE THE CHARTER; OR \$140 IF YOU FLY BY REGULAR SCHEDULED AIR FLIGHT.

