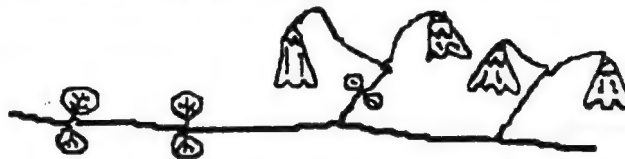


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ANCHORAGE CHAPTER MEETING NEWS:

The January meeting of the Anchorage Chapter will be held on Monday, January 6th, at 7:30PM in the meeting room of the Muldoon Library in the Carr's Shopping Mall on the corner of Muldoon Road and Northern Lights Blvd. The Library will be closed, so enter by the door at the rear of the building

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors will meet at 6:45PM, just prior to the general membership meeting. Board members are:

- President Gary Davies
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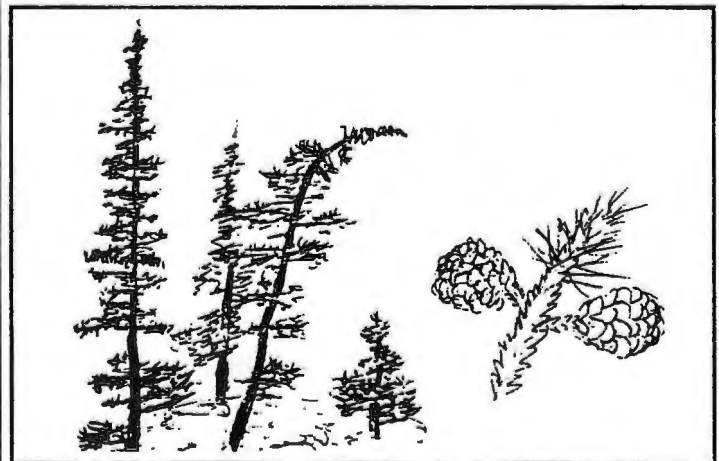
Board members please take note and mark your calendars. Continued absence from Board meetings can be grounds for removal from the Board.

PROGRAM: ANPS member, Scott Christy, of the Alaska Dept. of Natural Resources, will present a program on "The Relationship of Land Forms and Vegetation".

He will lecture and show slides on the topography of Alaska, and explain how the physical aspects, their composition, the direction and angle of terrain, and climate, control the type and kinds of plants that grow here.

PLANT FAMILY: The Parsley or Apiacea family will be completed by Forrest Baldwin. The discussion will include the following genera: Angelica, Ligusticum, Cnidium and Conioselinum. All of these plants have pinnately-divided and toothed leaves and many are aromatic herbs. The tiny, 5-petalled, white or green flowers are held well above the leaves in double umbels.

MYSTERY PLANT: Sticking out of the Anchorage bogs is one of Alaska's most recognizable plants. The tree often contains a narrow, club-like crown. The short, sharp needles arise from peg-like bases on the pubescent twig, especially towards the branch tips. They have 4 white lines on the needles. The cones are 1.5 to 3.0cm long, egg-shaped, frequently near the trunk, and remain on the tree for many years. The bark is thin, scaly, and usually gray or blackish. These trees are frequently stunted, due to habitat in areas of permafrost. They are also frequently termed the Drunken Forest, as they become tilted from the frost-heaving of the soil.



Mystery Plant

SEED EXCHANGE: We need to organize our seed exchange program rather rapidly this year. Anyone having seeds should bring them to the January meeting or send to the ANPS Post Office Box right away. We also need a volunteer to organize the packaging and labeling. Call Verna at _____ if you are interested.

DUES IS DUE: It's membership renewal time, again. Send dues to ANPS Post Office Box:
Student-----\$5.00
Individual-----\$10.00
Family-----\$15.00
Organization-----\$25.00

WANTED: Does anyone have access to Wild Crab-apples? A nursery in Alaska would like to try growing some from seeds.

QUIZ ANSWER:
Picea mariana --- BLACK SPRUCE

FIELD TRIPS:
1992 is the 10th anniversary of ANPS. How about some ideas on a special field trip? Maybe re-do the very first field trip, which was to Nome. Ideas, folks, ??? Let's get 1992 planned early so that our members can work some field trips into their busy summer schedules.

EDITOR WANTED:

Still! Your present editor, after serving for 10 years, would like to get on with other things in his life; but, might consider continuing if the readers would give him some input.

I can remember the days of 4 and 5 page newsletters. Most of the time they were done 95% by Verna and I; but, there was a period when the readers were really contributing articles. Just tell me, folks, what do you want? We can have big, newsy editions if you'll just make a little effort. Or, we can put out a meeting notice on a postcard, if that's what you want. Just let me know!!

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Martha Hatch, who is now handling the duplication and mailing of the newsletter!

Deadline for any input to the February 1992 newsletter will be **10 January**, because Verna and I will be out of town later in the month, see below. -Frank-

NATIONAL LEVEL SPEAKER:

Verna Pratt, founder of the Alaska Native Plant Society, will present 2 slide programs and lectures on Alaska's Wildflowers at the 24th Annual Eastern Winter Study Weekend of the American Rock Garden Society, hosted by the Long Island Chapter, at Happauge, New York, on the weekend of 24-26 January 1992.