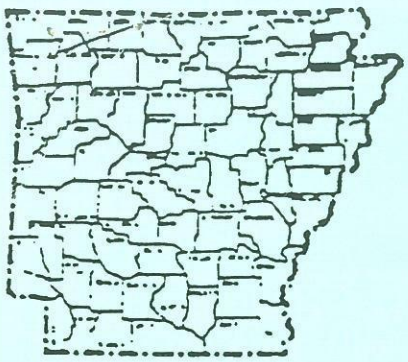


# Claytonia



NEWSLETTER OF THE ARKANSAS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
SPRING 1990

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I would like to thank Clementine Moore and all who helped to make 1989 a most enjoyable and fruitful year for our Arkansas Native Plant Society.

Our elected secretary Glynis Hamlin, moved out of state and a new secretary, Betty Spears, of Mena was approved at the board meeting in January.

Elizabeth Fulton, in Little Rock has agreed to represent the Native Plant Society with the Arkansas Conservation Coalition another year and to report on their activities.

Dr. Eric Sundell in Monticello has agreed to chair a membership committee to record our membership's names, addresses, and phone numbers, as an aid to our treasurer and editor.

Many of our members have shown an interest in the Arkansas Roadside Wildflower Program; therefore, I have asked Dr. Don Culwell to head a committee or workshop to assist our members in this endeavor.

Carl Hunter was asked to research a color brochure for the Arkansas Native Plant Society, and to report to the membership at the spring meeting.

The Arkansas State Parks Division is seeking comments on the Arkansas Arboretum at Pinnacle Mountain State Park from several of our members. I have asked Carl Amason to represent the A.N.P.S. in this endeavor.

The Carl R. Amason Conservation Award was awarded to Jane Stern at the fall meeting of 1989. We were saddened, however, to learn that Jane Stern passed away this winter.

The executive committee recommended that the fall meeting be held in Eureka Springs on Nov. 2,3, and 4. Sue Clark has researched the accommodations and has found them satisfactory.

Bruce Ewing President

## SPECIAL VOTE

AT OUR SPRING MEETING, THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT WILL BE INFORMED AND ASKED TO VOTE ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD HAVE A.N.P.S. DONATE TOWARD HELPING FINANCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PINNACLE MOUNTAIN ARBORETUM IN WEST PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS. THIS PROPOSAL COULD POSSIBLY INVOLVE A DISCUSSION OF OUR BY-LAW INTENT IN REGARD TO DISBURSEMENT OF GRANT MONIES.

## SPRING FIELD TRIPS

If you are planning on going on a field trip PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE contact the leader so they will know about how many to expect. There have been times, as you know, that perhaps only one or two people would show up. I don't think it has happened this past year, but it has in the past. Even if it is the day of the field trip, it would help the leader to know if you are coming or if you have to cancel.

April 21: Meet at the courthouse at Lewisville, AR, 10:00 a.m. to see Halesia diptera, two-winged silver bell, rediscovered after the absence of a confirmed report since 1882. Also see Sebastian bush and blue hawthorne. Bring a sack lunch. Led by Ray Erickson, 921-4950.

May 5: Meadowbrook Project, Fox, Arkansas. Meet at 10:00 at Rural Special School parking lot, Fox, Arkansas. It is on the west side of Highway 263, pass the turnoff to Meadowbrook. We will leave most of the cars here so there won't be so many going down to Meadowbrook. Bring a sack lunch. They do have drinks at the facility. They need to have an approximate count about a week before, so please contact Sue Clark, 329-8107 if you are going to be able to go, and for further information.

May 12: Meet at Wal-Mart parking lot, Mena, at 10:00 a.m. Led by Bruce and Lana Ewing. Bring a sack lunch. Call 394-4666.

June 9: Carl Amason's annual spring field trip in the Calion vicinity. Meet at Carl's house at 9:30. Turn left off of Highway 167 at Stapler's Store, go to County Road 44 (about half a mile), turn right on County Road 44, go 1 1/4 mile south. Be sure and bring your lunch. Carl's number is 748-2362.

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FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 6, 1990

| FUND | BAL. 1/21/89 | EXPENSES | BAL. 1/6/90 |
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| 1. DWIGHT MOORE | $ 883.20 | $100.00 | $1105.52 |
| 2. A. McWILLIAMS, 3 ACCTS. | 4034.79 | 550.00 | 5419.22 |
| 3. DELZEE DeMAREE | 2251.33 | 570.00 | 1995.49 |
| 4. OPERATING, 2 ACCTS. | 3967.29 | 805.52 | 3948.89 |

RECENT EXPENDITURES:

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| FALL MEETING EXPENSE | $ 86.51 |
| ARKANSAS NATURAL HERITAGE | 200.00 |
| JET LETTER | 519.01 |

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHAD GRAY

The Status of the South Arkansas Arboretum

The first arboretum in Arkansas was set up in the El Dorado Public School District FROM 1967 to July 1970 under the vision of James Riley, El Dorado School teacher of science with the direction of Dr. Dwight Moore. It was named the South Arkansas Arboretum. It consisted of slightly more than 17 acres and was adjacent to the El Dorado High School on the west side of town. The site was a lovely but irregular parcel of land with high ground of white oaks, hickories and pines with slopes where native American beeches had grown and some low drains that remain quite wet all summer in spite of no permanent running water. In the lowlands were some overcup oaks, willows and the only native palm, Sabal minor was represented by one or two specimens. In cleaning out the under-brush so the flowering dogwoods and other desireable understory plants could grow, some naturally occurring Arkansas oaks (Quercus arkansana) were found and quite a colony of dwarf pawpaw (Asimina parviflora) was in a section, and several Cherokee bean or mamou (Erythrina herbacea) were on a lightly shaded slope. In fact, it was an excellent site for the beginnings of a small arboretum. A network of asphalted roadway and paths and some treated-wood bridges and two small ponds were built. Dr. and Mrs. Moore (Clemmy) went merrily about gathering many native species such as sugar maples, bur oaks, and several other things from the Ozark Mountain region, some native wild Azaleas (Rhododendron canescens), Nuttall's oaks, chalk maples, were gathered from the surrounding country side. Various plant organizations contributed to the selections of several large Camellia japonica beds and azaleas were planted around all over the place to create community interest in the beauty of the arboretum. As a matter of fact, it had some elements of a botanical garden. Dr. Moore had contacts in Wooster, Ohio, where an established arboretum was set up, and he returned with a dawn redwood, some Chinese chestnuts and hybrids of Chinese Chestnut with the American chestnuts.

Then the Arboretum went into a state of unuse-misuse, disrepair and vandals worked their deeds. Several attempts were made to clean up the litter but the place was just too large and litter too deep to be effective. Jodie Mahony, the Representative from El Dorado had lingering mental pictures of the way it was in its prime and about 1987, he pushed and obtained a grant for University of South Arkansas, Magnolia and its El Dorado Branch to study the need of such an urban area for educational, recreational, and just plain aesthetical needs under the direction of Dr. James Lovell with graduate students Marsha C. Rowe and Ken Ball.

The summer of 1989 was spent by myself, Miss Rowe and Mr. Ball in enumerating the species and their numbers within the arboretum. There is a wealth of plant material there and the items called previously are growing well in spite of circumstances. More work has been done on the fence row, cutting out much of the rank undergrowth and thick vines and getting ready for the next venture in getting the arboretum back to a place of beauty. There is talk at this time that the Arkansas State Parks is to maintain the place while the University of South Arkansas is to regulate and care for it. The mission, as proposed by Dr. Lovell, is to preserve the native, rare, and economically important flora of the Delta and Coastal Plain for the people to view, study, photograph, browse and enjoy. The goals are to provide an educational facility and recreational site inside a city and to enhance the arboretum with beauty and

species diversity. There is a movement to get total community interests and involvement in the arboretum, something that didn't have twenty years ago because the people didn't seem to realize the importance and value of an arboretum. As an educational devise, it has no substitute. In all, it is a noble monument to the vision of James Riley, and to the educational purposes of Dr. Dwight Moore and to the later day people such as Jodie Mahony, Dr. Lovell and graduate students Miss Rowe and Mr. Ball who realize the real need of such an educational and recreational facility.

by: Carl Amason

A Memorial for Jane Stern

Jane Stern died on Saturday, December 16, 1989 and in her passing all of nature has lost a friend, a spokesperson, and an active environmentalist and enthusiastic member. In short, she was a very knowledgeable person, who knew facts, figures, plants, birds, streams, the air, and people. She was concerned about so many things. Her affiliations with environmental organizations must have included all facets of nature; she showed a brilliance in all of them. She won honors from many organizations and she earned each and every one of them. The Arkansas Native Plant Society gave her its Carl R. Amason Conservation Award at its fall meeting in Mountain View, but she was unable to be there. Plans were to have some public announcement of the presentation, but the situation at the time prevented it from happening.

marlaThe choice of Jane Stern by the committee was well chosen. In the last year she was instrumental in getting before botanical science a species of Mesphilus for North America which she discovered about twenty years ago in the Konecny Prairie. She is responsible for setting up the Red-cockaded Woodpecker Project for the Arkansas Audubon Society. In one of the published newspaper memorials it was mentioned that she frequently picked up litter at Byrd Lake, one of her favorite natural areas in the Pine Bluff area. How many of us are so dedicated as to pick up litter at an otherwise beautiful spot? That certainly does test the conviction of a total environmentalist. In all her activities she had backing from a host of friends and in the final end, she was certainly helped by her family, consisting of Dr. Howard Stern, son Arthur Stern and daughter, Ellen Stern. And Jane has worked long and hard for plants, birds, other animals, good streams and quality water, clean air, and just as importantly, all of mankind. She will be missed for the simple reason she cannot be replaced.

by: Carl Amason

SPRING GENERAL MEETING
A SPECTACULAR WEEKEND OF BOTANIZING AND FELLOWSHIP
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS APRIL 27-29, 1990

Friday, April 27

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| 3 to 7 p.m. | Registration Open, Cope's Cajun Kitchen<br>Registration fee - $2.00 (Also taking dues!)<br>Conversation, coffee, & cookies available |
| 4:00 p.m. | Early Arrival's Field Trip (route to be announced) |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dinner - Cope's Cajun Kitchen<br>Awards and Announcements<br>Program - "Propagation of Native Plants"<br>Mr. David Pittman, Pittman's Gardens<br>Business Session |

Saturday, April 28

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| 8:00 a.m. | Field Trips Departing American Family Inn parking lot to<br>(1) Indian Mound<br>(2) Sand Hill Area<br>(3) South Camden |
| 12:00 p.m. | Lunch - your choice |
| 1:30 p.m. | Field Trips - Repeat of morning routes on demand |
| 4:30 p.m. | Executive Board Meeting |
| 6:30 p.m. | Dinner - Cope's Cajun Kitchen<br>More Announcements and Awards<br>Program - To Be Announced |

Sunday, April 29

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| 8 to 9 a.m. | Yard Tour, coffee & rolls at Thera Lou Adams' home |
| 9:00 a.m. | Field Trip - Poison Springs Trail |
| 11:30 a.m. | Meeting adjourned |

Please confirm your attendance by April 23, 1990, so that accurate number of attendants may be made for banquet preparations. Confirmations may be sent or telephoned to

Mrs. Thera Lou Adams
Rt. 1 Box 871
Camden, AR 71701
(501) 836-5221

***Both evening meals will cost $8.14 each - tax, tip & beverage included.

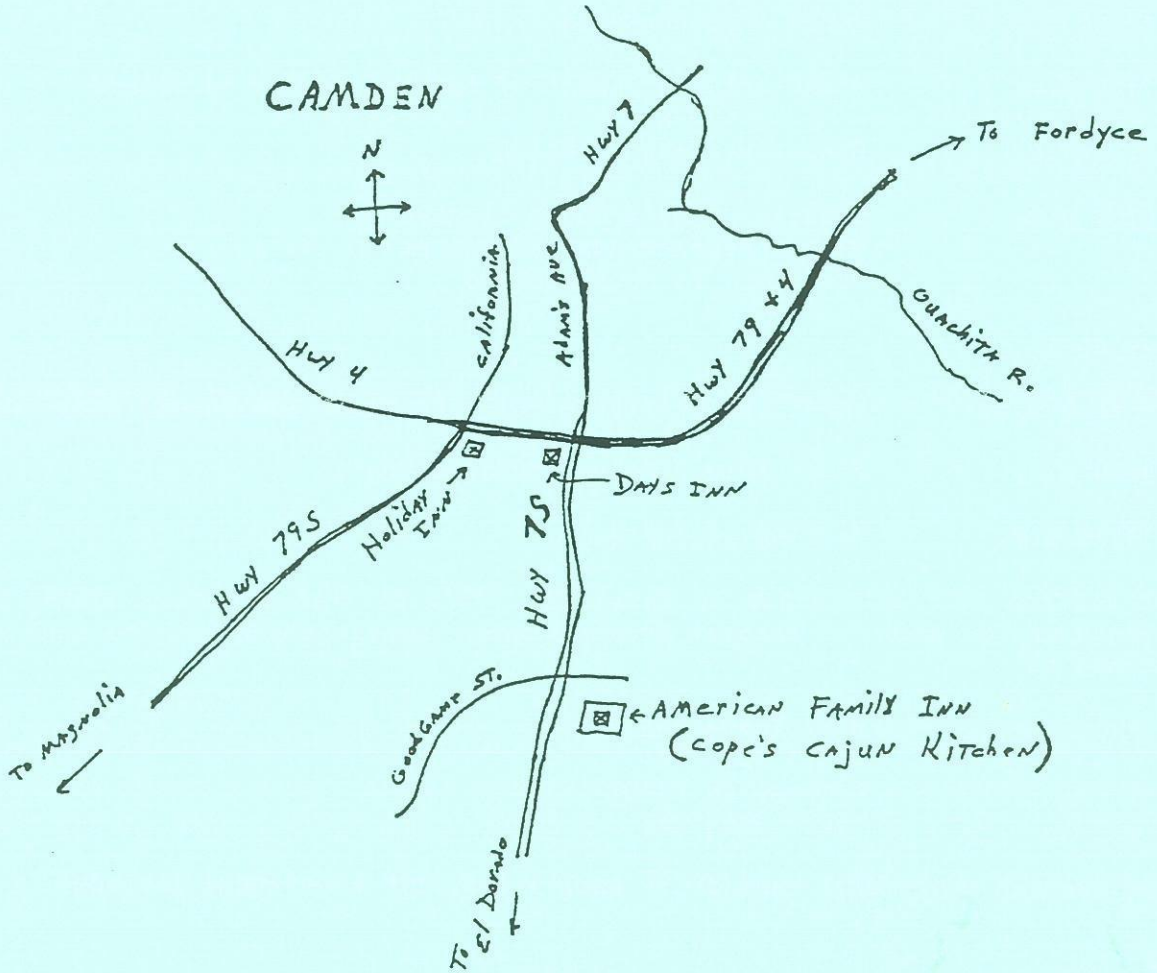
## ACCOMMODATIONS

American Family Inn - Cope's Cajun Kitchen (and meeting room)
Hwy 7 South & Goodgame St.
(501) 231-6661
Double or King, $27.00 a night (Kitchenettes available also)
When reserving rooms, please identify yourself with the ANPS.
Rates are for any number of occupants.

Other Camden Accommodations Nearby:

Days Inn
942 Adams Ave. (Hwy 7 South)
1-800-325-2525 or 836-9372
Double or King, $34.00 for two or more occupants

Holiday Inn of Camden
950 California (Hwy 79 South)
836-8822
Single occupancy, $35.00 ($5.00 additional per person)
King, $40.00



# ARKANSAS NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

The Arkansas Native Plant Society was organized September 20, 1980, in Mena, Arkansas, with the purpose of promoting the preservation, conservation, study, and enjoyment of the wild plants and vegetation of Arkansas. Membership is open to anyone interested enough in wildflowers, ferns, weeds, and trees to pay annual dues. Among our members are both professional and amater botanists of all ages from throughout the state, who are untied by an appreciation of nature and who seem to enjoy each other's company enormously.

The Society has two general meetings each, in spring and fall. Field trips to areas of unusual botanical interest are also scheduled throughout the year. The newsletter, Claytonia, is issued at least twice yearly, and a directory of members is published periodically. In addition, ANPS supports several scholarship and award funds for botanical endeavors relating to Arkansas plants.

There are four categories for membership:

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| _____ | $ 5 | Regular membership |
| _____ | $10 | Supporting Membership |
| _____ | $20 | Contributing Membership |
| _____ | $100 | Life Membership |

If you would like to join the Arkansas Native Plant Society and begin receiving our newsletter, please provide the required information below, check a membership category and send this sheet with the appropriate dues to:

Fred Greenwood, Treasurer
Arkansas Native Plant Society
Route 3, Box 333 - A
Little Rock, AR 72211

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