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LECTURE SERIES

The lecture series continues with meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month. Mark these dates on your calendar so you won't forget them!

DEC. 7 Rare Plants of Minnesota. Welby Smith, Botanist, Minnesota Natural Heritage Program

JAN. 4 Do plants benefit from the animals who eat them? Tabor Allison, University of Minnesota

FEB. 1 Title to be announced, John Almendinger, University of Minnesota

All meetings are held in 10 Palmer Classroom Building, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus, unless otherwise noted at 7:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY GIFTS

1. Phenology Calender

The 1984 Calender of Nature's Events is now available from the River Bend Nature Center in Faribault, Minnesota. Each day is highlighted with actual records extract from field notes of Orwin A. Rustad, a naturalist. To order send \$4.00 plus \$1.00 for postage to River Bend Nature Center, Box 265, Faribault, Minnesota 55021.

2. Endangered Flower Calender

This wall calendar features 14 color photographs of endangered wildflowers in their habitat, unique features, reasons for endangerment and recovery plans for each of the flowers shown. Send \$5.95 to the New England Wildflower Society, Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701

3. The New Wild Flowers and How to Grow Them

In this edition more than 550 species of native wildflowers are discussed by Edwin Steffek with tips useful to gardners. To order send \$22.95 to International Scholarly Book Service, Inc. P.O. Box 1632, Beaverton, OR 97075

Prairie bird's-foot violet



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. Newsletter

Wouldn't you like all the fame and prestige of being the editor of the Minnesota Plant Press? We'd be happy to honor you with the opportunity of giving it a try. Call Peg Kohring at 377-3311 if you are even a little interested.

2. Apple Computer operator

Would you be able to update our mailing list that is on an Apple computer disc? Call Deb Brown at 376-7574.

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WINTER FIELD TRIP IDEAS

Crow Hassan Prairie Management Area

This area provides a unique opportunity to compare a remnant prairie, a prairie restoration and a prairie grassland all within 10 acres. The restoration unit is unusual for our area because it is a natural 5 acre stand of little bluestem within which District personnel have planted numerous prairie forbs. Blazing star, stiff goldenrod, thimbleweed, whorled milkweed, and giant hyssop can be seen sticking up through the snow. Finally, these two areas are surrounded by over 500 acres of prairie grasses, which create the impression of a sea of grass stretching to the horizon.

Crow-Hassan Park Reserve is in the northwest corner of Hennepin County between the towns of Hanover, Rogers, and St. Michael. An old farm road provides access to the prairie from the central parking lot for those willing to walk a few miles.

Wetlands, Pines and Prairie Audubon Sanctuary

The Agassiz Audubon Society Chapter has recently been given 640 acres just outside of Warren, Minnesota. For more information call (218)745-5663.

Prairie Plants Available!

Patricia Ryan of Afton knows of a prairie area that is going to be developed shortly. If you are interested in salvaging plants, call Pat at 459-8554.

Indian Grass for the picking!

Horace Chamberlain of Leseur has scads of Indian grass which he would like help harvesting in exchange for some seed. He can be reached at (612)665-2508.



Prairie fringed orchid

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