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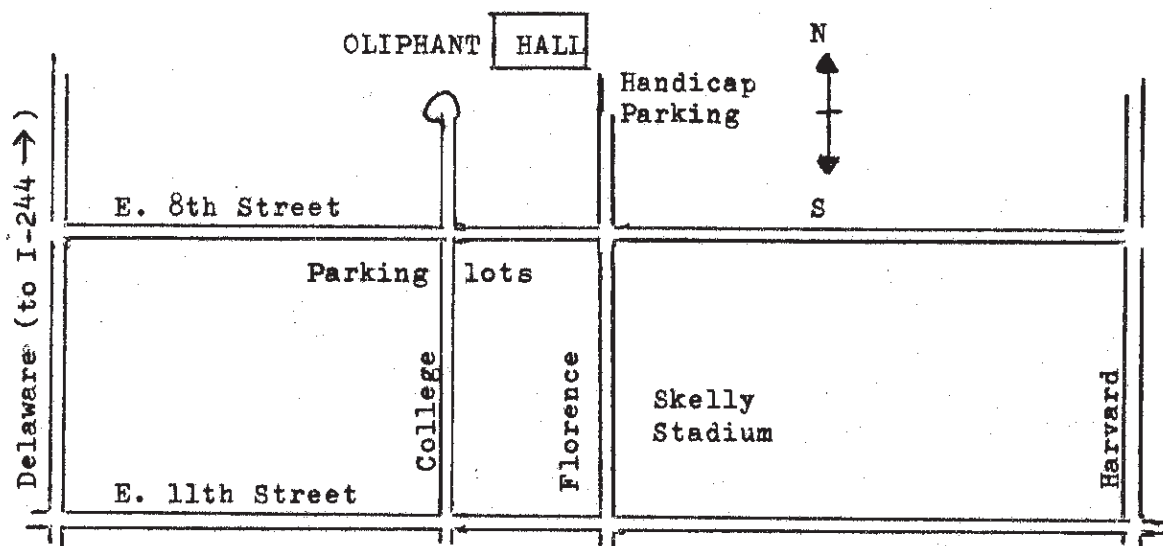
Newsletter of the Oklahoma Native Plant Society

Purpose of the Society: To encourage the study, protection, propagation, and appreciation of the native plants of Oklahoma

SECOND MEETING: OKLAHOMA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Thursday, November 20, at 7:30 p. m.: Oliphant Hall Amphitheater I, University of Tulsa (See map below). We hope you will attend.
Program: Slides by Dr. Paul Buck, Professor of Botany, University of Tulsa.

This is another informal get-acquainted meeting. We will discuss the proposed bylaws, committees, and future plans. You are invited to bring specimens of seed pods, fruits, and berries to show or have identified.



More than 60 people attended the first meeting of the Society on October 7, with 21 from cities outside Tulsa. They included nature lovers, photographers, and landscape designers, and representatives of schools, colleges, conservation organizations, nurseries, and government agencies such as parks and highways.

The steering committee has met twice since then and has set up temporary committees: Bylaws, Newsletter, and Program/Field Trips.

FORMAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED

Saturday, January 10, at 2:00 p. m. at Tulsa Junior College North Campus, 3727 East Apache (on North Harvard Avenue), Tulsa.

This important meeting is called to consider and approve the proposed bylaws, accept charter members, elect officers, set dues, and transact any other business deemed necessary at that time. There will also be a program. This will be the meeting at which time we shall become officially organized, and it is important for you to attend.

If you would like to have a copy of the proposed bylaws before the meeting, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the return address on this newsletter.

IN MEMORIAM: ANNE LONG (1921-1986)

Anne W. (Mrs. Walter) Long, acting secretary for the Society, died on November

The Oklahoma Native Plant Society has started the Anne W. Long Memorial Fund. Donations made be made to the Society in care of the treasurer, Rose West, 10101 South Garnett, Broken Arrow, OK 74011.

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Tulsa River Parks; Tulsa Mohawk Zoo (North American Area); Hugo highways (Crimson Clover, Indian Blanket, and mixed seeds); McAlester (U. S. 69 Bypass -- Indian Blanket, by Council of Garden Clubs); Oklahoma City -- four sites along interstate highways (mixture of 28 species -- seeds donated by OKC Council of Garden Clubs, Trammel Crow, Inc., Oklahoma City Beautiful, Joe Andrash, and Karen Hartman of Arbor Gardens); Tulsa -- one-acre test plot on I-44 (seeds donated by Aileen Roads Carter and Oklahoma Native Plant Society -- Indian Blanket and Coreopsis).

PHOTOGRAPHY HINTS (by Theresa Grosshans)

Pictures last forever, so why not take the best? There are so many types of cameras on the market today and the techniques of their use vary, but there are basic rules for all cameras in taking a good picture. It is these basic rules I will cover.

Remember, all pictures need not be taken horizontally. If the subject is tall try a vertical shot. Is the light right? The best time to take a picture on a bright sunny day is before 10 a. m. or after 3 p. m.

Think about composition. Don't be in a hurry. Walk around and look for the best angle. Clean up around the subject, as bits of paper, old cans, and dead leaves can be distracting.

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NATURE CONSERVANCY NOTES

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I of a heart ailment. She was a vital part of this organization and played a major role in many nature and conservation projects. She received a master's degree in botany from the University of Tulsa and taught there for several years. She was an authority on wildflowers of northeast Oklahoma. She was one of the original members of the Operation Wildflower Committee whose work is now carried on by the National Council of State Garden Clubs and highway departments across the U. S. She helped plan the first Wildflower Workshop in Oklahoma, held at the Tulsa Garden Center. Later, she served as conservation chairman for the Tulsa Garden Center and became its president, at which time she organized the Docent Program there. She also started the anti-litter campaign, "Operation Clean Sweep," which grew to be Pride-in-Tulsa, Inc. She served on committees for many other conservation organizations, was a photographer, speaker, advisor, and advocate. Her knowledge and support will be missed.

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