News about the American Fern Journal

Since the founding of the JOURNAL in 1911, there have been very few adjustments in its format. In the Golden Anniversary year of 1960, the width of the print on the page was increased somewhat.

Beginning with the first Issue of 1972, however, the JOURNAL will be printed in a distinctly larger size and in a more modern format, using the photo-offset process. The purpose of these changes is to make the JOURNAL more attractive and easier to read and to increase the quality of the illustration. Also, it is likely that the cost of reprints will be somewhat lower.

It is more than coincidental that in adopting a new size and format we have been able to avoid much of a 15-20% price increase that was proposed under the old format and method of production.

In order to keep future price increases to a minimum, it is likely that we will have to adopt additional changes in the years to come, as the fundamental methods of the printing industry continue to change.

D. B. Lellinger

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The Reports of the officers will be included in the April, 1972, Newsletter.

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Annual Meeting Notice

The annual meeting of the American Fern Society will be held this year with the AIBS at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, August 27 - September 1. There will be one or more sessions of contributed papers with the Pteridology Section of the Botanical Society of America. The Program Chairman is Rolla Tryon. A field trip is planned prior to the meetings. The foray will be organized by Herb Wagner and will be in the Wisconsin-Minnesota area. Details are not yet completed, but more information on the foray and on AIBS registration will be included in the next issue of News and Views.

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International Symposium in London

April 13 and 14 there will be held in London an international symposium on the classification and phylogeny of the Filicopsida. The meetings are sponsored jointly by the Linnaean Society of London and the British Pteridological Society. The symposium will include two series of papers. Those on the first day will be for disciplines that contribute to our understanding of fern relationships, such as morphology, palynology, paleobotany, cytology, biochemistry; those on the second day will cover relationships within particular groups of ferns. Further details of the symposium can be obtained by writing to Dr. Clive Jermy, Botany Department, British Museum (Natural History) Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7 5BD, England. J. Mickel

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Great Smoky Mountains Wildflower Pilgrimage

The 22nd Annual Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage will be held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee and surrounding territory May 4, 5, 6, 1972. It is sponsored by the Botany Department of The University of Tennessee, The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and the Gatlinburg Garden Club. Motorcades and trail hikes under expert leadership take you to areas where spring wildflowers grow in quantity and variety. A fern walk will be conducted by Prof. A. Murray Evans. Special programs are arranged for photographers, including a photography clinic, and there is an opportunity to show one’s own slides.

Each evening there are illustrated lectures on features of the natural history of the Appalachians and a plant identification clinic. Detailed descriptions of each Pilgrimage activity are furnished at the time of registration, and programs are available upon request.

For further information, write Dept. W.P., Gatlinburg Chamber of Commerce, Box 527, Gatlinburg, Tennessee 37738, or Dr. Edward E.C. Clebsch, Graduate Program in Ecology, 408 10th Street, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916

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Report of the Judge of Elections

The essential results of balloting for officers of the American Fern Society are as follows:

For President:
John Mickel 244

For Vice-President:
Rolla Tryon 262

For Treasurer:
Robert Stolze 249

I therefore declare the following candidates elected to office: John Mickel, President; Rolla Tryon, Vice-President; Robert Stolze, Treasurer.
The amendment to the Constitution under Article IV, section I was voted as follows: The officers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Their term of office shall begin January 1, 1972, and shall be for two years. Election of the secretary shall be in even numbered years, and the election of the other officers shall be in odd numbered years.

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I therefore declare the above amendment to the Constitution of the American Fern Society approved by the membership and now in force.

Respectfully submitted,

Lenette R. Atkinson, Judge of Elections

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"FERNS TO KNOW AND GROW" by F. Gordon Foster. Published by Hawthorn Books, Inc., 70 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10011. $7.95. This book is a revised edition of Mr. Foster's 1964 work "The Gardner's Fern Book"; the different publisher may account for the change of title, which is a little misleading in that most of the text and illustrations are unchanged from the earlier work. The new work differs in the addition of a chapter entitled "Twenty-six hardy ferns to know," in which some of the northeastern United States native ferns that are not commonly cultivated are described and illustrated. The illustrations of the hardy and tender cultivated ferns are very good, most of the ferns being readily recognized from the drawings. Those possessing the earlier book will not need this one, but others, especially amateur gardeners will find this a most useful work. Included are instructions for the cultivation and propagation of ferns both out-of-doors and in the house.

C. V. Morton

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"A FERN IS BORN" by J. M. Guilcher and R. H. Noailles, Published in the Sterling Nature Series by the Sterling Publishing Co., 419 Park Avenue So., New York, New York 10016 $3.50. This little book, of a slim 96 pages, is intended as an introduction for children to the study of ferns and as a guide to some of the common species. It is a translation and adaptation of the French book "Fougeres," by E. Flammariol, first published in 1957. Since it is of European origin, the ferns treated are mostly those that are common in western Europe, many of which occur also in the eastern United States in the same or closely allied forms. Some striking differences in usage noted are the common names "Eagle Fern" applied to _Pteridium_ rather than "Bracken," and "Maidenhair" applied to _Asplenium_ rather than _Adiantum_ as it is in the United States. The book is profusely illustrated with fine photographs of both the habitat of the species and the details. It would be a suitable gift for a young person.

C. V. Morton

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Spores and voucher specimens are wanted of all species of _Ceratopteris_ (Parkeriaceae) from all parts of the world for continuing bio-systematic studies. Postage will be reimbursed. Contact: Dr. Robert M. Lloyd, Department of Botany, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio 45701, U.S.A.

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Mr. Edward Culick has suggested that "News and Views" include suggestions for photography of ferns especially from those who have achieved balanced exposure and color.

Mr. Robert Divoky (1168 East 78th Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64131) has written to ask if anyone knows of employment available as a gardener either in a warm climate area of the U.S., or in a Botanical Garden. He could also do work such as seed or bulb exchange, or on collecting trips. He has been doing gardening and lawn care on a self-employed basis. If any member knows of anything available please write to Mr. Divoky at the above address.

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