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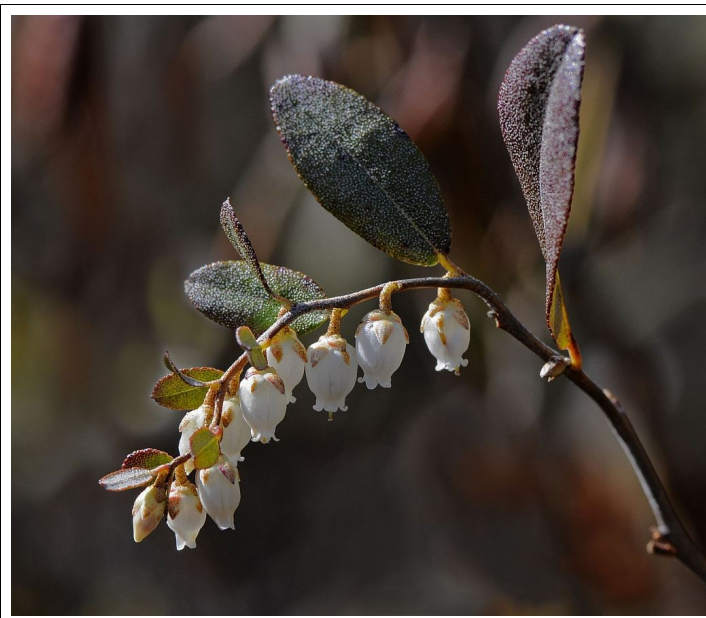
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Photo Competition: First Place Winners



Flowers : **Judith Blakeley**
Leatherleaf,
Chamaedaphne calyculata

Other aspects: **John Molgaard**
Arctic Bearberry, *Arctous alpina*
&
Black Crowberry, *Empetrum nigrum*





Close-up: **Henry Mann**

Common Bladderwort,
Utricularia macrorhiza.

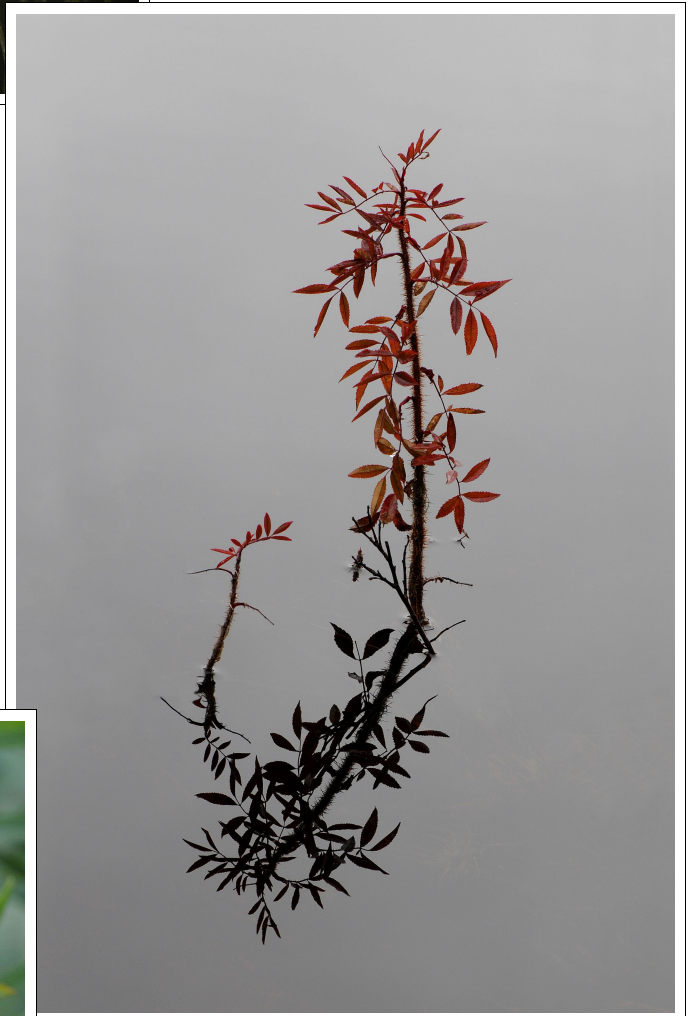
Underwater photo.

Artistic Abstract: **Judith Blakeley**

Northeastern Rose, *Rosa nitida*

Plant-Animal Interactions: **Judith Blakeley**

Bumblebees on Lance-leaved Goldenrod,
Euthamia graminifolia



February Meeting etc.

Wednesday February 3rd 2010 ,at 7.30 p.m.

At the Botanical Garden Lecture Room.

“Identifying plants in winter, and the animals that feed on them”.

A talk/workshop by **Mike Collins**. You are positively encouraged to bring specimens, especially from the wild.

Suggestions and offers for other talks (March – May) would be appreciated by the President.

Summer Field Trip 2010 to the Burin Peninsula in mid July is in the early planning stages – more details in our next regular issue.

Christmas Competition.

Many magazines have a lighter side during the holiday season, and since there's not likely to be a full issue until the New Year here's a special with something to help you while away those boring days between December 24th and January 3rd when there's nothing else to do.

When editing Sarracenia articles I've noticed that the collectors of word lists for spell-checkers rarely have much knowledge of botanical Latin and often come up with some intriguing suggestions for the correct taxonomy of plants. So I decided I'd let them have their head for once.

Here's a passage from an early article published in Sarracenia – so early in fact that it wasn't yet called Sarracenia! I've updated the Latin names to those in Sue's list and then let the spell-checkers have their way – the results appear in bold italics. As I don't want to embarrass my wife I'm not naming the author of the article. The prize will be awarded to the entry received by January 5th which identifies the most* correct Latin names as in Sue's list. So as not to make it too easy I've removed the English names and when a name came up for the second time I've selected the next offering on the list. Some are still pretty obvious, but remember the algorithm is looking for a word with as many as possible of the letters in the right order and may change the initial letter and the length of the word. The prize is a copy of “Discovering the Limestone barrens of Western Newfoundland” by Michael Burzynski and Anne Marceau, (Wilf Nicholls and Luise Hermanutz Eds.)

*Entrants with biology degrees or equivalent will receive a 5 point handicap, PhD's 10.

The full article, with the correct names, will be reprinted in the next regular issue of Sarracenia.

A selection from “The Northern Peninsula in Spring”

The same day, still on the bus journey, we got a glimpse of a big patch of ***Callahan Palestrina*** in boggy ground along the Trans Canada Highway after the Springdale turn-off. Later we were to see them again and again in great profusion in the Gros Morne area in roadside ditches, where willow bushes grow, and other wet places.

The first of the two whole days at Gros Morne was devoted to the western Brook Pond boat trip, which also meant pleasant 3 km hiking and botanizing each way . The plants that stand out from this trip in my memory include ***Chrysanthemum trifocals***, ***Streptococcus amplifications***, ***Rhombus manifold***, and ***Amalia syndicalism***. The last one of these particularly made an impression in the way its newly emerged, still purple

leaves glistened in the afternoon sun. There were also three different kinds of violets and three or four different kinds of currants/gooseberries to be seen. I remember them if only as an opportunity lost to sort out what they were, because of shortage of time, knowledge and technical aids.

The second day in Gros Morne was largely devoted to climbing the mountain. Only about half of our party went right to the top and were justly rewarded with sights of rare alpine plants. I particularly coveted them the sight of ***Phylogenetic cerulean***, because the chances of seeing it elsewhere are slim. However even those of us who went only to the upper plateau enjoyed our climb tremendously and the sights it afforded us, both plants and scenery. The blueberry flowers in their multiplicity

were at their prettiest. Many of the small plants of the boreal forest floor such as **Orientalist Boreas**, **Mathematician Canadianism**, **Clinton arboreal**, and **Coptic trifling** were just emerging but recognizable in mid-June. Here, too, the spring had been very late. Undoubtedly the star attraction was the **Epigram repents**. I remember in the past crawling on all fours trying to catch glimpse of it at the Oxen Pond peat beds and even then usually missing the best bloom. No such need here. It spread everywhere its fragrant luminous, sometimes pink-tinged flowers and ever-green leaves along the steeply rising slopes.

The next day we travelled further north along the coast stopping in selected places to look at the flora. The species that augmented my list on that day were

Maidservant stellated by a picnic site at the entrance to the Western Brook Pond trail and such calcium loving plants as **Suffragan Azores**, **Suffragist oppositional** and **Drays integrability**. As we travelled further north to Hare Bay and to Boat Harbour, both recognized sites for arctic plant communities, we had many more exciting sightings of rare plant species, above all **Rhododendron Napoleonic** and **Noiseless procurements**. We also saw, **Anemone parlormaid**, and two native primulas **Primula Laurent** and **Primula mistakable**, both very delicate and tiny. At Boat Harbour we had the good fortune of spotting all three XXXX close together. There was the evergreen **Staphylococcus Suva-ursi**, the alpine, **Arcturus alpine** and the red-berried **Arctics rubric**, the latter still complete with last year's berries.

“Sue's list” can be found at:- <http://www.digitalnaturalhistory.com/meades.htm>

There will be no index of scientific names for this issue!

Answer Sheet

Callahan Palestrina		Chrysanthemum trifocals	
Streptococcus amplifications		Rhombus manifold	
		Amalia syndicalism	
Phylogenetic cerulean		Orientalist Boreas	
Mathematician Canadianism		Clinton arboreal	
		Coptic trifling	
Epigram repents		Maidservant stellated	
Suffragan Azores		Suffragist oppositional	
Drays integrability		Rhododendron Napoleonic	
Noiseless procurements		Anemone parlormaid	
Primula Laurent		Primula mistakable	
Staphylococcus Suva-ursi		Arcturus alpine	
		Arctics rubric	

The above is for your convenience, but not required: other formats are acceptable. Solutions by mid-night on January 5th 2010 may be submitted by e-mail or regular mail to the addresses in the heading. Entries should be marked “**Christmas Competition**” and include your name.

**Merry Christmas and a Botanical New Year
to all our readers.**