Due to the switch of newsletter editors, the Petal Pusher will be necessarily shortened for this issue. Regular newsletters will resume with the next issue. Anyone wishing to work on the newsletter in any capacity, including article contribution, book reviews, labeling for mailing, etc. should contact Bill Summers, P.O. Box 6975, St. Louis, Missouri 63123.

MARCH 15-17 BOARD MEETING AND FIELD TRIPS

This year our first board meeting/field trips will be a joint session with the Grand Gulf Audubon Chapter of West Plains and The Ozark Rivers Audubon Chapter of Rolla. Friday, March 15 at 7:00 P.M., lectures will begin on "Missouri's Biodiversity and Its Protection." Featured speakers will be Doug Ladd of The Nature Conservancy and Tim Nigh and Dave Hamilton, both from the Missouri Department of Conservation. The lectures will be held at 204 McNutt Hall, University of Missouri campus, Rolla. Saturday will feature an all-day field trip to Paddy Creek Wilderness in Texas County or alternatively to the Eck Tract. Paddy Creek Wilderness is an area rich in the biodiversity of Missouri. Habitats that we will explore include sandstone glade, dolomite glade, riparian communities, and dry mesic forest. Be prepared for diverse terrain and inclement weather. We will have lunch on the trail, so bring a sack lunch and beverage.

Specific motel information will not be provided, but there are St. Patrick's day events in Rolla so make reservations as soon as possible. Other nearby towns are St. James, Salem, Licking, and Houston. Rendezvous points for Saturday morning will be either in Rolla at the U.S. Forest Service Supervisor's Office at 401 Fairgrounds Rd. at 9:00 A.M. or if you are coming from the south meet the Rolla group at 10:00 A.M. at the Tarry Inn parking lot, Licking, Missouri at the junction of highways 63 and 32.

The board meeting will be Saturday night at 7:30 P.M. at the USFS office. Arrangements are being made for local field trips for Sunday morning. Maps and other information and will be available on Saturday.

OFFICERS AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 1991-1993

Since no additional nominees were received, the slate of officers selected by the nominating committee and published in the December newsletter will stand for 1991-1993. Officers will be: President, Karen Haller; Vice-President, Louise Wienckowski; Secretary, Sylvia Forbes; and Treasurer, Rad Widmer. Two new board members are Mark Pelton and Dr. Steve Timme.

DUES FOR 1991 ARE NOW DUE

If you belong to a chapter, pay your dues directly to your chapter treasurer. If not, mail your dues to Rad Widmer, 1172-B Schulte Hill Dr., Maryland Heights, Missouri 63043.
BOARD MEETING AND SATURDAY FIELD TRIP RENDEZVOUS AT U.S. FOREST SERVICE BUILDING.