

Minutes of a meeting to discuss the advisability of a
Union Checklist of Horticultural Catalogs

On Friday, Aug. 2, 1974, a group met at Winterthur, at the invitation of Charles van Ravenswaay to discuss the advisability (and feasibility) of a union checklist of horticultural catalogs, seed lists, nursery catalogs, etc.

The participants in the meeting included Mr. van Ravenswaay, Director of Winterthur Museum, Cornelia Tyler and Betty Woodburn of the CBHL committee set up to consider such a union list, Ruth Schallert of the Smithsonian Botany Branch Library, Russell Seibert, Director of Longwood Gardens, Nathaniel Puffer, Assistant Director of Libraries, University of Delaware, Eugene Eisenbeiss of the U.S. National Arboretum, and four representatives from the National Agricultural Library; Richard Farley, Director, Allen Fusonie, Rare Book Librarian, Henry Gilbert, Reference Librarian and Leila Moran, Executive Secretary, Library Associates, NAL.

After a period of discussion concerning the value of such a listing, the various uses to which such a list might be put (historical and social, as well as horticultural and botanical), the period to be covered (tentative dates: earliest to 1910 or 1920), the possibility of obtaining special funding and grants for such a project, etc., Dr. Farley stated that he felt the National Agricultural Library should take the leadership in such a project since their collection is probably the best in the country. Also, their library does have facilities for computerization and the techniques and contacts for locating and listing materials, other catalog collections, etc. He also feels that they will be able to develop advisory groups and locate sources for funds. He stated that the NAL will make inquiries and develop a questionnaire to be sent to various libraries, botanical gardens, societies and any other organizations which might have collections.

The consensus of the group seemed to be that it would be wise to restrict the checklist of American (U.S. and Canadian) publications because of the sheer volume of material covered. However, some participants felt that it is equally important to have the same type of information concerning the availability of foreign materials, if at all possible.

Mrs. Woodburn suggested that it would be valuable to have information concerning locations for American publications in European libraries and botanical gardens, and stated that some European and British organizations have expressed an interest in such a project and willingness to cooperate.

Miss Moran has said that she will keep CBHL posted on any progress in the work as they go along, and will presumably let us know when there is something we can do to help the project, once it gets going.

Cornelia Tyler, CBHL committee on a union list of seed catalogs.

MORE RECIPES FROM CLEVELAND

Herb Dressing with Horseradish

1/4 cup herb or wine vinegar	1/2 tsp. finely ground thyme
1/4 cup olive oil	1/2 tsp. finely ground dill weed
1/2 cup salad oil	1 Tbsp. prepared horseradish
Salt, fresh ground pepper	1 tsp. minced onion

Shake well before tossing into salad.

Spiced Orange Slices

8 medium navel oranges	1 cup vinegar
4 cups sugar	10 cloves
1/2 cup water	2 sticks cinnamon

Wash oranges, do not peel. Cut crosswise into 1/4" slides. Cover with water and bring to a boil, then simmer one hour. Drain. In a large deep skillet, bring sugar, water, vinegar and spices to a boil. Add orange slices carefully. Cook about one hour very slowly, so that the orange slices do not break. Pack into bowl and cover. They will keep several weeks.

BOOKBINDER RECOMMENDED

June Rogier, of the Andersen Horticultural Library at the University of Minnesota, recommends the following hand bookbinder: Scott Husby, The Gilt Edge, Route 1, Greene, Iowa 50636; phone: (515) 823-4735. She writes that he has done work for both her library and the University of Minnesota Library and feels that the work is very good.

Travelling Exhibit Available

Any CBHL member wishing to borrow for display an exhibit of some forty watercolors of Ecuadorian wildflowers by Mary Barnas Pomeroy should contact James R. Reed, Head Librarian, Missouri Botanical Garden, for further information.

PHS - ARGS. SECOND SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library reports on a second highly successful year of working with the American Rock Garden Society. In return for a specified amount of financial support the PHS lends books on rock gardening to members of ARGS all over the world. Five hundred books were sent out this past year to over two hundred ARGS members. All books and the cost of their postage were returned to PHS on time. ARGS and PHS have agreed to split the cost of staff time and mailing bags. The book lending agreement has brought lots of fan mail from happy rock gardeners throughout the country.

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N.B. next deadline for material is December 30. Send all information to Julie Morris.

Phyllis Edwards, London, and CBHL

We have recently received a letter from Phyllis Edwards, the Botany Librarian at the British Museum (Natural History) concerning possible plans for the 1975 CBHL annual conference in London. She suggests the following:

"...As regards the programme, I thought the opening session would be at the British Museum (Natural History) - a joint meeting with members of the ASLIB biological group. If this was on the 8th of May, the 9th could be spent at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, visiting the gardens and the Herbarium as that day is one of their open days. I assume that they would wish their weekends to be free and would suggest that the 12th could be a visit to Oxford, the Botanic Garden and the Institute of Botany and Forestry. The next day, a joint meeting with the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History to be held at the Linnean Society. Perhaps one day that week, some members might like to go to the well-known nurseries of either Hilliers or Rochford. The Chelsea Flower Show is open to the public from the 21st to the 23rd of May..."

Hotel accommodations are being considered in the South Kensington area and will probably run about £10 a night for a double room with bath, plus breakfast. Definite air fares will be announced in the next Newsletter, as a revision of prices is scheduled at the beginning of the year. Deposits will be required in February.

Save your pennies and break in your walking shoes.

Hunt Institute Fall Show - Local Artists

Local artists take to the wall for Homegrown II, the Hunt Institute's fall show. Running from October 14 to mid-February, the show will present the work of 45 western Pennsylvania artists. Along with the usual paintings and drawings, the exhibit will include sculpture, weaving and ceramics.

Meanwhile, the show assembled at the Hunt Institute earlier this year, "Artists from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew" will be traveling to St. Louis, the New York Botanical Garden, Callaway Gardens, Georgia, Tennessee Botanical Gardens, the Andersen Horticultural Library, Minnesota and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

A note on the lateness of this Newsletter

Many of you may have noticed that this issue of the Newsletter is coming to you some two months behind schedule, a delay that occurred primarily because so few members have provided any copy for us to include. Please remember your editors when any newsworthy event occurs within your library - staff additions or changes, special events, building additions or modifications, meetings of interest to your fellow CBHL members, notable acquisitions - all of these are important items that deserve mention in the Newsletter. We want to reflect the interests and activities of our members. CBHL's Newsletter is your newsletter.

- Jim Reed
Missouri Botanical Garden

AABGA Symposium on Libraries

On Saturday, October 5, 1974, a discussion concerning the libraries of member institutions of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta was held at the Arnold Arboretum as part of the AABGA's annual meeting. Chaired by Dr. Gilbert S. Daniels of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, the program was devoted to the role and image of botanical and horticultural libraries, presented by Meryll Miasek of the New York Botanical Garden; the conservation of library and archival materials, discussed by George Cunha of the New England Document Conservation Center; and the problems of budgeting and fund-raising for libraries, presented by James Reed of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

In case you were wondering, the CBHL Logo will appear on all future Newsletters. We will start out in 1975 with our new look!

SOME HORTICULTURAL PENWOMEN

For its November exhibit the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society staged a show featuring the work of women writers. Books, plants, manuscripts and other appropriate items were exhibited. In recognition of the exhibit Elizabeth Woodburn published a catalogue of U. S. Women in Horticulture. Copies of the catalogue are available from Julie Morris c/o PHS.

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