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CBHL PRE-CONFERENCE IN LONDON

Kathryn Daniels has this progress report on the CBHL pre-conference:

At the Board Meeting on 16 September 1975, it was decided that there was enough interest among members to warrant planning a pre-1976 conference trip to Great Britain. Activities in Britain will be planned from 26 April through 4 May, with the weekend free. There is a direct flight between London and Philadelphia which would put pre-conference tour participants in Philadelphia on Wednesday, 5 May in plenty of time to register for the annual meeting and get a good night's sleep. The annual CBHL meeting in Philadelphia is scheduled from 6 May through 8 May. Since the group travelling to London and taking part in the pre-conference activities will probably not exceed 20 people, the Board felt it would be most efficient if participants would make their own travel and hotel arrangements. I have some information about the less expensive hotels in the Kensington area near the British Museum (Natural History) which I will be glad to give anyone interested. A list of people planning to go will be published in the Newsletter to facilitate small group arrangements. I am writing to Miss Edwards at the British Museum to see whether we can arrange a visit to the Chelsea Physic Garden for the group, and as she suggested when I saw her in May, arrangements will be made to visit private gardens. I am also writing to the Meetings Secretary of the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History about scheduling a joint meeting. The Society has previously contacted me with this in mind. As a number of the antiquarian book dealers are members, it is hoped that we could schedule talks from the book sellers on the botanical antiquarian book market. Any contributions from CBHL members on any facet of our activities could be scheduled for meetings with appropriate groups. Any suggestions of possible people and places to visit will be enthusiastically received. I would hope to have a definite schedule of activities and meetings to circulate before the beginning of next year.

No formal transportation arrangements will be made due to the pleasant and easy-to-use public transportation system in England and especially London. This way people will have more freedom in choosing how much time they would like to spend at any particular place. Information on routes and schedules of the underground, buses, and trains along with excellent maps, is readily available at all stations.

This pre-conference tour will not have a rigid program of meetings but scheduled sessions scattered through the week to enable CBHL members to talk with fellow librarians and others with whom they might not otherwise meet.

NEWS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER OF GREATER CLEVELAND

Do you need a sailboat, a small greenhouse, furs, silver - in fact almost anything you could want? One answer to your search would be to go to Cleveland on November 19th or 20th for their biennial extravaganza, The White Elephant Sale. Billed as the world's largest White Elephant Sale, this event contributes to the support of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. The 1973 sale contributed \$120,000 to the Garden Center's budget. For those looking for bargains or the unusual, a trip to Cleveland might be worthwhile.

Minutes of the CBHL Board Meeting  
Mansfield, Ohio  
September 16, 1975

The board of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries met at Kingwood Center on September 16, 1975. Attending the meeting were Kathryn Daniels of the Hunt Botanical Library, president; Ian MacPhail, (Morton Arboretum); Richard Isaacson (Garden Center of Greater Cleveland); and Marjorie Dickinson (Kingwood Center). John Reed of the New York Botanical Garden was unable to attend.

Mrs. Daniels stated that John Reed, treasurer, reports a balance of approximately \$3,450. He is working on a new membership list.

Richard Isaacson, membership chairman, said that he has received a number of names of potential members from CBHL members. He has sent membership information to these persons and welcomes additional names from the membership. He requested board approval to send CBHL brochures with an accompanying letter to selected institutions on the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta membership list. This was approved with the suggestion that perhaps some libraries listed in the Directory of American Horticulture should also be contacted. Mr. Isaacson, as time permits, also plans to do a short article on the organization for HortScience. It was suggested that as new members join the organization their names and addresses could be listed in the CBHL Newsletter.

Mr. Isaacson also reported a very good response to the last duplicate exchange list issued by the Cleveland Garden Center.

The board then turned to a brief discussion of the 1976 annual meeting. Dates are May 6 - 8, with registration and a reception set for Wednesday night, May 5. The Hotel duPont in Wilmington, Delaware, will be conference headquarters with meetings and tours at the hotel, Longwood, Winterthur, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Enola Teeter of Longwood is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Daniels read a letter from Ernesta Drinker Ballard inviting CBHL members to a reception to be held by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society during the annual meeting.

Mrs. Daniels then initiated a discussion of the long-projected London tour. Response to her June letter to the membership was possible enough to enable the board to schedule such an expedition for the week preceeding the annual meeting in Philadelphia. It was felt that at least 10 members and hopefully many more would take part in the trip. There will be information on the tour in the CBHL Newsletter.

Ian MacPhail announced that the Morton Arboretum's tentative invitation to CBHL for the 1977 meeting is now definite.

With a general sense of relief that something definite had been set up regarding the long delayed English trip the meeting adjourned. The next board meeting will be held in February, probably in Pittsburgh.

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson  
Secretary, CBHL

#### FROM THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Two new bibliographies are available from the Library of the New York Botanical Garden: Plant Pathology by Frank Polach, Assistant Plant Information Officer, and Growing Vegetables by Fred Strum, Cary Arboretum Reference Librarian. Copies of each are available for 25¢ postpaid from Elaine DiLorenzo, Administrative Secretary, Library, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, 10458.

Helen Schlanger, a 1975 graduate of the Columbia University School of Library Studies, has accepted the position of Special Collections Librarian. Mrs. Schlanger will be in charge of the photo library, assist in reference and serials, and assume responsibility for Saturday reference services.

The NYBG Library received a grant of \$100,000 from the Commonwealth Fund. This grant will be used for the unrestricted endowment of library activities.

Marianne Block has joined the serials department as library assistant. Lucy Kluska formerly library associate for serials is now in charge of interlibrary loans. Meryl Miasek has rejoined the reference department as plant information librarian.

In collaboration with the Guild of Book Workers, the New York Botanical Garden will host an exhibition of Guild members works and a library open house on Thursday, October 16, 1975 from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. All CBHL members are cordially invited. Judy Reed and Sylvia Anderle of the library staff are coordinating the arrangements.

In June 1975 the library acquired two rare manuscripts of the Circa Instans which were formerly part of the well-known collection of Emil Starkenstein.

A bronze sculpture by Elfriede Abbe "Beansprout" was added to the library's botanical are collection in July 1975.

#### NEWS FROM MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Margaret Yam, formerly associate librarian for serials cataloging at the MBG Library, has been appointed Head Cataloger.

Kendra Lovette, Hand Binder/Conservator at the MBG Library, has received an individual fellowship from the Museum Program of National Endowment for the Arts to enable her to spend three months studying in binderies and paper conservation laboratories in England.

An exhibit-sale of photograms by Thelma Blumberg, a St. Louis artist, will be on display in the John S. Lehmann Building from November 15 through December 20, 1975. The photogram technique, involving placement of opaque objects on light-sensitive paper and then exposing them to a light source, has been utilized by Ms. Blumberg to achieve some excellent effects with flowers, leaves, and other plant material.

#### ABS JOINS PHS IN NEW VENTURE

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society encouraged by its successful library agreement with the American Rock Garden Society is taking on another plant society. By early 1976 PHS will serve as the library for the American Bonsai Society. Any ABS member may borrow books on bonsai and related subjects from PHS. A list of books that will be available to ABS members is being compiled. PHS, the library for ARGS members for the past four years, looks forward to its association with ABS.

#### "CHAPTER FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE - SAH MEETS"

The second meeting of the Chapter for Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts of the Society of Architectural Historians was held during the Annual Meeting of the Association for Preservation Technology at Williamsburg, Virginia, in late September.

The meeting led by Julia Davis brought members up to date on recent developments in the Chapter. Membership inquiries should be addressed to Laurie Mammel, Apt. 103, 1862 Mintwood Pl., NW, Washington, DC 20009. The Chapter will meet next spring in Philadelphia when SAH meets.

The Chapter's meeting followed the APT session on Historic Landscape Research and Restoration. CBHL was represented by two members: Julia Davis, Assistant to the Director of Preservation Research at Williamsburg, who chaired the session, and Julie Morris, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Librarian, who delivered a paper on Research Approaches to a Bicentennial Survey of Historical Horticulture in Philadelphia.

#### 1975-1976 NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

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#### FROM AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES INFORMATION NOTES

Nursery and Seed Trade Catalogs - checklist: a progress report. NAL records for domestic seed trade catalogs are currently being reproduced in sheet form for NAL by the Library of Congress Photoduplication Service. The records, approximately 9,200 cards, are arranged alphabetically by state. The sheet copies will constitute a preliminary checklist, which will be circulated, hopefully by mid-summer, to botanical and horticultural libraries for review, additions, modifications, and other pertinent input.

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H.B. Next deadline for material:  
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Send all information to Julie Morris.

Membership

Membership in the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries is open to botanical and horticultural libraries of both public and private institutions. Individual memberships are available to anyone interested, particularly librarians and persons from the horticultural and botanical professions. Institutional membership is encouraged and is open on a world-wide basis to botanical and horticultural libraries of any size.

Annual dues are \$25.00 for institutional members and \$10.00 for individual members.

Applications for membership should be directed to John F. Reed, Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to: The Council on Botanical Libraries, Inc.

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, has recently effected a reorganization and reorientation of its Bibliographia Huntiana (BH) project, a long-term effort to compile a bibliography of all botanical literature published between 1730 and 1840. After 15 years of research and information processing, the BH master file is now substantially complete for both books and periodical literature. As originally planned, the BH file was to have been published in its entirety, with entries arranged alphabetically by author. Now, in order to maximize utility and minimize production time, the idea of publishing the entire content of the file in conventional bibliographic format has been abandoned. Instead, a series of "BH Monographs" will be produced, each based on a topical subset of the master file. The first such Monograph will treat the floristic literature published in book form during the BH period. Entries will be arranged geographically and full indices will be provided for access by author name, title, and chronology. Subsequent monographs may deal with floristic articles in the periodical literature, taxonomic treatments (organized by taxon), historical and biographical literature, medical botany, and botanical theory and philosophy, among other topics. Publication of the first Monograph is planned for early 1977, with subsequent volumes following at yearly to biennial intervals.

The BH master file, maintained in Pittsburgh in both conventional and computerized states, will be augmented and updated on a continuing basis. This unique resource constitutes one of the most important permanent collections of the Hunt Institute. As such, it is available to the scientific and scholarly community at large for research and reference. Botanists, historians, and others interested in consulting Bibliographia Huntiana are encouraged to contact the Institute regarding their needs. Specific queries will be handled by mail or phone, and consultation in person will be welcomed.

#### THE WEST COAST COMES TO PITTSBURGH

Five West Coast Printmakers, the Hunt Institute's fall art show, will open on 3 November 1975 and run to 27 February 1976. The artists represented are Henry Evans, Henry Mockel, Marvin Spohn, Walter Cleveland, and Kenjilo Nanao. About 95 prints will be shown, including linoleum block prints, silkscreens, lithographs, and etchings.

#### NOTICE OF WEINMANN HOLDINGS SOUGHT

Will anyone possessing copies of works by Johann Wilhelm Weinmann (1683-1741) please send full citations to Bernadette Callery, Hunt Botanical Library, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213. I am collecting information on copies of Weinmann's works held in U.S. libraries. I am particularly interested in his Taalryke Register der plaat-ofte figuurbeschryvingen der bloemdragende gewassen, Amsterdam, Z. Romberg, 1736-1748 and Weinmannus Redivivus, Augsburg, J. E. Haid, 1787.

If it is convenient, I would appreciate copies of catalog cards, excerpts from published catalogs, and any additional notes you may have on your copies. All help will be gratefully acknowledged.

#### HARVARD IS PREPARED - ARE YOU?

Leonore Dickinson of the Gray Herbarium and Arnold Arboretum Libraries sends us notice of the recent publication of the Harvard University Library Subcommittee on Emergency Procedures. The handbook is entitled Emergency Guidelines for Harvard Libraries, including Procedures for Salvage of Water-Damaged Library Materials, by Peter Waters, Restoration Officer, Library of Congress. Printed on Permalife paper, the work includes four pages of specific instructions for the Harvard libraries, which could be easily adapted for any library situation.