



## NEWSLETTER OF

# The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

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### 1979 Annual Meeting

At the invitation of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, the 11th annual meeting of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries will be held May 16-19 near Minneapolis. A strong group-participation program has been planned around the theme of continuing education -- from the standpoint of the library's contributions and that of the librarian's own professional growth. Sessions will be led by authorities from the Minnesota library world, including Eldred Smith, Director of the University of Minnesota Libraries, and Phyllis Reich, who selects botanical and horticultural books for the libraries. Some unexpected library materials and also plants characteristic of Minnesota will be displayed. For a change of pace, there will be a tour of the arboretum (lilacs and crabapples should be in full bloom), dinner theater with a fun bluegrass musical Thursday evening, and a buffet supper the next night as guests of Arboretum Director and Mrs. Francis de Vos. An April mailing to members gives details of two proposed half-day pre-conference tours, the conference meetings, and hotel arrangements.

NOTE: As time permits at the Saturday morning business meeting, there can be discussion of pre-White House Conferences that have been held. CBHL members involved in such a state conference are invited to contribute a short (5 or 10 minute) summary of its accomplishments or status. If you want to participate, please check the space provided on the meeting registration form. Input from CBHL for the White House Conference itself can also be discussed.

### Major Award to Botanical Libraries

The Missouri Botanical Garden and The New York Botanical Garden have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2000.000 by the U.S. Office of Education (Title II-C Strengthening Research Library Resources). The award will be used to complete recataloging projects at both institutions.

The three-year project will enable these two large special libraries to complete conversion to the Library of Congress classification by sharing data. Each will enter shelflist holdings into the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC) data base shared by over 2,000 libraries in North America.

The New York Botanical Garden's project began in 1966. Its collections, like those of the Missouri Botanical Garden, include titles published in the last half of the 15th century to the present. The Missouri Botanical Garden will use the descriptive data from OCLC data bank to complete a recataloging program undertaken in 1970.

The libraries at the Missouri Botanical Garden and The New York Botanical Garden are two of the largest botanical garden libraries. Taken together, their collections include more than 800,000 items relating to botany, horticulture, and allied subjects. The complete descriptive records of these two libraries will be an invaluable tool for the nation's research community. James Reed at Missouri and Charles Long in New York are co-directors of the project.

A Northeast Folio - Hunt Institute Spring Show

The Hunt Institute's Spring show, entitled "A Northeast Folio," will feature the works of 17 printmakers from the northeastern part of the United States and Canada, including Gabor F. Peterdi, Richard Claude Ziemann, Alex Katz, Lowell Nesbitt, and Jacques Hnizdovsky. A number of the artists are new to the Institute's collections. Media used include wood engraving, etching, silkscreen, monotype and lithograph.

"A Northeast Folio" will be on display from May 7 through September 14, 1979. The exhibition is open to the public free of charge, and a portfolio catalogue featuring the works will be on sale throughout the exhibition. Gallery hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, please write the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, or call (412) 578-2434.

California Academy of Sciences' Library Receives Grant

The James W. Mailliard Jr. Library at the California Academy of Sciences has recently been awarded a grant of \$5,000 from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. This grant will enable the Academy to appreciably increase the accessibility and usefulness of the library through a special binding of reference materials project. The James W. Mailliard Jr. Library is an advanced research collection of 82,000 volumes focused on systematic biology and geology. The California Academy of Sciences is located on the Music Concourse in Golden Gate Park.

Flowering Plant Index

The enclosed flyer on the Flowering Plant Index is a reminder of this officially endorsed CBHL publication. Richard Isaacson writes that "To illustrate the scope of the index, random samplings would give the following material: approximately 600 entries on *Rhododendron*, 200 on *Lilium* (with another 200 cross-referenced entries on the common name Lily), 160 entries on *Magnolia*, and 125 *Penstemon* entries."

Among the 400 volumes and over 200 titles indexed are the complete runs of the following periodicals (or in the case of long running periodicals, they are indexed when Index Londinensis stops its coverage): Addisonia, Alpine Garden Soc. Quarterly Bulletin, Flowering Plants of Africa, Curtis Botanical Magazine, Horticulture, Pacific Horticulture, Green Scene, Royal Hort. Soc. Journal (The Garden), American Rhododendron Soc. Quarterly Bulletin, American Horticulturist (National Hort. Magazine), Cactus & Succulent Soc. of America Journal, Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden Bulletin, Bromeliad Soc. Journal, The Gloxinian. Note that the prepublication price savings ends on July 31.

"Art-out-of-doors" Bibliography Available

"Art-out-of-doors": American Gardens 1890 to 1930, A Selected Bibliography, was compiled by Julia Davis to complement the seminar of the same name given 10 March 1979 at the Winterthur Museum and Gardens. The 16 page booklet includes 114 annotated entries, and provides a survey of the works most commonly encountered in the collections of significant garden-makers of that period. Introductory material includes notices by Charles van Ravenswaay and Julia herself. The work is of value to both garden historians and those involved in garden restoration.

Copies of the bibliography are available from the Hunt Institute for \$3.00 prepaid. Institutions will be invoiced on request with an additional \$1.50 postage and handling.

### Museum Supplies Handbook

CBHL members may be interested in Museum and archival supplies handbook prepared by the Ontario Museum Association and the Toronto Area Archivists Group. According to the table of contents, the work includes sections on the care of collections, including metal and textiles, storage materials, environment and security considerations, exhibit and display and historic site supplies. Judging from the preliminary materials sent for this notice from Ina Vrugtman, the handbook is a bargain at \$2.50 for over 120 pages. Copies may be ordered from Ontario Museum Association, 38 Charles St. East, Toronto, Ontario M4Y 1T1.

### CBHL Brochures Available

Treasurer, John Reed, announces that he has a number of the CBHL brochures and would be happy to send them to anyone who could use them. Institutional members are especially urged to have a number on hand to give out to interested visitors. For copies, please write John Reed, Director of Educational Services, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458, or call (212) 220-8728.

### Union List of Nursery and Seed Trade Catalogs

Following a recommendation of the CBHL Catalogs Committee, CBHL and National Agricultural Library representatives met in June. NAL's present card file of catalog holdings is adequate for its own purposes, but the desirability of computerizing and adding to the list retrospectively is being considered seriously. NAL's resources could make this project possible if it is determined that it is large enough to justify the cost of computerization, and potentially useful enough to the country to justify its undertaking by the Federal government rather than a private organization.

The extensive NAL collection would be the core of the proposed union list. NAL would include all of its holdings through 1977, after which NAL is now automating current catalog receipts as a sub-file of AGRICOLA. The present NAL compilation includes only U.S. catalogs, but NAL has Canadian and European catalogs, too. After computerization, other regions and refinements could be added. NAL welcomes CBHL contributions, and can easily accommodate entries CBHL provides. If there is government agreement that the project should be undertaken by NAL and based there, NAL would prepare a proposal to CBHL for cooperation and a standard format would be mutually agreed upon.

Concerned CBHL members can support the proposed project in two ways. First, citizens as individuals and as heads of organizations who would find such a project valuable and who think the government should provide for its accomplishment should write their views to: Dr. Anson R. Bertrand, Director, Science and Education, U.S. Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250.

The other CBHL action that would be supportive, as well as useful in itself, is completing a general regional survey of catalog holdings and locations. Based on pre-

liminary local surveys, the committee agreed upon the deliberately simple questionnaire reproduced in this newsletter. It is ready for photocopying as needed.

When the project was discussed at the 1978 annual meeting in Denver, several members volunteered to survey catalog resources in states as listed below. More volunteers are needed to reduce the burden of the work, and increase the scope and value of each state's survey. Members who are interested and willing to cooperate should write to the appropriate person on the list. (Please note that the address for each volunteer is given only for the first state in alphabetical order.) After this first conservative approach, we may decide to go back for more details about collections or even suggest consolidations.

A compilation that will be useful is Chapter 49, pages 317-336, Seedsmen & Nurserymen's Products in Lawrence B. Romaine's A Guide to American Trade Catalogs 1744-1900. (R. R. Bowker Co., NY, 1960). Romaine further recommends The Directory of Florists, Nurserymen and Seedsmen of the United States and Canada and Reference Book (first issue published by American Florist Co., Chicago, 1887). CBHL members who did preliminary surveys suggest writing to individual seed companies, landscape architects, historical societies and museums, experiment stations, botanic gardens, park systems, horticultural societies, garden centers, and libraries to locate catalogs.

ALABAMA -- Albert C. Strickland, Univ. Florida, Hume Library, Gainesville, FL 12524  
 ALASKA -- ?  
 ARIZONA -- Joan De Fato, Los Angeles State & County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA 91006  
 ARKANSAS -- James Reed, Missouri Botanical Garden Library, 2315 Tower Grove Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110  
 CALIFORNIA (northern) -- Jane P. Gates, Helen Crocker Russell Library, 9th Ave. & Lincoln Way, San Francisco, CA 94122  
 (southern) -- Joan De Fato  
 COLORADO -- Solange G. Gignac, Denver Botanic Gardens, Helen Fowler Library, 909 York St., Denver, CO 80206  
 CONNECTICUT -- Lenore Dickinson, Library of the Arnold Arboretum and Gray Herbarium of Harvard Univ., 22 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138, and also Susan Foos, Massachusetts Hort. Society Library, 300 Massachusetts Ave., Boston, MA 02115  
 DELAWARE -- Enola Jane N. Teeter, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA 19348  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA -- Ruth F. Schallert, Route 1, Box 563, Laurel Drive, Accokeek, MD 20607, and also Laura Byers, Dumbarton Oaks, The Garden Library, 1703 32nd St. NW, Washington, DC 20007  
 FLORIDA -- Albert C. Strickland  
 GEORGIA -- Albert C. Strickland  
 HAWAII -- ?  
 IDAHO -- Solange G. Gignac  
 ILLINOIS -- Ian MacPhail, The Sterling Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL 60532  
 INDIANA -- Donald A. Stickel, Life Sciences Library, Purdue Univ., W. Lafayette, IN 49707  
 IOWA -- James Reed  
 KANSAS -- James Reed  
 KENTUCKY -- Donald A. Stickel  
 LOUISIANA -- Betty White, P.O. Box 5581, Austin, TX 78763  
 MAINE -- Lenore Dickinson and Susan Foos  
 MARYLAND -- Ruth F. Schallert  
 MASSACHUSETTS -- Lenore Dickinson and Susan Foos  
 MICHIGAN -- Carol D. Jones, 368 Oakhill, East Lansing, MI 48823  
 MINNESOTA -- June Rogier, Andersen Horticultural Library, Univ. Minnesota, 3675 Arboretum Drive, Chaska, MN 55343  
 MISSISSIPPI -- Albert C. Strickland  
 MISSOURI -- James Reed

MONTANA -- ?  
NEBRASKA -- James Reed  
NEVADA -- Joan De Fato  
NEW HAMPSHIRE -- Lenore Dickinson and Susan Foos  
NEW JERSEY -- Elisabeth Woodburn, Booknoll Farm, Hopewell, NJ 08525  
NEW MEXICO -- Betty White  
NEW YORK (state) -- Cornelia Tyler, Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell Univ., Ithaca, NY 14853  
(city) -- Charles R. Long, 43 Dutch St., Montrose, NY 10548  
NORTH CAROLINA -- Albert C. Strickland  
NORTH DAKOTA -- June Rogier  
OHIO -- Marjorie Dickinson, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Ave. West, Mansfield, OH 44906,  
and also Richard Isaacson, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11030 East Boulevard,  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
OKLAHOMA -- James Reed  
OREGON -- ?  
PENNSYLVANIA (eastern) -- Mary Lou Wolfe, Pennsylvania Hort. Society, 325 Walnut St.,  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
(western) -- Bettsy Mosimann and Bernadette G. Callery, Hunt Institute for  
Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon Univ., Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
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SOUTH CAROLINA -- Albert C. Strickland  
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TENNESSEE -- ?  
TEXAS -- Betty White  
UTAH -- Solange G. Gignac  
VERMONT -- Lenore Dickinson and Susan Foos  
VIRGINIA -- Ruth F. Schallert  
WASHINGTON -- ?  
WEST VIRGINIA -- Bettsy Mosimann and Bernadette G. Callery  
WISCONSIN -- June Rogier  
WYOMING -- Solange G. Gignac  
CANADA (eastern provinces) -- Ina Vrugtman, Royal Botanical Gardens Library, P.O. Box 399,  
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3H8  
(western provinces) -- Isabelle Hester, Van Dusen Botanical Gardens, 5251 Oak St.,  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6M 4H1

#### Bookbinding Seminar and Exhibition

The Hunt Institute will sponsor a seminar entitled "The Tradition of Fine Bookbinding in the Twentieth Century" 12 November to 14 November 1979. The seminar and accompanying exhibition will deal with the practical aspects of the role of the modern bookbinder. Topics to be discussed include the history of bookbinding styles up to 1900, T. J. Cobden-Sanderson and the twentieth century, detection of deterioration of binding materials, exhibition techniques, practicalities and ethical problems of binding and restoration, and modern design binding. Several informal demonstrations, including ones by Bernard Middleton and Carolyn Horton, will also be given. Other speakers will include Mirjam Foot, Robert Nikirk, Philip Smith, Peter Waters and Don Etherington.

Registration brochures will be sent on request beginning in late April. For further information write to the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Invitation to Join Chapter for Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts

The Chapter for Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts of the Society of Architectural Historians was founded in September 1974 as a special chapter to co-ordinate interests in landscape and horticultural history, to encourage research in these disciplines, to promote conservation and recording of significant regional landscape gardens and documents, and to stimulate and maintain a flow of bibliographic, scholarly and related technical information. There are no requirements for membership in the LA-AA Chapter beyond an interest in these aims.

Several categories of membership are available to both individuals and institutions, some of which include a joint membership with the Garden History Society in England. Interested CBHL members are most cordially invited to join this wide-interest group. It is hoped that, in the near future, the Chapter may meet jointly with CBHL, with the possibility of adding garden tours to the program. For further information, please write William Grundmann, Membership Secretary, 208 Fifth St., P.O. Box 346, Ames, IA 50010.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Programs

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden announces the following activities: Spring bulb display in the Conservatory, April 7 to April 22; Japan Today, April 20 to May 20; and the Benefit Plant Sale on May 2 and 3. Each of these programs includes a number of special exhibitions, lectures and demonstrations on related matters. For further information, please write to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.

Horticultural Society of New York Library

We have recently received from Larry Pardue, Executive Director of the Horticultural Society of New York, the following particulars of the projected sale of part of the Society's Library.

On the basis of long and careful evaluation of the Society's present and future roles, the Board of Directors has decided that the Library should concentrate on current horticultural and botanical matters. The historical (pre-1900) collection should emphasize works concerning the Northeastern United States. Books outside these areas are to be offered for sale to other institutions as a unit.

A list of the books available from the historical collection is available on request. Persons interested in the collection should write Mr. Pardue at the Horticultural Society of New York, Inc., 128 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019, or call (212) 757-0916.

American Fern Society - Duplicates

Acta Phytotaxonomica Sinica

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Send requests to: Dr. John Mickel  
The New York Botanical Garden  
Bronx, NY 10458

### Horticulture Films Available

Horticultural films produced by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the Chicago Botanic Garden are available for preview, rental and sale from Perennial Education, Inc. Films include BBG's "Herbs, use and tradition" and practical works from Chicago on soil preparation, shrub and tree planting and vegetable gardening.

For further information, write Perennial Education, Inc., 477 Roger Williams, P.O. Box 855, Ravinia, Highland Park, IL 60035.

### Harper Horticultural Slide Library

Would anyone knowing the current location of the Harper Horticultural Slide Library, formerly in Seaford, Virginia, please write to Andrew Teglassy, 750 N. 1050 E. St., Provo, Utah 84601.

### Loose Coromandel Plates

The Hunt Institute's Curator of Art, John V. Brindle, is interested in the availability of loose plates from William Roxburgh's Plants of the coast of Coromandel ... London, 1795-1819, for possible inclusion in an exhibition planned by the Institute. This exhibition, tentatively entitled "Early Nineteenth Century Indian Plant Paintings Sponsored by the East India Company" would open in April 1980.

Owners of unbound copies of this work who would be willing to loan a few plates are urged to write to Mr. Brindle, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

### Florae Dublinensis Specimen Sought

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of any copies of Florae Dublinensis Specimen ... London, [1789?] by Walter Wade is urged to contact Dr. E. C. Nelson, Dept. of Agriculture, National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin 9. Dr. Nelson has succeeded in finding one folio plate of Hyoscyamus niger and its letterpress. He feels that plates for Festuca rubra and Oenanthe crocata also exist. Please check your plate collections and report to Dr. Nelson.

### Nominations for Lawrence Memorial Award

The Award Committee of the George H. M. Lawrence Memorial Fund solicits nominations for the first (1979) annual Lawrence Memorial Award. The Fund and Award have been established on a permanent basis to honor the memory of Dr. Lawrence, founding Director of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie-Mellon University. The purpose of the Award is to support travel for doctoral dissertation research in systematic botany or horticulture, or their history, including literature and exploration. It is expected that the 1979 Award will amount to \$1,000, which will be available to the recipient for expenditure during the two-year period from date of award. Award funds will not be applicable to research travel accomplished prior to the date of award.

Major professors and other relevant faculty are urged to submit letters of nomination for outstanding doctoral students who have achieved official candidacy for their degrees,

will be conducting dissertation research in one of the above field during the coming two years, and whose work would benefit significantly from the travel the Award would allow. The Committee will consider nominations only -- no direct applications will be entertained. A potential candidate who wishes to be considered should request his/her major professor to submit a nomination in his/her behalf. This may take the form of a letter of nomination and endorsement which covers supporting materials prepared by the candidate.

A nomination (or supporting materials) should describe briefly but clearly the candidate's program of research and how the travel enabled by the Award would contribute significantly to its quality. Letters of nomination, together with any supporting materials, should be received by the Committee no later than 15 May 1979. The awardee will be selected and the decision announced by 1 July 1979. Nominations and supporting materials, requests for further information, and any other communication regarding the Fund and Award should be directed to: Dr. Robert W. Kiger, Director, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Tel. (412) 578-2434.

Position Open  
Assistant to Director, and Research Scientist (Botanist)

Contingent upon receipt of funding, the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, is seeking a junior Ph.D. botanist with strong organismic orientation and historical inclination for the post of Assistant to the Director. The position will carry faculty appointment at the rank of Research Scientist, equivalence Assistant Professor. Approximately 75% of the appointee's time will be spent on managerial and substantive assignments in various aspects of the Institute's research and publication program. The remainder of his/her time will be devoted to elective research and other individual professional activities. Appointment will be on a 12-month basis, for a one-year term initially and, assuming satisfactory performance, on a continuing basis thereafter. Starting salary range: \$13,000-\$15,000, depending upon experience and other qualifications.

This position will require: ability to function effectively as a generalist, across a broad range of botanical and historical endeavors; commitment and ongoing attention to excellence; good knowledge of the international botanical world and its workings; good judgment and reasonable self-reliance; ability to work well with others inside and outside the Institute; and good measures of realism and common sense. Demonstrated high competence in research and writing, and strong general academic promise are requisite. Some familiarity with standard editorial procedures and with computerized text handling is desirable but not essential.

A letter of application together with curriculum vitae should be submitted not later than 1 May 1979; three referees familiar with the applicant's professional qualifications should be requested to send letters of recommendation directly, also to arrive by 1 May. Application materials or requests for further information should be addressed to: Dr. Robert W. Kiger, Director, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Tel. (412) 578-2434.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AT THE GROLIER CLUB

CBHL members who might be in New York in the next few months should stop in at the Grolier Club Library to see the exhibit entitled "The English Garden." This exhibition of landscape architecture books is from the collection of CBHL member, Elizabeth K. Reilley, and will be on display through 1 June 1979.



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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 and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.