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The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, Minnesota

Thursday, May 17, 1979. Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, Minnesota

Barbara Emerson, President of the Council, called the meeting to order and introduced June Rogier, Librarian of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, who welcomed the thirty CBHL members present and introduced Dr. Francis de Vos, Director of the Arboretum.

Dr. de Vos presented a short history of the Arboretum, where he has served as Director for two years and which he feels is a beautiful place to be.

The Arboretum is twenty years old, composed now of 638 acres. The Lake Minnetonka Garden Club bought the original property and private funds have been most important in financing the Arboretum. At the present time 95% of the capital improvements have been paid for by private contributions. While 70% of the operating budget comes from the University of Minnesota, 30% is provided by private sources. Dr. de Vos thinks the very broad base of support shown the arboretum by the university community as well as the residents of the Twin Cities area is most important.

The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum is the largest major arboretum in a cold climate situation in the United States. Accordingly the Arboretum is especially interested in cold hardiness research and plants suitable for such conditions. It features collections of peonies, crabapples, lilacs, hostas, potentillas and ground covers. Lately the Arboretum has been developing the 'Northern Lights' azalea, a hybrid whose flower buds can tolerate temperatures of 40°F. below zero. Dr. de Vos completed his talk with a brief discussion of future prospects for the Arboretum.

Barbara Emerson then called for reports. Marjorie Dickinson, secretary, stated there had been difficulties with the annual election due to the slow delivery of third class mail. Future ballots will be mailed first class.

Barbara Emerson reported on a letter received from Anne Zwinger who had been scheduled to speak at last year's annual meeting in Denver, but did not appear. She is most embarrassed and contrite and explained that she had marked her calendar incorrectly for July instead of June. She offered to appear at a future CBHL meeting and will also be glad to autograph any of her books which CBHL members mail to her.

John Reed, treasurer, announced that the financial statement for 1978 had been mailed to all members. The statement appended to this report shows a balance as of December 31, 1978 of \$4,876.67. The current balance (April 30, 1979) is \$6,235.16.

Present membership, including renewals for 1979, in CBHL stands at 70 individual members, 31 institutional. Figures for 1978 were 88 individual memberships and 41 institutional members. A second renewal reminder will be sent out in June. On behalf of Bob Long of the New York Botanical Garden, who was unable to be present, John Reed presented the suggestion that CBHL contribute \$100 to the Eunice Blackwell Oberly award for outstanding agricultural bibliography which is administered by the ALA. A discussion of this award as well as contributions to memorial funds to honor Dr. George Lawrence and Dorothy Hansell followed. The group seemed to be in agreement that more thought should be given to this question before setting a precedent for future action. Henry Norweb's motion to table the question of contributing to the Oberly award was approved.

Bernadette Callery reported that there has been a CBHL newsletter and there will be a newsletter. Newsletter nos. 22-24 have been published since the last annual meeting appearing in August and December 1978 and April 1979. The next issue of the newsletter will include a tear sheet to be filled in with information for a CBHL directory which Bernadette is assembling.

John Reed announced there will be a new membership list published in the summer.

Solange Gignac of the Denver Botanic Gardens presented her salary survey, which she compiled after last summer's meeting, pointing out that statistics in the survey already are one year out of date. She was congratulated on her completion of this interesting and thorough survey which is appended to these minutes. (Copies are available upon request from Solange.)

Reporting again for Bob Long, John Reed stated that the CBHL bibliographies have been breaking even financially. Bob is currently editing one on orchids. Sales in 1979 have already totaled \$250.

Barbara Emerson then brought up the continuing Nursery and Seed Catalog project of CBHL. She pointed out that pilot surveys have been conducted.

June Rogier reported that she has received a small grant so that one person can work one day a week on the survey of the upper midwest area. Three hundred questionnaires have been circulated. Most of the information received has been negative but some important holdings have turned up.

Enola Jane Teeter of Longwood Gardens reported that she has received fifty responses in her catalog survey of Delaware. Two hundred thirty-eight questionnaires were mailed.

Lenore Dickinson asked if there was any library which would be interested in collecting current catalogs. Ina Vrugtman said she would be interested in them for the Royal Horticultural Gardens Library at Hamilton, Ontario.

Jayne MacLean reported on current catalog information from the National Agricultural Library. Catalog information for 444 firms has now been put in machine readable form. However, subject and form headings have not been included as of yet. She asked for suggestions from the membership on which headings should be included. She also stated that NAL might be able to provide printouts for regional coordinators of NAL holdings in their areas.

Elizabeth Woodburn emphasized the need for careful preservation of contemporary seed and nursery catalogs with her succinct remark, "History starts this minute." The value of older catalogs was shown again by her off-hand remark that she recently sold a nineteenth century one for \$1,000.

The membership then turned briefly to other subjects. Jayne MacLean reported that she is doing an article for HortScience on special collections in horticulture. She would like information from members on collections they consider of special interest.

Mary Lou Wolfe of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has been formulating guidelines in various areas of library service. She is particularly interested in what other libraries are doing in regard to policies on the reproduction of material and about charging for extensive reference questions, etc. She submitted her drafts which are appended to these minutes. PHS policy statements in various areas are being formulated because of the impending retirement of Ernesta Ballard, director of PHS.

It was announced by Lenore Dickinson that Heather Miller had expected to attend the conference but was unable to because she had lost her position at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society quite abruptly just three weeks before the conference. A discussion followed regarding the importance of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's collection and the concern which CBHL members feel for it. It has the longest continuous collection of horticultural holdings in the world. An ad hoc committee of John Reed, Mary Lou Wolfe and Lenore Dickinson was appointed to inform CBHL members of developments at MHS because of the Council's concern for and interest in the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's library.

John Reed discussed the Horticultural Society of New York's projected sale of its rare book collection. Approximately 2,400 titles are to be sold as, it is hoped, a unit. Books of local horticultural importance are being retained. Carefully considered changes in the basic philosophy of the Horticultural Society as well as the problems of maintenance of the collection are reasons for the sale.

On a much more cheerful note, Mary Lou Wolfe reported that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's long range planning committee sees the library as the chief contribution of the Society. Elizabeth Woodburn commented that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is working on adding to its collection of Delaware Valley materials by checking the holdings of other local libraries in order to develop a want list of material needed to fill gaps in the collection. In this discussion of the importance of major collections, Ina Vrugtman noted that the Royal Horticultural Society, London, includes in its charter a statement that the library can never be sold again as it was in 1859. Bernadette Callery noted that the Linnean Society of London is considering selling duplicates in order to make up a deficit in cost of new housing for its important collections. The duplicates of the Linnean Society, of course, are not garden variety books.

The first business meeting ended with the announcement by John Reed for Bob Long, Director of the Library at the New York Botanical Garden that NYBG will host the 1980 meeting of the Council. The exact date will be dependent on arrangements at the host institution. Early April and October were suggested by members as good times for the meeting.

After the business meeting Elizabeth Lange, Assistant Professor and Head, University of Minnesota Wilson Library catalog, discussed the application of Anglo-American Cataloging Rules 2. This informative discussion, reported on elsewhere in the newsletter, was punctuated by wildly appropriate 40 mile an hour wind gusts and temperatures rising to the 90s as CBHL members cringed at the thought of closing catalogs, opening new ones, integrating filing or ignoring the whole problem as much as possible.

Saturday, May 19, 1979. Radisson South Hotel

The second business meeting was called to order by Barbara Emerson. The newly elected member of the secretariat, Bernadette Callery, was introduced. Richard Isaacson then presented a report on the current progress of his Flowering Plant Index. A number of suggestions were made by the membership of new titles to be added to the material indexed.

A short discussion concerning the 1980 meeting followed. Elizabeth Woodburn pointed out that if it were held in October it could coincide with the International Antiquarian Booksellers' Fair. The members present seemed to agree that April meetings are better for most members than May ones. Of the thirty members at the Minneapolis conference, only 22 were present at this Saturday discussion. An informal vote of the membership present on Saturday morning showed the group about halfway divided between those wanting an October meeting or an early April one. Marjorie Dickinson suggested that the new membership survey include a question of all members as to which dates they would prefer in general for the annual meeting, and in particular for 1980. Of course, dates for any meeting are dependent upon the convenience of the host institution.

Ruth Schallert, Botany Library, Smithsonian Institution, led an informal discussion of the Library of Congress catalog and its effect. In 1981 the catalog will be closed and AACR 2 rules with some exceptions will be followed. Elaine Inouye, Library of Congress, commented that at this time subject headings will not be changed, probably because of the conservative nature of public response when LC tries to make changes. The reason for the closing of the catalog is that it is incredibly expensive to maintain. She pointed out problems arising from some of the AACR 2 rules which seem more applicable to public libraries than to large research institutions. Ruth noted that LC problems with on-line catalogs already include problems with down time, not enough terminals and actually at the LC not enough power for all of the terminals available. Elaine also said members might be interested in G. K. Hall's publication of the LC shelf list on microfiche.

Barbara Emerson led a short discussion of miscellaneous material about the various pre-White House congresses. While CBHL members showed a general interest in these conferences the group is not directly involved.

Ruth Schallert commented on the paper which she presented at the biennial Easter meeting of the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History in London. The paper, written and presented with a colleague, Sylvia Churgin, was on the history of the Smithsonian libraries with special emphasis on the natural history collections. She highly recommended this organization's meetings to CBHL members.

The seed catalog question was returned to briefly. Jayne MacLean and Barbara Emerson plan to go to Cornell to discuss the L. H. Bailey Hortorium collection with Dr. David Bates, Director, and Cornelia Tyler in the near future. In the meantime, members doing surveys and finding other pertinent information should forward material to Barbara Emerson for compilation.

Ruth Schallert announced that she still has early issues of the Contributions of the U.S. National Herbarium available. She also has duplicates of major botanical periodicals and would be glad to search for a few issues. She has neither the time nor the staff to do extensive searching. She also has some modern South American botanical periodicals.

Barbara Emerson then expressed her great appreciation to June Rogier and her very helpful staff for their contributions to the annual meeting. She introduced Ina Vrugtman, the first Canadian president of CBHL. Ina, in turn, thanked Barbara for her many contributions and adjourned the meeting.

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson, Secretary

Memories of Times Past

The following list, compiled by Dr. Helen Zeiner and Marjorie Sheperd, is an accounting of those plants seen in Estes Park on June 9, 1978. This field trip was part of the 1978 annual meeting of CBHL, held that year in Denver, Colorado. The editor apologizes for the delay in supplying this list.

PLANTS SEEN ON ESTES PARK TRIP, JUNE 9, 1978

OVERLOOK NEAR BOULDER

Wild Onion; *Allium textile*
 Lambert's Loco; *Oxtropis lambertii*
 Yellow Stemless Evening Primrose; *Oenothera brachycarpa*
 Low Gaura, Scarlet gaura; *Gaura coccinea*
 Copper Mallow, Cowboy's Delight; *Sphaeralcea coccinea*
 Salsify, Goat's Beard; *Tragapogon* sp.
 False Salsify; *Scorzonera laciniata*
 Shepherd's Purse; *Capsella bursa-pastoris*
 False Flax; *Camelina microcarpa*
 Flax; *Linum lewisii*
 Tansy Mustard; *Descurania sophia*
 Mertensia, Chiming Bells; *Mertensia lanceolata*

GLACIER VIEW

Cliff Rose; *Cowania mexicana*
 Squaw Currant, Wax Currant; *Ribes cereum*
 Golden Smoke; *Corydalis aurea*
 Kinnikinnik, Bearberry; *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*
 Wallflower; *Erysimum asperum*
 Sticky Cinqufoil; *Potentilla fissa*
 Common Spring Senecio; *Senecio integerrimus*
 Mertensia, Chiming Bells; *Mertensia lanceolata*
 Double Bladderpod; *Physaria* sp.
 Yellow Draba; *Draba* sp.

LUNCH STOP

Choke Cherry; *Prunus virginiana* var. *melanocarpa*
 Golden Banner; *Thermopsis* sp.

RAINBOW CURVE

Alpine Forget-me-not; *Eritrichium aretioides*
 Alpine Wallflower; *Erysimum nivale*

Wild Candytuft; *Thlaspe alpestre* (*T. montanum*)

LAKE GRANBY

Balsam root; *Balsamorhiza sagittata*
 Lupine; *Lupinus argenteus*
 Sulphur Flower; *Eriogonum* sp.
 Oregon Grape; *Mahonia repens*
 Cliff Rose; *Cowania mexicana*
 Wild onion; *Allium textile*
 Larkspur; *Delphinium nelsonii*
 Sagebrush; *Artemisia tridentata*
 Phlox; *phlox multiflorum*
 Penny Cress: *Thlaspi arvense*
 Fendler's Senecio; *Senecio fendleri*

Recent Publications From the Botanical Garden, University of British Columbia

We have recently received word of the following new publications from the Botanical Garden of the University of British Columbia (6501 Northwest Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6T 1W5).

PLANTAE OCCIDENTALIS: 200 Years of Botanical Art in British Columbia. 1979. House, Maria Newberry. Technical Bulletin, The Botanical Garden, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Number 11. 132 pages, illustrations. \$8.95

This publication, designed to accompany the major art exhibition produced by the Botanical Garden and now showing at the UBC Museum of Anthropology, details the historical development of botanical and floral illustration in British Columbia during the last two hundred years. The book also outlines the various techniques and methods used by contemporary botanical artists to depict flowers and plants.

Phenology of Cultivated Rhododendrons in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. 1979. Wade, Keith L. Technical Bulletin, The Botanical Garden, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Number 10. 233 pages. \$8.25

The culmination of a three-year study, this publication presents a comprehensive report on the flowering times of a total of 220 species and 340 hybrid rhododendrons in the Lower Mainland area. The data collected include date of first flowering, peak flowering period, and last flowering for six different localities.

Gardening as Therapy: A Resource Manual for Development of Horticultural Therapy Programs for the Spring Season. 1978. Coxon, Margaret E., Co-ordinator. Technical Bulletin, The Botanical Garden, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Number 5. 36 pages. \$4.25

This well-illustrated manual is designed as a teaching guide for instructors and participants in a hortitherapy program. It has been constructed so that anyone, regardless of their lack of expertise in plant care, can prepare and present a gardening class to special groups. Each of the ten chapters outlines a specific topic, providing a list of working materials, step-by-step instructions, and general plant information.

Gardening as Therapy: A Resource Manual for Development of Horticultural Therapy Programs for the Summer Season. 1979. Coxon, Margaret E. and David Tarrant. Technical Bulletin, The Botanical Garden, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Number 6. 34 pages. \$4.25

The second volume of a four-part series, this manual concerns a wide range of summer gardening activities. Designed, like the first book in the series, for use in horticulture therapy, this publication is a more advanced and extensive treatment of possible gardening programs. The twelve topics follow a logical sequence from sowing seed, indoors and outdoors; making a cold frame, planters and hanging baskets; to bedding out plants and summer maintenance.

Timber Press

We have recently heard from Richard Abel the publisher of Timber Press who is looking for "really first-rate horticultural manuscripts for an audience of professional nurserymen and experienced amateurs." He is also interested in receiving equally good manuscripts in agriculture and forestry. Members may know of Timber Press through the catalog "Dirt Books" or their distributor, International Scholarly Book Services of Forest Grove, Oregon. Books which they plan to publish include Greer's Rhodendron Hybrids, Kline's Native Western Alpines and a translation from the German of Krussmann's Roses.

"The Care and Feeding of Special Collections"

Betty Woodburn brings this engagingly titled article to our attention. "The care and feeding of special collections" by Evert Volkersz in Antiquarian Bookman, June 18, 1978, pp. 4647-4655. It contains a number of good ideas on acquiring both friends of the library and books.

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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.

*** THE RESULTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP POLL ARE IN: The preferred date for the 1980 CBHL Annual Meeting, which will be held at The New York Botanical Garden, is Fall 1980 (October). ***