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The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.  
Thirteenth Annual Meeting  
May 6-9, 1981

The Strybing Arboretum, San Francisco, California

Thursday, May 7, 1981. Strybing Arboretum, San Francisco, California

Jim Reed, librarian of the Missouri Botanical Garden and president of CBHL, greeted 29 members and asked for reports from the Secretariat.

Marjorie Dickinson, secretary, asked for and received approval of the minutes of the 1980 annual meeting published in the January 1981 Newsletter. She reported that Joan De Fato of the Los Angeles State and County Arboretum was elected junior member of the secretariat in the mail ballot.

Jim Reed presented the treasurer's report for John Reed who was unable to be present. The December 31, 1980 CBHL balance was \$6,209.41. The complete treasurer's report is appended to these minutes.

Solange Gignac announced that there were 110 personal members of CBHL in 1980 and 50 institutional. Forty-three institutions have renewed their memberships in 1981; 64 individuals have done so.

Bernadette Callery was not present, but Jim Reed reported that a preliminary survey for the CBHL membership directory will be included in the next Newsletter. Bernadette had just returned from London where she presented a paper at the History in the Service of Systematics Conference at British Museum (Natural History).

Jim Reed then asked for Jayne MacLean's report on the nursery and seed catalogue survey. Jayne presented a statistical summary of the survey to date which is appended to these minutes. As of May 4th, 289 institutions with catalogue holdings have been located. Areas where surveys have been completed are: Arizona, Southern California Nevada (De Fato); Northern California, Hawaii (Gates); Colorado, Idaho, Utah, Wyoming (Gignac); Delaware (Teeter); eastern Canada (Vrugtman); Illinois (Ritchey); Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin (Rogier); Ohio (Isaacson, Dickinson); and eastern Pennsylvania (Wolfe).

Scattered holdings have been reported in other areas; and some surveys, notably in Missouri, are underway, but there are volunteers who have not been heard from since they agreed to do surveys at the Denver meeting three years ago. Mary Nickel of the Van Dusen

Gardens Library agreed to do the Vancouver area. Volunteers are still needed for Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Tennessee.

Jayne proposed a February 1982 deadline for procrastinating surveyors. All material received by the deadline will be compiled and published by the June 1982 annual meeting.

Jim Reed thanked Jayne for her efforts on this long-running project.

In other comments on the survey, Bob Long suggested that the state and local history journals should be informed of the project.

June Rogier noted that Minnesota landscape architects doing a restoration of a historical orchard had found the project most helpful in locating lists of 1850 apple cultivars.

Elizabeth Boardman of the University of California at Davis briefly discussed the seed catalogue collection there. This collection includes 12,000 to 13,000 catalogues indexed by company name. Some catalogues are from the 19th century and some are European. The Department of Special Collections at Davis has a brochure which includes information on this collection and is available for the asking.

Jim Reed then asked for new business.

Jayne MacLean presented an invitation to CBHL to hold its 14th annual meeting in Washington, June 1-5, 1982. The arrangements committee will include Jayne as chairman, Laura Byers, Elaine Inouye, and Ruth Schallert. The theme for the meeting is: "The Impact of Plant Exploration and Importation on Garden Design and Horticulture."

Jim Reed thanked the committee for its invitation and accepted it on behalf of the membership.

Richard Isaacson announced that he is continuing to work on the Flowering Plant Index. There have been 140 copies sold. G. K. Hall plans to photograph cards for a two-volume supplement in January 1982. He distributed a list of 250 additional titles which will be indexed in the supplement. The list is appended to these minutes.

Richard is spending 60-75% of his time on this project which is being supported by his director, C. W. Eliot Paine of the Cleveland Garden Center, and its trustees. If the Index is being used widely (and there was an enthusiastic response by the members present that it was), it would be helpful if the Board of Trustees could be told of the importance of this project. The address is: Board of Trustees, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106.

Ian MacPhail announced that the Morton Arboretum will publish his bibliography, Andre and Francois Andre Michaux, in the summer. A number of CBHL members have assisted with this project. It is the first in a series of Sterling Morton Library Bibliographies in Botany and Horticulture. Ian is currently working on Thomas Nuttall, the second in the series.

Bob Long announced that G. K. Hall plans to publish the New York Botanical Garden's catalogue of some 800,000 entries.

In a discussion of national bibliography initiated by Albert Strickland, Jim Reed stated that the collections of the New York Botanical Garden and the Missouri Botanical Garden (since 1977) are in O.C.L.C. Denver (for cataloging only) & the N.A.L. are on-line too.

Jim Reed announced that Bernadette Callery will serve as president of CBHL through the Washington meeting.

He then thanked the many docents who assisted with tours, Mrs. Cabot Brown for her gracious hospitality, and especially Jane Gates who planned and organized an informative, varied, and smooth-running meeting in a very beautiful city.

(Note: copies of material appended to these minutes may be obtained from the secretary.)

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson  
Secretary

#### Reports from San Francisco: 1981

CBHL members unable to attend the annual meeting in San Francisco missed outstanding panel presentations on libraries in botanical gardens and West Coast publishing, well-planned garden and library tours, a reception given by Mrs. Cabot Brown, and the shortest business meeting on record.

At the joint meeting with AABGA on Wednesday, varied and constructive presentations by Bob Long, Ian MacPhail, Jane Gates, and Ray Brian, with Jim Reed as moderator, were given on "Information Resources for Botanical Gardens". Ian MacPhail's paper on the role of libraries in botanical gardens will be printed in the AABGA Bulletin.

Thursday's panel on West Coast horticultural publications presented three editors with very different viewpoints on publishing.

Pacific Horticulture, with a circulation of 11,000, is written for people who like to read, according to editor George Waters. A conscious effort is made to produce double-page spreads with no pictures. Contributors are not paid.

Ortho Books has probably never produced a page without a photograph. Three editors and a large support staff of freelance writers publish books beginning, to some extent, with the finished design selected for its marketing impact. Editor Michael Smith represented Ortho.

Veteran editor Dick Dunmire discussed the Lane Publishing Company. Lane's Western Garden Book has long been the bible of western gardeners and its Sunset magazine has a circulation of 1,300,000.

Dunmire explained that the magazine's rather "snippy" attitude toward subscription requests from outlanders is based on the belief that the magazine is too regionally directed, even to the extent of developing its own climate maps, to be useful in the east.

Outstanding and varied garden tours were made to the Strybing Arboretum, Japanese Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park, University of California at Berkeley Botanical Garden, and Filoli at Woodside.

Library tours included the Helen Crocker Russell Library at Strybing, the J. W. Mailliard, Jr., Library at the California Academy of Sciences, and the Biology Library (including its important rare book collection) at the University of California at Berkeley.

An Invitation to the 14th Annual Meeting  
of the  
Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

The CBHL members from the Washington, D.C. area cordially invite the CBHL membership to hold the 14th annual meeting in Washington, D.C. in 1982, June 1-5. Co-sponsors of the meeting will be Technical Information Systems, USDA, and the Associates NAL, Inc., with cooperation and assistance from Dumbarton Oaks Garden Library, Smithsonian Institution Botany Library, and the Library of Congress. The arrangements committee will consist of: Jayne MacLean, TIS, chairman; Laura Byers, Elian Inouye and Ruth Shallert.

The central theme of the meeting is to be: The impact of plant exploration and importation on garden design and horticulture. Speakers with interesting contributions to make on these subjects will be invited to address us.

No arrangement has yet been made for accommodations, but it is anticipated that a motel or hotel will be chosen in the District, central to the major Washington attractions. Details on this, on the program and the registration fee will be announced in the Newsletter well in advance of next summer. Suggestions from members, including recommended speakers, that would help make this a worthwhile meeting would be welcomed by the committee.

First North American Conference

Mark your calendars for the first North American Conference of the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History to be held at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia October 21-23, 1981. The theme of the conference will be: North American Natural History Bibliography -- Research, needs and prospects. For further information, please contact Nina Root, American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th Street, New York, NY 10024.

Herbal Libraries

We have recently heard from Dorothy Whallon, co-editor of the 1982-1983 Herbarist (annual publication of the Herb Society of America) requesting a survey article on herbal libraries in America which would identify these collections and note their particular strengths. Anyone wishing to compile such a useful survey should contact Ms. Whallon, 2125 Medford Road, Apt. 7, Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

U.S.D.A. Artists

James J. White, Assistant Curator of Art, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, is searching for information on the following botanical artists who were employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this century: Mary Daisy Arnold, J. F. Brewer, J. S. Bruce, Arthur M. Fitzpatrick, Bertha Heiges, Louis C. C. Krieger, Elsie H. Lowes, Katherine A. Mayo, Amanda A. Newton, Deborah G. Passmore, William Henry Prestele, E. I. Schutt, J. Sedgwick, James Marion Shull, Royal C. Steadman, E. C. Swann, and H. L. (Helen Lathrop?) Thompson.

PublicationsBooks Received from ISBS

Alan Bloom. Perennials for your garden. Chicago, Floralprint, 1981. 144 pp. Col. illus., plans.

Alan Bloom. Alpines for your garden. Chicago, Floralprint, 1981. 128 pp. Col. illus., plans.

Both works edited by Derek Fell for the North American audience. Fine color photographs and cultural information.

Books and Articles of Interest

A vision of Eden: the life and work of Marianne North, ed. by G. Bateman. New York, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1981. An abridgement of North's autobiography, Recollections of a happy life, heavily illustrated with her paintings now at Kew. ISBN 0-03-05-7453-6. \$22.95

Rhodendrons of China. Rhodendron Species Foundation, 1981. Translation of part of vol. 3 of Iconographia cormophytorum sinicorum, with original illustrations. Available from R.S.F., P.O. Box 3798, Federal Way, WA 98003.

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Alison Ashby's wildflowers of Southern Australia, with an introduction by Enid L. Robertson. Adelaide, 1981. 34 col. illus. Publication limited to 750 numbered copies, include 100 specially bound deluxe copies signed by the artist. Copies available from the South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide, South Australia 5000.

Arlene Luchsinger. "National Program to microfilm land-grant agricultural documents" College and Research Libraries, November 1980.

Indexing Access Review of the M.H.S. Library Periodical Collection

Judy Weinberg of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Library sends along this survey. Librarians wishing complete copies of the results, which list where each periodical is indexed and the percentage indexed by each index, as well as costs may send their request to the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Library, and include \$2.00 to cover photocopying and postage.

An analysis was conducted at the request of Ms. Judy Weinberg, Librarian, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, to determine which indexes/abstracts best complement and provide access to the 305 journals, serials, and periodicals received by the Library. Ms. Weinberg determined that use of Biological and Agricultural Index and the Farm and Garden Index was not sufficiently providing an approach to this literature. This analysis was recently completed by Carolyn Walters Fox, M.L.I.S., Simmons College.

It was determined that Biological and Agricultural Index indexes only 2.29% of the collection while Farm and Garden Index indexes 5.24%. Other indexes and abstracts reviewed in the search and the percentage of the M.H.S. Library collection indexed by them are: a) Biological Abstracts, 14.75%; b) Bibliography of Agriculture, 12.78%; c) Horticultural Abstracts 15.40%; and d) Other indexes/abstracts examined indexed portions of the collection, but none as significantly as the aforementioned resources.

That portion of the collection sufficiently included somewhere within the traditional indexes/abstracts reviewed appeared to be the core of the M.H.S. Library and constituted approximately one-third of the collection. Hence access to this valuable information is attainable. Two-thirds of the periodical collection are not indexed by any of these resources. This conclusion was not surprising inasmuch as this segment is comprised largely of house organs, organizational newsletters, annual reports, and yearbooks; a traditionally difficult situation exists concerning bibliographic control and literature access in relation to botanical, horticultural, and biological literature.

#### Summary Recommendations

Retain Farm and Garden Index

Discontinue Biological and Agricultural Index

Subscribe to either Bibliography of Agriculture or Horticultural Abstracts

(Biological Abstracts was deemed too costly and beyond the scope of the needs of the M.H.S. Library)

Work with the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, or an independent indexing/abstracting firm to gain access to the publications deemed vital yet non-indexed.

#### Job Opening

**BOTANICAL BIBLIOGRAPHER:** Senior-level research position available 1 September 1981. Non-tenurable faculty appointment, 12-mo. basis, with responsibility for Institute program in bibliography and related research. Substantial experience and achievement in the field essential. Salary negotiable. Send letter of application, vita and names of referees to Dr. Robert W. Kiger, Director, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Application deadline 15 June 1981. Carnegie-Mellon University is an Equal-Employment-Opportunity, Affirmative-Action Employer.

#### Long-Lost Drawings from Sessé and Mociño Expedition Acquired by Hunt Institute

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, has recently acquired the original collection of botanical and zoological illustrations made during the Spanish exploring expedition of 1787-1803 sent to New Spain under the command of Martín de Sessé y Lacasta and José Mariano Mociño. The collection comprises approximately 2,000 watercolor drawings and sketches; about 1,800 are of botanical subjects, the remainder of various animal species (fish, insects, reptiles, and a

few birds and small mammals). It was purchased for the Institute's permanent collection by The Hunt Foundation.

The Sessé and Mociño expedition, as it is commonly called, explored extensively in the Caribbean, Mexico, and northern Central America, with forays also to Baja and Alta California and as far north as Nootka and Alaska. The drawings were executed by a number of artists, the most accomplished of whom were Athanasio Echeverría y Godoy and Juan Vicente de la Cerda. In technical and artistic quality, Echeverría's work compares favorably with any other in the history of biological illustration. Notwithstanding this artistic excellence, the chief value of the collection lies in its scientific and historical significance.

Initial curation of the collection is now in progress at the Institute, with the assistance of Dr. Rogers McVaugh, a leading authority on the expedition and its history. In connection with his extensive research on the Mexican flora, Dr. McVaugh has himself been seeking the original drawings for over 30 years, during which he has assembled a large body of relevant information that he is now able to correlate with them. As soon as this initial organization of the collection is completed, the drawings will be available for study at the Institute by qualified scientists and scholars.

The Institute plans to hold a symposium in approximately two years on the subject of the drawings, the expedition and related topics, concurrent with a major exhibition drawn from the collection. Biologists and historians interested in participating in the symposium, as speakers or registrants, are encouraged to make their interest known to Dr. Kiger at the Institute as soon as possible. In the meanwhile, in order to display a sampling of the collection's aesthetic richness at the earliest opportunity, the Institute will mount a selection of the drawings as its Fall 1981 exhibition, scheduled to open in October. Also as soon as possible, the entire collection will be photographed for archival purposes. Once this master set of studio-quality color transparencies has been made, the Institute will be able to provide prints or duplicate slides for the cost of their preparation, whether of the entire collection or of just particular drawings.

The Institute will be glad to provide information about individual drawings or particular subjects represented in them. Specialists in the systematics of relevant plant and animal taxa are especially encouraged to contact the Institute about drawings that pertain to their groups of interest.

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