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The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.  
Fourteenth Annual Meeting  
Washington, D.C., June 2-4, 1982

National Arboretum, June 3, 1982, Minutes of the Business Meeting

Bernadette Callery, President, opened the meeting by asking for reports from members of the secretariat.

Majorie Dickinson, Secretary, asked for and received approval of the minutes of the 13th annual meeting as published in the CBHL Newsletter.

She announced that in the usual close CBHL election, Jane Gates of the Helen Crocker Russell Library at the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco was elected junior member of the board. Douglas Ritchey of the Morton Arboretum was the defeated candidate. Jayne T. MacLean of the National Agricultural Library was elected secretary over June Rogier of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Fifty-seven ballots were cast representing members in twenty-one states, including Alaska, two provinces and Germany and Bolivia.

John Reed, Treasurer, presented the CBHL financial statement for 1981 which is appended to these minutes. The accounting showed a balance as of December 31, 1981 of \$7,940.96; current balance is about \$9,042. \$3,000 is now in an interest bearing savings account, \$3,000 in all-savings certificates with the remainder in checking.

Solange Gignac presented the membership report. Current membership includes 113 individuals (an increase of three over the preceding year) and 63 institutions (an increase of 13).

Ms. Callery then called for reports from the standing committees.

Jayne MacLean reported that the seed catalogue project is about where it was a year ago. Volunteers are still needed in a few areas (Massachusetts, Texas). There is a need to complete the survey before some of the statistics compiled some time ago grow old.

Bernadette Callery stated that the membership directory is expected to appear at the end of this summer. She and committee members Enola Jane N. Teeter and Mary Lou Wolfe are currently working on staff and subject indexes.

Bernadette continues as editor of the Newsletter and reported that three issues appeared during the past year. As always, she welcomes material submitted by members.

Old business was then discussed. John Reed reported for Charles Long that three CBHL bibliographies (on endangered plants, dye plants and wild flowers of North America) are in the works and should be published by the next meeting. He asked for approval of a proposal that the compilation and typing of these bibliographies be done by the New York Botanical Garden but that printing and distribution costs be underwritten by CBHL. Approximate cost to the Council would be \$2,225 or about \$3.00 per member. A copy of each bibliography would be sent free to members and any profit from sales would be split between CBHL and the NYBG.

The proposal was informally approved. Elisabeth Woodburn commented that a bibliography on fragrant plants is also needed. Enola Teeter felt that CBHL should be mentioned in the bibliographies. John Reed said it will be as the entire series is entitled "CBHL Bibliographies."

Turning to new business, Ms. Callery recognized Anne C. Carr of Cherokee Garden Library in Atlanta. Mrs. Carr announced that the 1983 CBHL annual meeting will be held 12-15 May at the center. A special exhibit by the Atlanta Historical Society "This Land of Ours" celebrating 250 years of gardening in Georgia will be featured at the meeting as well as a trip to Callaway Gardens.

Ian MacPhail invited the group to meet at the Morton Arboretum in Chicago in 1984.

Eva Gavora of the Plant Research Library in Ottawa suggested that CBHL meet in Ottawa in June 1985 when the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists meets there. The Association has some 600 members. It was suggested that the CBHL date be set to overlap with the larger meeting.

All three proposals were warmly welcomed by the membership.

Ms. Callery said that Richard Abel of Timber Press and I.S.B.S. would welcome suggestions from the membership of books in horticulture and botany which should be reprinted.

No substantial comments were made on the CBHL Duplicate Lists though there was a general wish expressed that mail service be improved.

Elisabeth Woodburn announced that the University of Rochester is publishing a special issue of their Bulletin (Vol. 35, 1982) on the seed business in Rochester. Orders should be sent to the attention of K. B. Hayes, Assistant Director, University of Rochester Press as soon as possible.

Mary Lou Wolfe announced that Burpee's which is now a part of IT&T, has given some 3,000 to 4,000 seed and nursery catalogues to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society with the understanding that they are not to go to private collectors but are to be distributed to memers of CBHL.

P.H.S. Library Committee members and staff contended with cobwebs, birds and mice as they sorted this material which had been stored in an old barn in the Burpee Farm. The catalogues are in reasonably good though not exactly pristine condition.

The catalogues, published from 1896 to 1948, are from over the United States. P.H.S. will keep material pertaining to the Delaware Valley. CBHL members will receive a rough listing showing holdings in geographical areas and will be asked to pay a nominal fee for each catalogue requested. Responses will have to be quick for the room must be cleared by 1 September 1982.

Bernadette commented on this generous gesture of the Burpee Company and will send the official thanks of the Council.

Ruth Schallert of the Botany Library at the Smithsonian announced that she still has some of the Contributions from the U.S. National Herbarium (old series) to give away. She would be glad to receive requests.

Enola Teeter commented on the growing problem she (and many other librarians) face on maintaining collections of recent seed catalogues in limited space. She asked that some regional system of maintaining these collections be worked out.

A discussion of the seed and nursery catalogue project followed. Cornelia Tyler commented on the large collection of catalogues at Cornell. June Rogier mentioned a request from an English authority on dwarf conifers, Humphrey Welch, for information from catalogues.

June Rogier announced that the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum now has a complete printout of plants on the Arboretum grounds with sources for them. They have received a grant which they hope will make it possible for them to do a publication comparable to the old Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Plant Buyers Guide for the Upper Midwest.

To close the meeting, Bernadette Callery thanked the local committee -- Jayne MacLean, NAL; Laura T. Buyers, Dumbarton Oaks; Elaine A. Inouye, Library of Congress; and Ruth Schallert, Smithsonian for their efforts in organizing a most interesting annual meeting which attracted more than seventy participants.

Charles Van Ravenswaay, on behalf of the group, thanked the current officers.

Officers for 1982-1983 will be Solange G. Gignac, Denver Botanical Gardens, President; Joan DeFato, Los Angeles County & State Arboretum, First Vice President; Jane Gates, Strybing Arboretum, Second Vice President; Jayne T. MacLean, NAL, Secretary; and John F. Reed, New York Botanical Garden, Treasurer.

To close the meeting, Ms. Callery presented Marjorie Dickinson, who was retiring as secretary after ten years, with a handcrafted silver pin in the shape of the CBHL logo. Ms. Dickinson was quite overwhelmed and pleased.

Respectfully submitted,

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson  
Secretary

#### New Question and Answer Column

In response to a suggestion posed by Ernestine Fagan (Horticultural Art Society of Colorado Springs) we are beginning a new feature in the CBHL Newsletter. In the manner of several of the library professional journals, members are urged to send in their practical queries for publication in the Newsletter and solicit responses from the rest of the membership. Given the infrequent publication of the Newsletter it would seem best that the initial response be made to the library requesting advice. A summary of the answers received will be prepared by the library requesting the advice and will be published in the next Newsletter.

Please respond then to Ernestine Fagan's query: Given a limited budget, what five or six periodicals should a small horticultural library have? Send your answers to her at the Horticultural Art Society of Colorado Springs, P.O. Box 9812, Colorado Springs, CO 80932.

#### Ellwanger and Barry Archives

The Archives of the nursery firm Ellwanger and Barry, including correspondence, notebooks and catalogues is in the care of Alma B. Creek of the University of Rochester Library (Rush Rhees Library, Rare Book Department, University of Rochester Library, River Campus Station, Rochester, NY 14627). For information on this collection and indeed on the Rochester nursery industry in general, please see the University of Rochester Library Bulletin, vol. 35, no. 2, 1982.

#### Torrey Cards

The Hunt Institute has 15 drawers of the Torrey Botanical Club card index to American botanical literature. Interested parties are to contact Bernadette Callery, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

#### Ridgway Center Opens at Missouri Botanical Garden

Members visiting the Missouri Botanical Garden should be sure to visit Ridgway Center, the Garden's new education and public orientation building. The new facility contains classrooms, an auditorium, a floral display hall, greenhouse, plant and gift shop and the Gardenview Restaurant and will accommodate the Garden's many educational programs.

#### Horticultural Videodisc

Videotunes, a company specializing in video disc design/production and computer software, is developing a resource on plants which can be grown for display indoors -- on optical video disc. The program will cover such topics as choosing the right plant for the right interior location, plant care, propagation, plant growth and development and a pictorial encyclopedia of indoor house plants. In order to build their pictorial encyclopedia they are looking for high quality photographic documentation (prints, slides, color transparencies) of a number of specimens. The pictorial encyclopedia will document over 2,000 species and will be organized alphabetically by genus and cross-referenced by common name. Not-for-profit institutions contributing to the work will receive screen credit and a complimentary disc.

For a copy of their want list and further information on this project, please contact John Mabey, Associate Producer, Videotunes, 311 Ocean View, Santa Cruz, CA 95062 or call (408) 425-5494.

#### Book Notices

A useful guide to commercial sources of native plants (as opposed to the reprehensible practice of uprooting them in the wild) has been compiled by the New England Wild

Flower Society. To obtain your copy of Nursery sources for native plants and wildflowers please send \$1.50 plus a self addressed, stamped long envelope to the New England Wild Flower Society, Inc., Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701.

The following books have been received from the International Scholarly Book Service, Inc. and are available from ISBS (P.O. Box 1632, Beaverton, OR 97075).

Linda Yang. The terrace gardener's handbook: Raising plants on a balcony, terrace, rooftop, penthouse or patio. Beaverton, OR, Timber Press, 1981. ISBN: 0-917304-17-9. \$13.95. An attractive reprint of the 1975 work.

Harriet K. Morse. Gardening in the shade. Beaverton, OR, Timber Press, 1982. ISBN: 0-917304-16-0. \$12.95. Reprint of revised edition published in 1962.

W. Rodger Elliot and David L. Jones. Encyclopaedia of Australian plants suitable for cultivation. Introductory volume. Line drawings by Trevor L. Blake. Melbourne, Lothran Publishing Co., 1980. (ISBS is the exclusive distributor.) ISBN: 0-85091-070-6. \$40.00.

The first of four volumes, this one is well illustrated with many clear photographs and line drawings. There is considerable discussion of plant propagation and maintenance techniques as well as an extensive list of suggested uses for specific plants. Although written for an Australian audience, North American readers will find it a good introduction to Australian plant material.

We have received flyers on the following new publications.

John Chancellor. The flowers and fruits of the Bible, illustrated by W. H. McCheane. \$14.95. (Available from the publisher, Beaufort Books, Inc., 9 East 40th Street, New York, NY 10016.)

William Lanier Hunt. Southern gardens, southern gardening. ISBN: 0-8223-0463-5. \$16.50. (Available from the publisher, Duke University Press, 6697 College Station, Durham, NC 27708.)

A number of works by Gertrude Jekyll are now available in reprint from the Antique Collectors' Club, 5 Church Street, Woodbridge, Suffolk, England. The following titles were noted: Garden ornaments (\$47.50), Gardens for small country houses (\$44.50), Wood and garden (\$29.50), Home and garden (\$29.50), Colour schemes for the flower garden (\$29.50).

Marilyn Phelan, J. D. Museums and the Law. \$21 (\$15.75 AASLH members) (Available from: American Association for State and Local History, P. O. Box 40983, Nashville, TN 37204) (hardcover, 287 pages)

Alan D. & Patricia Ullberg. Museum Trusteeship. 1981. American Association of Museums, 1055 Thomas Jefferson St. N.W., Washington, DC 20007 (\$7.50; \$6 AAM members)

WANTED: Thompson & Morgan Seed Catalog 1975. Please contact: Renee Jochens, R.R. 1, Box 5A, Hoskins, NB 68740.

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