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CBHL Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for 16-19 May 1984, the dates of the annual CBHL conference, to be hosted this year by the Morton Arboreum. Topics to be discussed will include a proposed change in dues, what to do with bookseller's catalogues, the possibility of establishing a European branch of CBHL (suggested by Judith Diment at BM(NH)), and the responsibilities of both library and plant society when the library's holdings include those of the society.

2nd North American Conference of SHNH

May 7-9, 1984 are the dates for the second North American Conference of the Society for the History of Natural History. Entitled "Exploration of North America West of 90° Latitude," the conference will be held at the San Diego Zoo. The registration flyer notes that "Historical, biographic and bibliographic papers dealing with the western exploration of North America will be presented. There will be social hours to meet with colleagues and time has been set aside to visit the natural history institutions in Balboa Park and San Diego." Speakers and topics are not listed in the flyer. Registration: \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members, plus \$20 for banquet. For registration forms and further information, contact Program Chairman Marjorie Shaw, Zoological Society of San Diego, P.O. Box 551, San Diego, CA 92112.

Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton. Medicinal Garden

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Hamilton has received a grant of \$25,000 from the Associated Medical Services Inc. for the construction of a medicinal garden. Seed lists from botanic gardens worldwide are being searched for the required species. This effort is supported by a donation from the Ontario Diploma in Horticulture Graduates Association. The AMS Medicinal Garden will be an important addition to the RBG collection and a unique facility in Eastern Canada.

Elisabeth C. Miller Horticultural Library

Seattle attorney Pendleton Miller has pledged a gift of \$488,000 to the University of Washington in support of the construction and development of the Elisabeth C. Miller Horticultural Library in the planned Center for Urban Horticulture on the Union Bay campus.

The library will be built in recognition of the extraordinary civic contributions of Elisabeth Carey (Betty) Miller, Pendleton Miller's wife who is prominent in community and horticultural affairs and a former UW regent.

The gift provides for library construction and furnishing, endowment of a librarian position and funds for future book acquisition and library development, according to Dr. Harold B. Tukey Jr., Director of the Center for Urban Horticulture.

The University's horticultural book collection, including rare books, will be gathered from several campus locations and housed in the proposed Miller library. The core of the collection, about 5,000 volumes, is that material currently housed at the University of Washington Arboretum Library.

Plans for the center call for a building of 12,000 gross square feet to contain public areas, office space, reference and reading rooms, a classroom and lecture room with various laboratories and support facilities.

The center is the first academic unit of its type in the U.S., although there are urban horticulture centers in other parts of the world. The center also is the administrative headquarters for University activities in the Washington Park Arboretum and the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island, an estate with areas devoted to the study of plant/human interactions.

BBG Local Flora Section Opens after 20 Years

The naturalistic setting of the Local Flora Section is unique among the more formal gardens in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. All plants in this two and one-half acre site grow naturally within a 100-mile radius of New York City. The design of the Local Flora Section, first conceived in 1911 as a group of garden beds, was reorganized in the 1930s into ecological zones depicting local terrain. The area presents a microcosm of the surrounding landscape. Due to a lack of funding, the Local Flora Section has been closed for most of the past 20 years.

A renewal program for removing non-native trees was begun in the 1970s on a volunteer basis by various members of the Garden staff. In 1981, a position of Gardener in Charge of the local Flora Section was established and work began to clear the area of the many trees and shrubs inappropriate to the locale. In 1982, the Botanic Garden received major grants for the Local Flora Section from Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc., Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust, and Union Foundation. Following the removal of non-native trees, other woody and herbaceous plant material has been introduced. Many of the original plantings of native trees and shrubs remain in this setting and are firmly established. There are eight ecological zones in the Local Flora Section: a bog, dry meadow, serpentine rock, wet meadow and stream, kettle pond, pine barrens, woodland and limestone areas.

The Local Flora Section will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., weather permitting, during the spring, summer and fall, beginning mid-April through October. For more information, call (212) 622-4433.

Children's Garden at BBG

"In 1984 the Children's Garden at Brooklyn Botanic Garden will celebrate its 70th anniversary as the oldest such program in continuous operation and a prototype for children's

gardens throughout the world." As part of this celebration, BBG is collecting reminiscences of graduates of the program for inclusion in a publication. If you or anyone you know was involved in the BBG Children's Garden, please send names and addresses to Dr. Barry Commoner, Alumni Chairman, Children's Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225.

Hunt Institute Spring Show

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie-Mellon University will exhibit "Still-lives and nature studies from the George J. McDonald collection" from 16 April through 15 June 1984.

This private collection of mostly 19th-century American still-lives, nature studies and animal paintings, never publicly exhibited, includes a generous sampling of works by New England artists, particularly of the Providence, Fall River and Springfield still-life schools: George Whitaker, Edward C. Leavitt, J. C. Spencer, Bryant Chapin, Abbie Luella Zuill and Jonas Joseph La Valley. Also included are works by P. Dieffenbach, Anna E. Hardy, George W. Horlor, Raoul M. de Longpre fils, Emile van Marcke de Lummen, David Emil Joseph de Noter, George Stevens and A. J. H. Way.

Mr. McDonald, previously with the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C., gathered his collection over a period of twenty-five years, mostly in Washington and on trips around his home state of Rhode Island.

A 19th-century painting of apples by Dieffenbach has been reproduced in full color as the exhibition poster.

Open to the public, free of charge, the exhibition will be on display in the Penthouse of the Hunt Library from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For further information, contact the Institute at (412) 578-2434.

Lawrence Memorial Award

Raymond B. Cranfill of the University of California, Berkeley is the recipient of the 1983 Lawrence Memorial Award. A student of Dr. Thomas O. Duncan, Mr. Cranfill is investigating the taxonomy, evolution and genetics of the genus Pellaea (Adiantaceae). He will use the proceeds of the Award for travel to Brazil and South Africa for field research.

The Lawrence Memorial Fund has been established at the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University to commemorate the life and achievements of its founding Director, Dr. George H. M. Lawrence. Income from the Fund is used to make annual awards of \$1,000 to outstanding doctoral candidates for travel in support of dissertation research in systematic botany or horticulture, or the history of the plant sciences. Constituted initially by contributions from the Lawrence family and the Hunt Foundation, the Fund has been augmented by donations from Dr. Lawrence's friends and colleagues. Additional contributions are welcomed.

Nominations for the 1984 Award are now being entertained. Major professors are urged to nominate outstanding doctoral students who have achieved official candidacy for their degrees and will be conducting pertinent dissertation research that would benefit significantly from travel enabled by the Award. The Committee will not entertain direct appli-

cations. A student who wishes to be considered should arrange for nomination by his/her major professor; this may take the form of a letter which covers supporting materials prepared by the nominee.

Nominating materials should describe briefly but clearly the candidate's program of research and how it would be significantly enhanced by travel that the Award would enable. Letters of nomination and supporting materials, including seconding letters, should be received by the Committee no later than 1 May 1984 and should be directed to: Dr. R. W. Kiger, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Native Plant Material

Plant material grown in 18th and 19th century American gardens can be obtained from Cedar Lane Farms, 3790 Sandy Creek Road, Madison, GA 30650. Request a recent catalogue from the owner, Mrs. Jane Symmes. Members who attended the Atlanta meeting will remember Mrs. Symmes from the panel discussion on the role of literature in garden restorations.

PHS Duplicate Journals

The following runs of journals are available from the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library. Purchaser will be charged U.P.S. cost only, but must take entire run.

Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. 1951-1965, 1970-1974 (unbound).

Selbyana. Vols. 1-3, complete.

Please contact Mary Lou Wolfe, PHS, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

CBHL Directory

Largely due to the announcements which have appeared in the Fall 1983 issue of American Archivist, the October 1983 issue of American Libraries, vol. 44(7), 1983 issue of College & Research Libraries News and the 15 November 1983 issue of Library Journal, over 274 copies have been distributed as of 17 February 1984. This is in addition to the original mailing of 240 copies to the CBHL membership. Information on the directory has also been submitted to the 1984 Directory of directories, distributed by the Gale Research Company and has been included in Vertical File Index, published by the H. W. Wilson Co.

Directory Update

Joan DeFato's area code is now 818 instead of 213 (both home and Los Angeles State and County Arboretum).

Manual of Cultivated Conifers

Enola Teeter reports the following: The Longwood Gardens Library has just received the third edition of Manual of Cultivated Conifers by P. Den Ouden and B. K. Boom published by Martinus Nijhoff, P.O. Box 269, 2501AX, The Hague, Netherlands. Apparently copyright restrictions on what constitutes a new edition in the Netherlands are not as stringent as

in the United States. The same plates have been used for all three editions, 1965, 1978 and 1982, with the heading error on pages 415-431 still reading Thuja korainensis instead of Thuja occidentalis. The paper quality, margin width and binding quality have all decreased with the publishing of the "third" edition. The only change in pagination is in the Index of vernacular and trade-names as a result of using a smaller type and consolidating two columns into one page from two pages.

Books Received from ISBS

Copies of the following may be obtained from International Specialized Book Services, Inc., 10230 S.W. Parkway, Portland, OR 97225.

Heath, Royton E. Rock plants for small gardens. London, Collingridge Books, 1982. \$17.95. ISBN: 0-600-36811-4. First published in 1957 under the title: "Minature rock gardening." Extensive discussion of presentation and propagation. Tabular descriptive list of plants gives information on site suitability, size, color and season.

Heath, Royton E. Collectors' alpines: Their cultivation in frames and alpine houses. Beaverton, Timber Press, 1981. \$39.95. ISBN: 0-91730447-0. Thorough discussion, clear black-and-white and color photographs.

Steffeck, Edwin F. The new wild-flowers and how to grow them. Portland, Timber Press, 1983. \$22.95. ISBN: 0-917304-51-9. Paperback. Revised and enlarged, with 208 species added to the 350 included in the 1952 edition. Coverage of Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast plants expanded. Color photographs reproduction superior to that of black-and-white.

Kyte, Lydiane. Plants from test tubes: An introduction to micropropagation. Portland, Timber Press, 1983. \$22.95. ISBN: 0-917304-50-0. Paperback. Deals with many aspects of tissue culture propagation, including information on equipping a lab for the purpose, list of suppliers, glossary and bibliography.

Foliage pot plant manual. London, Grower Press, 1983. \$19.95. ISBN: 0-901361-74-7. Paperback. Directed to concerns of commercial growers, care and propagation information will be of interest to the home gardener.

Rix, E. Martyn. Growing bulbs. London, Canberra, Croam Helm; Portland, Timber Press, 1983. \$18.95. ISBN: 0-7099-2248-5. More history and plant biology than one usually gets in such a work. Clear line drawings and color photographs. Appendices include "Bulb genera, notes and sources" and "Suppliers and societies," as well as a bibliography.

Grant, John A. and Carol L. Grant. Garden design illustrated. Portland, Timber Press, 1983. \$19.95. ISBN: 0-917304-80-2. Paperback. Gardens pictured largely those in Pacific Northwest. Plans, black-and-white photographs.

Grace, Julie, ed. Climbers and trailers (Reed Know Your Garden Series). Wellington, A. H. & A. W. Reed Ltd., 1983. \$19.95. ISBN: 0-589-015141. Attractive color photos with brief discussion of habit and flowering. Concentration on plant material suitable for New Zealand.

Germishuizen, Gerrit. Trasvaal wild flowers. Paintings by Anita Fabian. Johannesburg, Macmillan South Africa, 1982. \$37.50. ISBN: 0-86954-108-0.

Reproductions of watercolors accompanied by description and distribution information.

Books Received and Noted

We have recently received the Preliminary directory of living plant collections of North America from the Plant Collections Committee of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. The directory includes information on the living plant collections of 58 North American botanical gardens as well as a brief discussion of interpretation and research on the collections and a listing of staff.

Copies of this soft-cover directory can be obtained by contacting AABGA, Box 206, Swarthmore, PA 19081. Phone (215) 328-9145. The cost is \$15.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.

Received from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Library and Archives Division. Bibliography no. 8: Plants for cultivation in arid lands, selected references. For copies of this and the previous bibliographies, write Library and Archives Division, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AE, England.

We have received announcements of the following books:

Mathew, Brian. Lilies and related flowers [by] Pierre-Joseph Redoute. Woodstock, NY, The Overlook Press, 1983. \$60.00. Reproductions of illustrations from Les liliacees with text by Brian Mathew. Copies may be obtained from the Overlook Press, P.O. Box 427, Woodstock, NY 12498. Please add \$2.25 postage and handling.

Swanson, Faith H. and Virginia B. Rady. Herb garden design. Hanover, NH, University Press of New England, 1984. \$19.95 paperback; \$30.00 cloth. ISBN: 0-87451-296-4. Highly recommended due to the expertise of the authors, the quality of the presentation of 51 plans and the range of herb gardens included. Contact the University Press, 3 Lebanon Street, Hanover, NH 03755. Phone: (603) 646-3340.

Ray, Mary Helen and Robert P. Nicholls, eds. A guide to significant & historic gardens of America. Athens, GA, Agee Publishers [1982?]. \$8.95. Available from The Garden Club of Georgia, 325 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602.

Henderson, D. M. comp. International directory of botanical gardens IV. 1983. Includes information on 798 botanical gardens. 58 DM. Available from the publisher, Koeltz Scientific Books.

Cooper, Mary Palmer Kelley. The early English kitchen garden: medieval period to 1800 A.D. 1983. \$12.00 Order from: Early English Kitchen Gardens, 2204-F Elliston Place, Nashville, TN 37203.

Evans, R. L. Handbook of cultivated Sedums. 1983. £15 (\$25.00). ISBN: 0-905927-41-9. Over 200 specimens illustrated in color and descriptions of 450 species and subspecies. Additional line drawings, including details of root stocks. Order from Science Reviews Inc., 707 Foulk Rd., Suite 102, Wilmington, DE 19803 or Science Reviews Limited, 40 The Fairway, Northwood, Middx. HA6 3DY, England.

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