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## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Your executive council met on January 30, 1987 at the New York Botanical Garden to conduct interim business. Those attending were Gerry Kaye, Meryl Miasek, John Reed and Jayne MacLean. We reviewed final plans for the April annual meeting. A schedule of events and registration packet will be in your mailbox soon. It sounds like a wonderful meeting, so please register promptly. We trust that you have already sent in your questionnaires and room reservation forms, issued with the last newsletter. If not, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Meryl agreed to accept leadership, succeeding Bob Long, for the Plant Bibliography series, as chairman of the editorial board. Each bibliography will have an individual editor to assist the compiler, following guidelines for uniformity which Meryl will update and re-issue.

CBHL-Europe discussion and planning occupied much of our meeting. Judith Diment has been unable to devote the time she had planned to arranging the meeting in Berlin, due to a position transfer, so Gerry has been carrying on. She has sent announcements to a number of international plant science periodicals, saying that there will be a special meeting of CBHL held in conjunction with the International Botanical Congress. This same announcement, plus copies of our new membership brochure, will go to a list now being compiled, of European botanical libraries. At the annual meeting a discussion of the advisability of forming a European chapter of CBHL-International will be on the agenda.

## INTERNATIONAL BOTANICAL CONGRESS PLANS

Gerry Kaye is very anxious to know which CBHL members are definitely planning to attend the International Botanical Congress in Berlin as she must know how many to plan for. Please write or call Gerry at the Farlow Reference Library. Announcements of a CBHL Special Meeting to be held during the IBC have been sent to several periodicals, including Taxon, SHNH Newsletter, Plant Science Bulletin, Systematic Botany. Please contact Gerry if there are others which you feel should receive the notice. Also, if you have specific contacts in European botanical libraries, please also let Gerry know, so that she may be sure to send them an invitation to the special meeting. A symposium entitled "'EDP' in Botany; Information systems and databases" is scheduled, but the specific date is not yet known. Early plans for the symposium were to include state of the art reviews on bibliographic databases, taxonomic databases and applied databases, those dealing with horticulture, conservation, etc.

For registration information for the IBC to be held in Berlin from July 24 to August 1, 1987, please write immediately to the Secretary, 14th International Botanical Congress, Honigin-Luise St. 6-8, D-1000 Berlin 33.

#### ADDITIONAL PLANS FOR ANNUAL MEETING, CHAPEL HILL

To enliven the audience participation in response to the panel discussion on microcomputer applications in botanical and horticultural libraries, anyone who presently has an ongoing project is asked to bring sample copy, both of raw files and final copy, as other members will be interested in the tangible results of computer use.

Please be sure to inform Bill Burk immediately if you would like to take any of the tours offered on Saturday, April 25, the day following the close of the official meeting. (University of North Carolina, John N. Couch (Botany) Library, 301 Coker Hall, 010-A, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514).

Room reservation must be made directly with the hotel by April 8, 1987. Contact the Carolina Inn, P.O. Box 1110, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

#### BALLOTS AND PROXY STATEMENTS

Members are reminded to complete and return the ballots for the new member of the CBHL Board of Directors and proxy statements which you will be receiving in a separate mailing.

#### AMERICAN ROCK GARDEN SOCIETY

We have recently heard from Lee M. Raden, President of the American Rock Garden Society who reports

The American Rock Garden Society is now 50 years old. We have historical documents scattered all over the United States. Mrs. Marne Flock of Wilmington, Delaware has agreed to be our archivist and she will be gathering these materials for at least the next year. Our problem is a permanent place for our archives. The logical place would certainly be some horticultural or botanical library. Can you help us in our search?

Please send your suggestions directly to Lee M. Raden, Alpineflora, 1 Alpine Way, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

#### CBHL ENDORSES WAVE HILL CATALOG OF LANDSCAPE RECORDS

CBHL has endorsed the Catalog of Landscape Records in America project of Wave Hill, reported in the last Newsletter and will serve on its Advisory Council. Wave Hill is a public garden overlooking the Hudson River in the Riverdate section of the Bronx, New York. It is owned by the City of New York; its horticultural, educational and visual and performing arts programs have been in operation since 1975.

## LOSS OF CBHL MEMBER

We are sorry to report the death on December 24, 1986 of a long-time CBHL member, Dorothy Baschnagel, librarian at the Garden Center of Rochester Library and would like to share a portion of the letter we received from Letitia McKinney, Library Assistant at the Garden Center.

"The Garden Center is staffed completely by volunteers, and Dorothea had been a devoted, enthusiastic, joyous and very knowledgeable library volunteer for twenty years, first as assistant librarian and since 1977 as librarian. She felt that the Garden Center Library's membership in CBHL was a very valuable one for the library...she particularly enjoyed the meeting held last spring in the Los Angeles area since it was her first view of all the exotic trees and shrubs of southern California...In her memory, the Dorothea L. Baschnagel Memorial Fund of the Garden Center of Rochester, is being established at the Center, 5 Castle Park, Rochester, New York 14620."

## ANDREW JACKSON DOWNING SYMPOSIUM

The Athenaeum of Philadelphia and Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D. C. announce a two-part symposium on the life and career of Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852) to be held in Philadelphia on May 2 and in Washington on May 16, 1987.

Downing was the first native American horticulturist and writer on architectural subjects to achieve an international reputation. The profession of landscape architecture in America may fairly trace its origins to him. In addition, he was the first American architectural critic to attract a wide audience for his writings. He is also considered the father of the public park movement in America.

His early career in horticulture led Downing to an interest in buildings as an essential component of the picturesque compositions he advocated. Together with his editorials in The Horticulturist, the journal he edited from 1846 until his death in 1852, Downing's three books provided advice that altered profoundly the appearance of the American countryside and in the process changed completely America's concept of what an architectural treatise should be. During the last two years of his life, Downing established a successful architectural firm, the influence of which extended well beyond his death through the work of such prominent Victorian architects as Calvert Vaux and Frederick Clarke Withers.

Aesthetic considerations were not Downing's only concern. By helping to standardize nomenclature, his Fruits and Fruit Trees of America, first published in 1842, was an important contribution to the recognition of the United States as one of the major fruit-growing regions of the world.

The symposium has been organized by George B. Tatum, Professor Emeritus, University of Delaware, and will include speakers on architectural, horticultural and bibliographic topics related to Downing's career and influence. The speakers at Philadelphia on May 2 will include Professor Tatum, Jane B. Davies, Arthur Channing Downs, Kenneth L. Ames, and Francis R. Kowsky. The speakers in Washington on May 16 will include Gordon P. DeWolf, Charles B. Wood, Harvey K. Flad and David Schuyler.

For further information and registration forms, write The Athenaeum of Philadelphia, East Washington Square, Philadelphia, PA 19106-3794 or Landscape Architecture Studies, Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

#### PUBLICATIONS ANNOUNCED

CBHL members Fran and Bob Bickelhaupt founded a private arboretum in Clinton, Iowa in 1970. With the encouragement of AABGA, they have written about their experiences in 3 papers which they offer to interested members. They are "One couple's experience in starting an arboretum," 1979, 4 pages; "Recommended basic horticultural library," 1985, 4 pages; "Suggested procedures in starting a horticultural library," 1986, 4 pages. A handsome brochure on the arboretum is also available. Please send your requests to the Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 340 S. 14th St., Clinton, Iowa 52743.

The Bulletin of American Garden History announces its second volume at the original price of \$7.00 for an annual subscription of four issues. CBHL member Susan Gurney of the Office of Horticulture branch of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries has offered to review current periodical literature for the journal. In addition to current information and citations, editor Ellen Samuels plans to reprint essays by Olmstead, Farrand and others that were originally published in journals that are now hard to find. Send your subscription, as well as institutional news dealing with American garden history, to Bulletin of American Garden History, P.O. Box 397A, New York, NY 10024.

#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

We have recently received a copy of A biomedical index to the correspondence of Rene Descartes by Thomas Steele Hall, published by the National Library of Medicine. This index grew out of Dr. Hall's work at NLM on the influence of Descartes' ideas on modern medicine. Single copies are available without charge by writing Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20894.

CBHL President Geraldine C. Kaye has recently published the second edition of her Wild and exotic mushroom cultivation in North America: a Growers' and Gourmets' Guide to the New Edible Species. In addition to being twice as big as the first edition, this edition has more indexes, including distributors and speciality food suppliers and an enlarged indexes to scientific and common names and a large section on mushroom-related businesses and organizations as well as an annotated bibliography. Order your copy today! Price is \$6.00 per copy plus 75 cents per copy. For 6 or more copies, \$4.50 each plus 30 cents postage per copy. Mail checks in U.S. funds, payable to Farlow Library, to Farlow Reference Library, Harvard University, 20 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 U.S.A.

#### Timber Press Books

We have received the following works from Timber Press (9999 S.W. Wilshire Ave., Portland, OR 97225). Orders should be sent directly to them. If you have not received their new Spring/Summer 1987 catalog, "Hortus--Better Books for Gardeners/Horticulturists/ Botanists", please write and request a copy.

Ingwersen, Will. Manual of alpine plants. Portland, 1986. \$17.95. ISBN: 0-88192-026-6

Updated re-issue of the 1978 publication originally issued by the Birch Farm Nursery and intended to be used in conjunction with their annual catalog of stock. Extensive descriptions (there are no illustrations) with particular attention given to color and habit of growth. Introductory comments on each species discuss origin of plant and give general cultivation information. There are occasional comments on general availability of the plant as well as personal preferences and thoughts on garden desirability.

Pietropaolo, James and Patricia. Carnivorous plants of the world. 1986. \$27.95. ISBN: 0-88192-066-5

Considerable attention paid to names, descriptions and cultivation of hybrids and cultivars, as one might expect from the authors, owners of a nursery specializing in carnivorous and woodland plants. Welcome indexes of plant sources, world-wide, a bibliography and glossary, as well as a brief list of plant societies. Detailed line drawings, many showing trap mechanisms and propagation techniques, and many color photos. Carnivorous plants in the garden--shades of the Little Shop of Horrors.

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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.