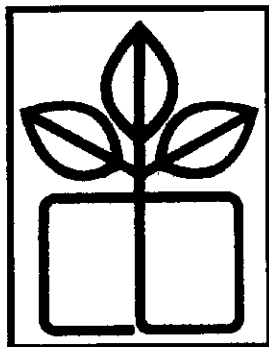


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*CBHL 33rd Annual Meeting, July 11-13
2001, Denver Botanic Gardens,
Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.*

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The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. will meet in July 2001 for their 33rd Annual Meeting and Denver Botanic Gardens, host for the meeting, invite your attendance from Wednesday July 11 to Friday July 13, 2001. Pre-meeting sessions will be on Tuesday, July 10 with post-meeting tours, site visits, and field trips scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 14 and 15.

The theme for the 2001 Annual Meeting is "Pioneering the Connection Between People & Plants."

Throughout 2001 Denver Botanic Gardens is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. As a cornerstone of the community, the Gardens serves as a connection between people and plants each and every day. We invite you join us in our celebration of past achievement and vision to the future.

The American Association of Arboreta and Botanical Gardens and the American Horticultural Therapy Association will be conducting their annual conferences at the same time. The three organizations will overlap programming throughout the conference with joint participation that promises great opportunities for communication and networking among all.

Denver Botanic Gardens is honored and proud to extend a warm western welcome. The Meeting takes place amid the energy and vitality of downtown Denver with the dramatic Front Range of the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop. In addition, you will experience the beauty and diversity of Denver Botanic Gardens where a transformation



Denver Metro Visitors and Convention Bureau

Visitors admire a zinnia bed in Denver's Washington Park

and revolution in public gardening has taken place over the past twelve months.

The entire staff of Denver Botanic Gardens is pleased to offer more than twenty different gardens of distinction to delight, engage, and inspire you. In addition, you will have a chance to visit Chatfield Nature Preserve where 700 acres of foothills, land is being developed to provide education about Colorado's natural environment and to accommodate exciting events for the surrounding community.

Touring the western U.S. natural landscape is sure to energize and delight you.

Imagine the thrill of exploring the magnificence of Mt. Goliath as you hike its high altitude trail, stunning with alpine flowers and ancient bristlecone pines.

A variety of private and public gardens in and around Denver illustrate our western identity and the regional gardening styles.

Other tours and destinations will leave you with an appreciation of the tremendous diversity of natural habitats from prairie grassland to mountain meadow. Think of the many opportunities for learning and advancement that await as you participate in educational sessions. And don't miss the chance to hear authoritative and stimulating speakers share with you their vision of the meeting theme.

Above all, be sure to bring your energy, enthusiasm and ideas to this conference. The diversity and expertise of our CBHL membership always make this annual event a remarkable meeting where we continue to learn from one another in an atmosphere of collaboration and spirit as we are: *Pioneering the Connection Between People and Plants.*

Pioneering the Connection Between People and Plants.

Some Specifics

For the first time in CBHL history, Annual Meeting registration will take place at our conference website <www.CBHL2001.org>. All conference details will be available there and members will be able either to register on-line or print the form and then mail

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or fax it in.

The website <www.CBHL2001.org> will be running by March 15, 2001.

The registration deadline is June 10, 2001.

IF, BY MARCH 15, 2001, YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN EUBANK FOR REGISTRATION MATERIALS IN NON-ELECTRONIC FORM.



Keynote speaker Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Susan Eubank can be reached at Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York Street, Denver, Colorado 80403; phone 720/865-3570 ; FAX 720/865-3685.

Register by any method that suits you.

Hotel: Denver Marriott City Center, Denver, Colorado.

Tours: There will be pre- and post-conference tours with participants and guests from all three organizations (CBHL, AABGA, AHTA).

Multi-Day Tours include trips to Crested Butte, Steamboat Springs, Vail, and a whirlwind tour of the Gardens of the Rockies.

One-Day tours include Rocky Mountain National Park, Vail, Colorado Springs, Private Gardens, etc.

Part-Day tours include Mt. Goliath, the Geology of Colorado, Private Gardens, etc.

We will also visit Denver Botanic Gardens and the Western History Room of the Denver Public Library.

Speakers: Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the attorney for two environmental organizations, will be our keynote speaker.

Diane Relf, Ph.D., the driving force behind the People-Plant Council will be a plenary speaker.

The three CBHL member presentations will be on technology, preservation, and volunteers.

Pat Wagner will give us an informative and inspirational talk on "The Ecology of Human Communication."

Committees and Business Meetings: We are continuing Strategic Planning this year, so some meetings will probably occur each day, Tuesday evening through Friday afternoon. As in the past, some committees may need to meet over lunch or dinner.

Receptions, Banquet, and Concert: Our receptions, banquets,

2 and a concert evening will be wonderful opportunities for networking as they will occur in conjunction with AABGA and AHTA.

An authors' reception will feature our Rocky Mountain favorites, the banquet will take place under the prairie sky at Chatfield Nature Preserve, and a Denver Botanic Gardens musical concert will be available to be enjoyed by all participants.

Other activities: You can participate in a Sunrise Fitness Walk and help to create an outdoor classroom at a local elementary school.

Look for the website <www.CBHL2001.org> coming soon!

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Board Report

CHARLOTTE "CHUCK" TANCIN, CBHL SECRETARY
THE HUNT INSTITUTE FOR BOTANICAL DOCUMENTATION
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.



November 11, 2000 CBHL Board meeting at Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado:

Present: Mary Ellen Armentrout, treasurer elect; Celine Arseneault, president; Susan Eubank, Annual Meeting host; David Lane, past president; Barbara Pitschel, second vice-president; John Reed, treasurer; and Charlotte "Chuck", Tancin, secretary.

Absent: Susan Fugate, first vice-president.

Celine Arseneault opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in a meeting room at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Susan Eubank reported on the planning for the July 2001 annual meeting. The proposed meeting schedule was discussed with Thursday, July 12, chosen to be a joint programming day open to CBHL members, American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) members, and American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) members. Two of the CBHL proposed programs were accepted by AABGA for these joint program sessions, but a third will be presented on one of the other days of the CBHL Annual Meeting.

The CBHL web site with full information for the meeting should be up by March 15.

Several other Denver Botanic Gardens staff also met with the Board to discuss budget issues.

Chuck Tancin gave a short Secretary's Report.

David Lane reported on the revision-in-progress of the list of Board duties which also includes non-Board positions.

John Reed then gave the Treasurer's report. As he has been planning to retire as Treasurer at the end of 2000, this was his last in-person report to the Board. He distributed a cash



flow report with actual and proposed budgets. In discussing the cash flow report he noted that the current figures were as of 10/28/00 and did not reflect financial information from the May 2000 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. John has just learned in a message from Susan Fugate that the National Agricultural Library (NAL), Washington, estimates a \$1,600 profit will result from that Meeting.

Two resolutions were passed during the Treasurer's report:

RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to pay legal fees associated with making changes in The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. Act of Incorporation to allow the official address of the Council to be changed from that of The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y., to the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, PA.

RESOLVED, that the Board of The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. authorizes the treasurer to contract with a Certified Public Accountant to audit the books for Fiscal Year 2000 with the cost not to exceed \$1000.

Transfer of authority to the new Treasurer, Mary Ellen Armentrout, was discussed and is being done over the next few months. John then presented a proposed budget for 2001 and after some discussion he suggested some changes.

It was voted to accept the budget as finally proposed.

Committee reports were given.

A resolution was passed:

RESOLVED, that the position of Membership Secretary be renamed Membership Manager.

New Business included an update from Barbara Pitschel on the planned 2002 Annual Meeting in San Francisco; discussions of how member mailings and claims for back issues of the Newsletter are handled; suggestions for possibly different membership categories for institutional and commercial members and an associate membership category for EBHL members; and accepting advertising in the Newsletter.

A policy will be established for running ads in the Newsletter. The Board agreed to continue to handle other promotional material the way we do now, i.e., with institutional members purchasing labels and mailing their material directly to members.

After further discussion two resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED, that no commercial inserts will be included in CBHL mailings.

RESOLVED, that CBHL is instituting a policy to accept appropriate advertisements in its publications for a fee. The CBHL Board is responsible for establishing the policy and for its application and will review them as needed.

The last session of the November 11 Board Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m. in Denver.

CBHL members interested in reading the full text can find meeting minutes on the CBHL web site at

3 <huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHLInfoCtr/CBHL-111100.html> or members may contact Chuck Tancin for a print copy.

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New Serial Titles

NOTED BY JOHN FLANAGAN
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW
RICHMOND, SURREY, ENGLAND

John has) decided to experiment and send out information on new serials received at Kew from January 2001 onwards in the hope that this information may be of benefit to CBHL and EBHL members... the information (is presented) in a simple and an intelligible way without reference to any known cataloguing rules or system...

New Serial Titles received at Kew:

January 2001

1. *Die anderen Sukkulente*, heft 1-30, 1983-1997: ISSN 0863-0763 -continued as: *Avonia*, jahrgang 16, heft 1, 1998 + : ISSN the same

Contact: Dr Volker Buddensiek
Kampstr. 23
31655 Stadthagen
Germany

- started in the DDR and not received at Kew until Jan 2001. No subscription information available.

2. *Taxonomianiac*: revue de taxonomie et de nomenclature botaniques. no.1-, 2001-

[No 1 dated 10 janvier 2001]

Contact: D J P De Blaay
Editeur
rue des Basses 16
B 6940 Durbuy
Belgium

M. De Blaay reports in his "Presentation de l'editeur" that he has started this revue [A4 size photocopied - 23p. in No 1] to remedy what he describes as the lack in Belgium of a journal specializing in taxonomy and botanical nomenclature. No subscription information available.

3. I have to thank Stefan Dressler in Frankfurt for this: the journal database of the former German libraries institute <db-opac.de:7000> also with French & English introductions: very useful database for journal titles!

4. The British Library has launched a new version online catalogue at <blpc.bl.uk>. This replaces OPAC97. It appears that searches can be made of Document Supply Centre material, including journals. The "Inside" service enables article level searches of journals, but this is subscription.

5. It has been confirmed to me by Yvonne Reynolds, Librarian at the National Botanical Institute in South Africa, that *The South African Journal of Botany* will not be available under exchange of publications from 2001 onwards (Vol. 67).

Vol. 66 (2000) is complete in two parts only (six parts were expected but 3-6 will not be published).



On the Web: Sacred and Mythical Plants, Genetic Resources, and Historical Resources

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THE HOLDEN ARBORETUM
KIRTLAND, OHIO



In a sad note, we note the demise of the wondrous Subject Category List of the Internet Directory for Botany <www.helsinki.fi/kmus/botany.html> which was one of the most useful sources for finding botanical and horticultural websites. The Alphabetical List <www.botany.net/IDB/botany.html> remains.

The role of trees and plants in religion and mythology forms the subject matter of several websites. Sacred Places: Trees and the Sacred <www.arthistory.sbc.edu/sacredplaces/trees.html> is an art historian's account of the role of trees in religion, and more particularly, their use in sacred places. The use and meaning of trees in Celtic mythology, alphabet, and calendar are discussed in Sacred Trees <www.geocities.com/Area51/Shire/3951/dryadart.html> with frequent references to Robert Graves' *The White Goddess*. A wider discussion of the mythical and folkloristic power of plants will be found in the Mystical World Wide Web: Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs <www.mystical-www.co.uk/plants.htm> where one will find a language of herbs and a list of flowers associated with calendar months as well as beliefs about specific plants. One refers to the use of caraway to forestall a potentially wandering spouse. The same basic site also suggests trees at <www.mystical-www.co.uk/trees.htm> which begins with links to various symbolic trees, but also has a link labeled "Tree Mythology" leading to another alphabetical grid for specific trees. Finally, *Mythical Plants of the Middle Ages* <www.godecooking.com/mythical/mythical.htm> is a handsome, if modest, compilation on legendary plants such as the barnacle goose tree and the bohun upas in which succinct text is accompanied by early woodcut illustrations and a bibliography.

The fragile nature of current forest communities is brought home in the online publication of *The Last Frontier Forests: Ecosystems and Economics on the Edge* <www.igc.org/wri/fff/fff-eng/lff-home.htm> by the World Resources Institute. The subject is the decline of the forests and the site provides forest profiles for various regions of the world, a discussion of the specific threats, and some possible solutions. By contrast, *The World of Trees* <www.domtar.com/arbre/english> is a French Canadian site aimed at simply helping students learn more about trees. The site focuses on the life cycle of the tree, the uses of trees, the preservation and protection of trees, and tree forms.

Native plant preservation is one of the main purposes of the North American Native Plant Society <www.nanps.org/index.shtml> which includes a description of the organiza-

tion, a featured plant article from their newsletter, a page discussing strategies to rescue endangered plants and plant communities from developers, photos of native plants, and a message board.

Wildflowers of the Southeastern United States <2bnthewild.com/nfix.htm> includes a searchable database with information and images of the plants, indices of plant names, plant listings by family and genus, and plant listings by flower color and type.

A different approach to the native plants of Australia is featured on the Contemporary Use of Bush Tucker page <www.geocities.com/thaliebel/BushTucker.html> which deals with Australian native food plants. The site includes recipes and a discussion of contemporary use in gourmet cooking.

Nutrition sites are grouped and rated by the Tufts University Nutrition Navigator <navigator.tufts.edu>. One of the more entertaining nutrition sites on fruits and vegetables which can be found using the Tufts search engine is Dole 5 A Day: Nutrition Education for Kids, Teachers, & Parents <www.dole5aday.com>. Although obviously sponsored by the Dole foods company, the site combines talking vegetables and fruits, stories, games and nutrition songs for the kids with a vegetable encyclopedia, information on phytochemicals in the plants, and teacher guides.

Since the genetic engineering of plants remains a hot and controversial topic, here are some sites dealing with it.

International Plant Genetics Resources <www.ipgri.cgiar.org> is the site of the International Plant Genetics Institute with numerous links to international genetics sites and also links to fellowships in this field of study. The International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology <www.icgeb.trieste.it> is the site of a United Nations International Development Organization which currently consists of between 40 and 60 mainly third world countries plus China, Russia, and Italy. The site details ICGEB activities and provides a number of databases and other tools which are only available to organizations in the UN member nations.

The site of the ASCOLL Home Page <www.ascoll.org> will probably change in the near future as the group is changing its name from the Association of Systematics Collections to the Natural Science Collection Alliance. The site provides information about the organization, current news in the field, and two databases developed in conjunction with the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division. One database is of individual experts in the various taxonomies and the other is of research systematics collections (which includes herbaria, libraries, and living plant collections).

We conclude this issue's offering with a pair of history sites. At Landscape History <darkwing.uoregon.edu/~helphand> there are 19 pages of horticultural images used by Kenneth Helphand in an art history course on the history of landscape architecture. The images, grouped by specific



topics, are free to all non-commercial and educational users as long as, in each case, they acknowledge the copyright holder.

The last history site is somewhat more problematic. A History of Farming and Cities by History Link 101 <www.historylink101.com/history_of_farm.htm> combines the two subjects on one page and consists of links to many pages on specific subtopics. Unfortunately some of the subpages have strange renderings of history or curious phrasings which are amusing, but which could be disastrous for a new student. The page on Medieval Farming, for instance, gives the impression that the "enclosure movement" began in 1800 directly following the serf system. Another page has the amusing title for a calendar of medieval agricultural activities "Common Tasks for Middle-Aged Workers."

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CBHL committees and meetings

Botanical and/or Horticultural Literature Award

Current chair is Kathy Allen, Bibliographer, University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

The Committee is reviewing and ranking the nominated titles and will decide on an awardee in March 2001. For a list of nominees see the November 2000 CBHL Newsletter.

One title, Selected Plants for Southern California Gardens has been withdrawn from consideration by the member who nominated it.

Many thanks to all the members who nominated these wonderful works. It will be another tough decision this year.

Charles Robert Long Award

Current chair is Connie Wolf, Librarian, The Missouri Botanical Garden.

Members are Nadia Aufderheide, Head Librarian, The Holden Arboretum, and Jane Cole, Paradise Valley, Arizona. The Committee also includes the current CBHL president and CBHL secretary as ex officio members.

Membership

Chair is Gayle Bradbeer, Denver, Colorado.

Membership renewal notices mailed in February contained a cover letter from Celine Arseneault, CBHL president, regarding the importance of CBHL membership.

Mailing labels continue to be available for sale to institutional members on request.

New members are contacted by members of the membership committee as a welcome and orientation. The committee answers new membership requests and follows up on non-renewals.

5 Having a time at annual meetings for new members to be welcomed, a special breakfast, a new members reception, or arranging for some experienced members to take new members to dinner are some ideas to be explored.

A 2000 *Membership Directory* has been published.

Gayle indicates that she would like to begin training someone new to take over as membership manager. A successor is being sought.

2000-2001 Nominating Committee

The chair for 2000-2001 is past-president David Lane, Biological Sciences Librarian, University of New Hampshire. Members appointed by the chair are Rita Hassert, Technical Services Librarian, The Morton Arboretum and Doug Holland, Archivist, The Missouri Botanical Garden.

The Committee is responsible for selecting and presenting nominees for election to the CBHL Board. Candidates for CBHL 2nd Vice-president will be selected this year. When elected by vote of the members, the officer serves on the Board for 4 consecutive years.

Publications

Chair is Judy Warnement, Librarian, Harvard University Botany Libraries.

Membership Brochure, Newsletter, and Membership Directory are the responsibilities of this committee. Committee members include all dues paying CBHL members who wish to participate.

Travel Fellowship Award

The members of the CBHL Board of Directors also serve as the Travel Fellowship Award committee.

Each year, prior to the Annual Meeting, an application form is sent out to all CBHL members inviting application for funds from this endowed award which is intended to help pay for one member's travel or registration for the CBHL Annual Meeting.

Memorial donations make it possible to use interest from the Fellowship Endowment to fund this Award.

Selection of the 2001 Awardee will be by decision of the Award Committee.

Future CBHL Annual Meetings

July 11-13, 2001 - Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado, joint meeting with the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) and the American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA)

Contact: Susan Eubank

April 9-13, 2002 - Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, San Francisco, California



Contact: Barbara Pitschel

(May) 2003 – The New York Botanical Garden, LuEsther T. Mertz Library, Bronx, New York

Contact: John Reed

May 2004 – Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Contact: Charlotte “Chuck” Tancin

May 2005 – Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri

Contact: Connie Wolf

Book review

KATHERINE ALLEN, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN-BIBLIOGRAPHER
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1984 BUFORD AVENUE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55108

McVaugh, Rogers. *Botanical Results of the Sesse and Mocino Expedition (1787-1803). VII. A Guide to Relevant Scientific Names of Plants.* Pittsburgh, PA: Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University, 2000. 626 pp. ISBN: 0-9131-96-68-1

Many familiar names of CBHL members are in Acknowledgments. Dr. McVaugh notes the helpful assistance of Bernadette Callery, Anita Karg, Sarah Leroy, Chuck Tancin and James J. White, all of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, as well as Linda Oestry of The Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis.

What is one person's nightmare may well be another person's life work. The more I read of the introduction, I couldn't help thinking: What a god-awful mess the author had to deal with. McVaugh has unraveled an enormous tangle of threads in his monumental and successful effort to sort out details of the plants collected, painted and/or identified -- correctly or incorrectly -- by members of the seventeen year Sesse and Mocino Expedition to the New World.

McVaugh notes in the preface that “the literature of floristic and systematic botany has been burdened (and enriched) with some thousands of names of plants, published and unpublished, valid and invalid, purposeful and inadvertent, new and old” as a result of this expedition.

The introductory material talks a little bit about the Expedition and quite a bit about the 2000 or so watercolor images, or icones, of the plants from the expedition. This set of 2000 icones stayed in Madrid for about a decade after the Expedition returned to Spain. Mocino then travelled with them to Montpellier, where they were studied by the Swiss botanist, A.P. de Candolle.

De Candolle later described and identified hundreds of plants new to science from these paintings alone. While Mocino gave de Candolle about 300 duplicates, he returned

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to Spain with the original set and died shortly thereafter in 1820.

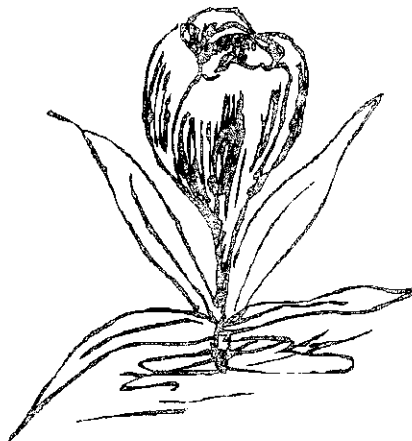
After Mocino died, the watercolors disappeared and were not recovered for nearly 160 years, when they were discovered in a private collection in Barcelona. In 1981 the Hunt Institute acquired the set, which is now called the “Torner Collection.”

The paintings were published in CD-ROM format by the Hunt Institute in 1998 as *The Torner Collection of Sesse and Mocino Biological Illustrations*, compiled by James J. White, Rogers McVaugh and Robert W. Kiger. The CD is complemented nicely with the publication of this volume.

The bulk of the volume is arranged by family name, genus, and species. Each named species includes a full citation of the author name, including where and when the species name was published. A type locality is given, when known, with as much information as possible to help identify a locality if it isn't known. Icon numbers, Torner Collection numbers, Sesse & Mocino Herbarium numbers, and Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago) numbers are all provided along with explanations of these in the introduction.

Problems with correct identification of a plant are noted and explained in depth. An index of genus and species makes it possible to locate a plant in the collection even when unsure of the family.

McVaugh must be commended for tackling this enormous project and for organizing it so well. His work will save the time and frustration of botanists and plant taxonomists for years to come. For another review of this work, which includes much more information on the Expedition as well as the series publications, of which this is number 7, see the review in *Plant Science Bulletin* 46(4), p 128-129.



Members' news

COMPILED BY JUDITH A. WARNEMENT, LIBRARIAN
HARVARD UNIVERSITY BOTANY LIBRARIES
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
AND VALERIE EASTON
ELISABETH C. MILLER LIBRARY
THE CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

From Linda Oestry, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri:

When I travelled to Guatemala in September to adopt a second child – beautiful 4 1/2 month old Juliana Elena Rosa – I managed to spend a day at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. The Missouri Botanical Garden has an exchange agreement with the UVG library and herbarium. I know a couple who works there through their visits to MBG and also because of my trip to Guatemala in 1999 to bring home my son Reed, who is now almost two years old. He

and Juliana are my joy!

In September AnaLu de MacVean gave my family and me a tour of the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala herbarium. She also talked about her ethnobotanical plant research and efforts to database specimen information. Charles MacVean's research is in applied entomology. Among the interesting studies going on in his lab is one that concerns the Niji scale insect, *Llaveia axin*, a domesticated lac insect which is reared on the acacia species, *Jatropha curcas*. The insect is used as a source of a decorative lacquer so Chuck is looking for ways to develop this and other rural industries based on Guatemalan native plant biodiversity.

The highlight of my son Reed's trip to UVG was the entomology collections, where at the sight of big hairy spiders he began reciting "Little Miss Muffet."

Chuck and AnaLu have been instrumental in the replanting of the campus grounds/gardens with economically interesting plants that can be used as a living teaching collection for the University Biology Department. Chuck is on the faculty library committee and had arranged for me to meet with the university Librarian to tour the library's special collection of anthropological literature.

The cost of journals, journal budgets, and access to OCLC and BIOSIS databases were the topics the Librarian and I discussed most.

In fact, if anyone has current biological literature they would like to donate let me know so I can forward the lists to the Librarian at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. UVG does have an APO address in Miami so it is possible to send literature quite inexpensively.

The staffs of the Herbarium and Entomology Departments would also welcome visitors collaborators.

Hasta luego Guatemala!

From Janice L. Dodd, Berry Botanic Garden, Portland, Oregon:

I presented a budget/management proposal to the board at the November meeting that proposed more support for programs from the bottom up rather than more direction from the top down (i.e. hiring a new executive director). The board approved my proposal. So...I will be Director of the garden for the next calendar year and we will be hiring a 1/2 time Development Director to create a fundraising program including membership.

The proposal also includes hiring 3 other 1/2 time positions in Education, Horticulture and Plant Conservation. I won't know which way to go at the Denver meeting!

The library recently received a donation of over 6000 slides from the collection of Molly & Louis Grothaus. The family also generously donated the funds to purchase another cabinet to house the slides.

From Barbara Pitschel, Helen Crocker Russell Library, Stry-

bing Arboretum Society, San Francisco, California:

7 Thanks to a generous gift from the family of a board member, the library has a state-of-the-art Dell Pentium III multimedia public computer with color printer. It is the only color printer at Strybing Arboretum. The principal purpose of this workstation is to provide access to CD-ROMs which aid users in plant selection, native plant location, etc.

Assistant Librarian Kathleen Fisher, resident technology authority, will also be using this gift to select garden design CDs and other appropriate resources. Kathleen appreciates the CD evaluations provided by several CBHL librarians through electronic discussion.

The library will offer limited public Internet access within the scope of our mission. Public printer use will be available for 15 cents per page for black and white (the same cost as photocopy) and 50 cents per page for color.

Staff will pay 25 cents for color prints.

The donation also includes the gift of a digital camera and purchase of a scanner.

The five current library computers are now networked on a wireless connection. As we gradually move all our applications to a shared drive, staff and volunteers are experiencing increased flexibility within our limited workspace. Now, in addition to our old workhorse printer, each computer also has the capability of printing on the new public color printer.

These baby steps toward library automation are encouraging for all of us.

By the way, the shift of materials to open stacks on the library mezzanine has made the entire periodical collection accessible to patrons. This pleases users and decreases the time the librarians must spend locating bound serials from closed stacks. The rearrangement is designed to free up stack space for the book collection which was bulging at the seams.

Welcome growth space on every shelf was unexpectedly achieved by the removal of about twelve feet of wooden directional block books which are no longer needed.

The October Women of Flowers exhibition of Victorian botanical prints based on Jack Kramer's book of the same title was an unprecedented success. The show and the library received excellent media coverage which brought lots of new people into the library.

Thirty-seven of the forty-two prints in the exhibit were sold -- many during the holiday season -- a nice boost to library support.

From Val Easton & Brian Thompson, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, The Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington:

The Miller Foundation gave the library support for two new projects in 2001. We'll be starting a Plant Answer Line in April, a quick answer service for gardeners run by paid staff answering questions by phone and email. We're in the midst of getting a new phone line installed, logo designed,



and publicity out to nurseries and media. The new phone number will be listed on our web page by April 1. Speaking of which, the second project is a complete new look for our web page, created by a graphic designer. Stay tuned.

Seattle was privileged this winter to host a show of botanical art from the Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Library. Based on the Timber Press book by Lindley's librarian Brent Elliot – who spoke at the Northwest Flower and Garden Show in February – the Lindley Library botanical art show included dozens of botanical drawings and paintings that had never before left the United Kingdom. A local botanical book collector, Darrell Allen, underwrote the cost of the Lindley Library exhibition in Seattle. Mr. Allen hopes to stimulate interest in raising funds to digitize the entire RHS collection of rare books.

"Treasures of the Royal Horticultural Society: 350 Years of Botanical Art" was at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center Galleria during January and February. When Andre Colquhoun, Director General of the RHS, came to Seattle for the exhibition's opening he took time to visit the Elisabeth C. Miller Library. He was polite about the Library, but seemed far more impressed with the Center for Urban Horticulture laboratories.

Mary Ellen Armentrout announces that the Cleveland Botanical Garden will close their library and building on February 4, 2001 for 2.5 years.

During this time there will be expansion of the library building and construction of a glass house. The projected reopening will be in the fall of 2003. The planned library will be double in space and should become automated at that time. Library staff will explore the possibility of joining Ohiolink through Case Western Reserve University.

During the closure the library will be boxed and put into storage at temporary quarters in downtown Cleveland. The horticultural staff will remain on site to maintain the gardens and a small visitors center. All other staff will move to temporary offices. Library staff will process the Garden's archives during this time.

Pamela Burns-Balogh, Balogh Scientific Books, Champaign, Illinois points out that one can register for a free month trial subscription to the online version of Books in Print.

Visit the BIP website for more information: <www.booksinprint.com>.

Judy Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts apologizes for including the URL for the Arnoldia Index in the November news

8 *section of the CBHL Newsletter.*

Apparently the Arnoldia Index URL is intended only for internal use by Arnold Arboretum staff.

The Harvard University Botany Libraries and the Friends of the Farlow hosted an exhibit of works by Russian artist, Alexander Viazmensky, on November 21, 2000 in the Farlow Library. More than forty of "Sasha's" watercolors of fungi and landscapes were on display. The Farlow acquired three beautiful paintings for the archives.

More on book sales:

Janet Evans, Manager of the McLean Library, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, passes on the following book sale tips from Philadelphia libraries:

At least one public library in Philadelphia is selling its books virtually via eBay <www.ebay.com>. They report that they do well. Collectors of genre writing, such as science fiction, buy up the library's lots. Janet adds that she won't be surprised if this becomes common practice. If it is less labor intensive to sell online, it might make sense to do so.

A previous story in the Newsletter mentions that CBHL libraries offer duplicate serials to each other. Janet adds that PHS offers book sale leftovers, too, at very low prices and some of the books are deaccessioned copies.

Why deaccessioned? Perhaps the book is a duplicate; perhaps someone donated a copy in better condition so that the library can upgrade with the better copy. These books are not rare so don't need that sort of special treatment.

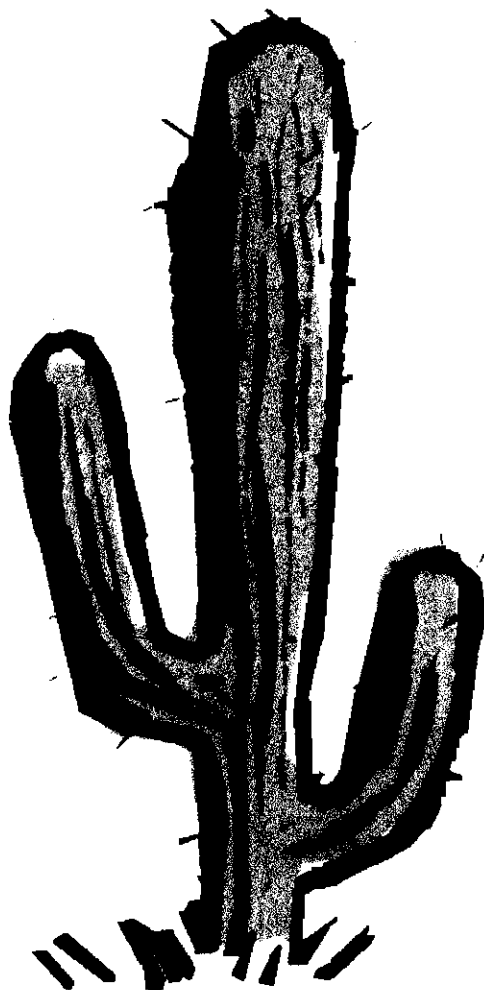
James J. White sends word that the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh will display watercolors by Damodar Lal Gurjar of Jaipur from 26 April through July 2001.

This exhibition of watercolors will be on display on the 5th floor of the Hunt Library building.

Gurjar is influenced by the traditional school of painting from the desert state of Rajasthan, but his technique is a blend of the traditional and contemporary. Certainly he is one of India's leading artists of natural-history themes and is a master at super-realism and depicting textures in his subjects.

Born in 1958 and educated at Rajasthan University, Gurjar has made his career as a freelance artist painting numerous private commissions in watercolor, gouache and tempera. One person exhibitions have been held at Ranthambor School of Art in Sawai Madhopur (1990) and the Crafts Museum in New Delhi (1994). In 1999 Gurjar received a State Award from the Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy and an All India Award by the Department of Environment. His work is, however, almost unknown outside of India.

For further information, contact the Hunt



Institute at (412) 268-2440. This exhibition of watercolors will be on display on the 5th floor of the Hunt Library building at Carnegie Mellon University from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open to the public free of charge.

In the December 2000 issue of *The Ohio Journal of Science*, Bill Burk, University of North Carolina Biology Librarian, has the lead article, "A Centennial History of *The Ohio Journal of Science*."

Within six pages (115-120), he chronicles the significant stages in the development of the journal and provides a table of noteworthy facts, chronologically arranged. In this same issue of OJS, Bill wrote biographical sketches of the following Ohio scientists and educators: Mortimer Warren Ake (1922-1996), Stephen Wenham Barber (1910-1989), Harold August Bolz (1911-1999), Kenneth Burdette Cummins (1911-1998), Richard Bott Engdahl (1914-1999), Melissa Diane Mejia (1974-1998), Floyd Roger Nave (1925-1999), Robert Swanton Platt, Jr. (1925-2000), John Franklin Schaff (1931-2000), Wave Henry Shaffer (1909-1995), and Gertrude Dolores (Heckman) Shay (1923-1996). Of these people, Platt is the only botanist; however, an extensive bio-sketch of botanist Tharl Richard Fisher (1921-2000) was written by Ronald L. Stuckey in this same series of biographies.

Susan Fraser, NYBG Archivist and Stephen Sinon, Assistant NYBG Archivist are pleased to announce the release of the first installment of a series of descriptive finding guides on the World Wide Web for archival collections held at The New York Botanical Garden.

These guides include the papers created by botanists, curators, explorers and administrators associated with the Garden's Herbarium and Laboratory.

They also include the papers of botanists of earlier times or associated primarily with other institutions, whose archives are held by the Garden.

These include John Torrey, Howard Bigelow, Truman Yuncker, and William Mitten, to list but a few. The URL for these pages is: <www.nybg.org/bsci/libr/list1.html> or, go to the Garden's Archives home page: <www.nybg.org/bsci/libr/Archives/html> and click on "Finding Guides."

Represented in this collection are Finding Guides for 75 individuals.

A second installment for approximately 50 additional entries will be made available shortly. Funding for the creation of these finding guides was made available by the National Endowment for the Humanities, The Documentary Heritage Program of the New York State Archives, the Harriet

9 Ford Dickinson Foundation, and private donors. If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Susan Fraser: <sfraser@nybg.org> or Stephen Sinon: <ssinon@nybg.org>.

Our friends at The Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, are in search of a librarian to organize and manage a collection of approximately 73,000 volumes, with a growth rate of several thousand volumes per year.

In addition, the librarian will recommend and oversee the installation of an online library system; introduce other online services; handle reference and interlibrary loan needs of BRIT staff; and provide administrative and long range planning and development. The position requires a Master's degree in library or information sciences from an American Library Association accredited program.

The ideal candidate will comprehend descriptive cataloging, classification, AACR2 and OCLC; have knowledge of library management techniques, resource sharing, networking, and automated library systems; knowledge of general and specialized reference tools including

on-line information resources; the ability to work with research and other staff, the Board of Trustees, and community at large and to supervise volunteers; knowledge of conservation and preservation principles and methods; ability to adapt readily to changes in conditions or assignments; ability to work independently; understands and accepts BRIT's mission and goals (To conserve our natural heritage by deepening our knowledge of the plant and achieving public understanding of the value plants bring to life).

BRIT offers an excellent benefits package; retirement program; sick and vacation leave. Qualified applicants are encouraged to send a letter of application, resume, and salary requirements to: Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Human Resources Attn: Marilyn McCullough 509 Pecan Street, Fort Worth, TEXAS 76102-4060. The position will remain open until filled. BRIT is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Questions should be directed to S. H. Sohmer at: <ssohmer@brit.org> or Tel: 1-817-335-8158 ; Fax: 1-817-332-4112.

Katherine Powis, Librarian of the Horticultural Society of New York, announces that the Society marked its centennial in Y2K.

The Library celebrated with a series of displays in the main hall that highlighted the organization's history. The displays featured material selected from the institutional archives that explained the role of some prominent players from the early years. These include Joel E. Spingarn, who helped organize the NAACP and is credited with reintroducing clematis to the U.S.; Edward Steichen, who was not only a photogra-



pher but a serious delphinium breeder; and Richardson L. Wright.

Also of note for this momentous year: the library hosted visits from local groups (the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Special Libraries Association division of Museums Arts and Humanities, and the New York Library Club); the annual Library Benefit netted over \$15,000, and an endowment for the library was established.

Please also note Katherine's new email address: <kpowis@hsny.org>.

Judy Warnement, of the Harvard University Botany Libraries, reports that the NEH microfilming program is well under way.

More than three hundred titles have been filmed under the "History of Science: Preserving Collections for the Study of Culture and Society" project. Titles were selected from the libraries, New World "travels and voyages" and "flora" sections based on age, condition, and need for a master microfilm. You can monitor the progress of the project by searching "harvard botany libraries" as a title in HOLLIS - that is, go to: <hollisweb.harvard.edu> and select HU --. A complete list of titles will appear. Works in progress will all be numbered "9999." Copies of all microfilm are available from the Imaging Services Division of Harvard College Library, Cambridge MA 02138 [(617)495-3995].

The Harvard University Library has reached an agreement with Ex Libris to contract for the purchase of its Aleph 500 library system to replace Harvard's current online catalog. Implementation and planning is under way to install all functions in the summer of 2002.

Stanley Johnston, Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio forwards this exhibit notice: The University of Delaware Library Special Collections announces a new exhibition "The Art of Botanical Illustration" February 8 to June 8, 2001.

The exhibition focuses on botanical books published from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries in Europe and the United States. Included are herbals, works of travel and exploration, commercial seed and nursery catalogs, and modern works. The material was drawn from the University's Unidel History of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Collection and other Special Collection's holdings.

The exhibition is on display at the University of Delaware Library from February 8 until June 8, 2001. The on-line exhibition can be seen at <www.lib.udel.edu/ud/spec/>.

The University of Arizona Press announces the publication of *The Tropical Deciduous Forest of Alamos: Biodiversity of a Threatened Ecosystem in Mexico* edited by Robert H. Robichaux and David A. Yetman. ISBN: 0-8165-1922-6.

10 The book includes a comprehensive plant list for the Río Cuchujaqui area that illustrates the diversity of the forest. Other contributions examine tree species used by Mayo Indians and the numerous varieties of domesticated plants that have been developed over the centuries by the Mayos and other indigenous peoples of the area. -2/20/2001

From the president

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*F*ugit irreparabile tempus (how time flies).

Two years ago at our Annual Meeting I described how my job has recently evolved. Nowadays librarians not only have to learn, adjust, and adapt to new technologies, but also to educate their clientele and in certain cases to install these new technologies & teach people how to use them.

In this fast-changing world in which we live, not only have new ways of retrieving information been developed but also new information support systems have come onto line.

You could almost say that most of us have had to shed our image as traditional librarians for that of new age librarians who are information specialists, information brokers, or - in the worst case scenario - designers of information systems.

Certainly, I know that I've evolved, taking on new challenges in the recent past, as have many others. I guess that you could say that the days of the image of the dinosaur librarian are numbered. Because, at the very least, you could also say that we've risen to the challenge of integrating ourselves into our institutions and by doing so maybe gaining some long-overdue recognition of the important role that we have long played in these institutions.

In this year 2001, which marks the real beginning of the 21st century, it is incumbent on our organization that we re-examine our goals and our raison d'être as a professional body. These past few years, our Strategic Planning Committee has accomplished an enormous task of examining and defining our mission and our objectives.

At our Denver Annual Meeting we will be counting on your input to go one step further, that is, to give your stamp of approval to the proposed plan which will permit CBHL to implement that plan in the coming years.

Who knows whether things will be done differently? But whatever we do we'll never lose touch with our rich past and



all those dedicated individuals who left their mark on our society and who firmly believed in the necessity of our organization – The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries.

Talking about doing things differently – this year we are requesting that participants register on-line for our next annual meeting. If you can't or if you prefer to do it by more traditional methods, please contact our Susan Eubank at the Denver Botanic Gardens who will help you out.

Whatever you decide, please look up our Web site at www.cbhl2001.com. It's one way of being techno savvy.

–Céline

Calendar of upcoming events

RITA HASSERT, TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN
STERLING MORTON LIBRARY, THE MORTON ARBORETUM
LISLE, ILLINOIS

March 7-11, 2001. Boston. MLS Renewal for Special Librarians. Sponsored by Special Libraries Association (SLA) and the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS). www.sla.org/content/learn/with/colleagues

March 15-18, 2001. Denver. Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) National Conference. "Crossing the Divide." www.ala.org/acrl/denver.html

March 30-31, 2001. Washington, D.C. "Linnaean Taxonomy in the 21st Century. The relationship of Linnaean Binomials and Hierarchical Ranks to Phylogenetic Classification, Monographic & Floristic Treatments, & Biodiversity Conservation." Sponsored by United States Botanic Garden of Washington, DC, the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, and the International Association for Plant Taxonomy (IAPT). persoon.si.edu/sbs

April 1-7, 2001. National Library Week. American Library Association's five-year "Campaign for America's Libraries" will be kicked off to the public during NLW with the theme "Your Library." www.ala.org/@yourlibrary

May 6-10, 2001. St. Louis. American Association of Museums Annual Meeting and Museum Expo. "The Spirit of Community." www.aam-us.org/expo2001/2001info.htm

May 17-18, 2001. Meise, Belgium. Na-



tional Botanic Garden of Belgium. European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (EBHL) Annual Meeting. www.ub.gu.se/Gb/ebhl/home.htm

June 8-9, 2001. Chicago. Association of Systematics Collections (ASC) Annual Meeting. "Natural Science Collections: A New Vision." Host: Field Museum of Natural History, Grant Park at Lake Shore Drive. www.ascoll.org/annualmeeting/2001/2001annlmtg.htm

June 9-14, 2001. San Antonio, Texas. Special Libraries Association Annual

Conference. "2001, An Information Odyssey: Seizing the Competitive Advantage." www.sla.org/conf/2001conf

June 14-20, 2001. San Francisco. American Library Association Annual Conference. "Libraries: Cornerstone of Democracy" www.ala.org/events/ac2001/index.html

July 11-13, 2001. Denver. The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) Annual Meeting with the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) and American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA). "Pioneering the Connection Between People and Plants." www.aabga.org and huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHL.html

August 16-25, 2001. Boston. International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Council and General Conference, the first in the U.S. in seventeen years. "Libraries and Librarians: Making a Difference in the Knowledge Age." www.ifla.org/IV/ifla67/index.htm

Oct. 11-14, 2001. Milwaukee. Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) National Forum, Hilton Milwaukee Center. "Integrating Innovation: IT in the Transfor-



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