



2001 Annual Meeting, Denver, Evaluation by 'Chuck' Tancin, CBHL Secretary

18 people --of the total 45 registered-- at the 2001 Denver annual meeting completed meeting evaluation forms. Most agreed that the facilities for committee meetings were adequate and that the topics covered in the business meeting were adequate and appropriate. People were evenly split, however, on the question of time allotted for meetings: was it too short or about right?

Most found the hotel accommodations good (11) or excellent (5),but many complained bitterly about the problems experienced with overbooked reservations. Meeting facilities were good or excellent (7), and the meals and breaks excellent.

The programs most popular with respondents were those by John Cronin, anti-pollution activist; Pat Wagner, SLA speaker; and the Denver Public Library tours. High marks were also received by the "People-to-People" CBHL member discussion and the various concurrent panels with CBHL member speakers.

Comments include:"the hosts did a great job;" "allow more time for informational and educational programs;" "stick to our usual, smaller meetings;" "need more member participation in presenting programs;" "may need still more time for CBHL business." The full report will be posted on the CBHL website. Check for it on the Members-only Information Center link on the CBHL home page at <<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu.CBHL>>

Plants & People: A Regional Perspective by Barbara M. Pitschel, Strybing Arboretum Society, San Francisco, California.

Here is a preview of current plans for the CBHL 34th Annual Meeting in San Francisco on April 8-13, 2002.

Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens and The California Academy of Sciences extend a heartfelt invitation to CBHL members and their friends to attend the exciting Annual Meeting we are planning for you at the height of next springtime's bloom.

It has been 21 years since San Francisco has hosted CBHL and we look forward to reacquainting you all with this beautiful part of the world. The schedule that follows is necessarily subject to slight modifications, but we want to give you an idea of what to anticipate in April 2002. Expect to receive your registration packet in the mail in early January 2002.

CANTERBURY HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO - The Canterbury Hotel at 750 Sutter Street, at the foot of Nob Hill near Union Square, Chinatown, and downtown San Francisco is the conference hotel. Hotel rates for CBHL members and guests are \$159 a night for single or double, \$174 triple, and \$189 quadruple (plus taxes). To accommodate those of you who will schedule an extended vacation around the Annual Meeting, the rates will apply from Sunday April 7 through Monday April 15, 2002.

CBHL ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION - The registration fee will be \$250. This includes food, three days of bus transportation - April 10,11,12 -, and all other costs associated with the events itemized below. You will have three box lunches, two gala evening receptions (which many people will substitute for dinner), a Friday evening banquet, and regular daily snacks during meeting breaks.

We are fortunate to be welcomed by our colleagues in a wide array of San Francisco Bay area institutions at no cost to our members. People like librarians!

MONDAY, April 8

Monday is a pre-conference day for early registration. There will be three meetings: CBHL Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship

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Committee 1:00 - 2:00 pm; CBHL Committee On Committees (COC) 2:00 - 5:30 pm; and the CBHL Board of Directors, 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

TUESDAY, April 9

From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm we will offer a pre-conference workshop at the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, on the basics of digitization for libraries of all sizes and with all types of media including 35mm slide and rare book collections.

There will be an additional charge for this workshop, which we anticipate will be between \$40 and \$60, including lunch, transportation, and materials. **Doug Holland** and his colleagues from Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, are working with **Anne Marie Malley** and **Larry Currie**, of the California Academy of Sciences, and with **Kathleen Fisher**, Strybing Arboretum Society, planning this session.

Annual Meeting registration at the Canterbury Hotel will be open from noon to 6:00 pm.

Four time slots are being set aside between 1:30 and 5:30 pm on Tuesday for meetings of all CBHL committees in the Canterbury Hotel. The exact schedule will be worked out among the various committee chairs working with the Committee On Committees (COC).

A reception and book bazaar is being planned from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Canterbury Hotel's **Lehr's Greenhouse Restaurant**. This restaurant, usually closed to the public on Tuesdays, gives us a lovely and unusual venue for our event. We hope for partial underwriting, as in the past, by exhibiting booksellers. Former CBHL secretary **Jane Gates** will be coordinating the book exhibits aspects of the evening.

WEDNESDAY, April 10

Our bus will depart at 8:00 am on Wednesday for a very full day in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the home of both host institutions.

In the morning, we will visit the California Academy of Sciences, where we will be welcomed by Director Patrick Kociolek. A keynote address follows by Dr. Ann Dennis on the *CalFlora Database*, which is hosted by the University of California, Berkeley, Digital Library Project. Midmorning site visits include the California Academy of Sciences libraries,

the Biodiversity Center, the Botany Department, and the Herbarium.

A lunch interlude will include tours of the Conservatory of Flowers by its director Scot Medbury with curator Jim Henrich. If time permits we also hope to include a tour of the AIDS Memorial Grove.

After lunch we will stroll to Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens and be welcomed by Strybing Arboretum Society Executive Director Michael McKechnie, Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens' Director Scot Medbury, and other staff.

We will open the CBHL Annual Business Meeting and will present the **CBHL Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature**. The afternoon meeting will be followed by tours of Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens led by an impressive array of Strybing luminaries.

Following the tours, participants will return to Strybing's Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture for a brief library orientation and book display, an exhibition of "**Wildflowers of California**" by California Native Plant Society's Yerba Buena Photographers, and a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception in the Library and in the Library Terrace Garden. This reception, hosted by Strybing Arboretum Society, will combine a celebration of the Helen Crocker Russell Library's 30th anniversary with the visit from our CBHL friends. Library volunteers and other local friends will be invited to join us.

Those who want a more substantial meal can wander off for dinner on their own in the neighborhood. Others can stay and enjoy the reception, the Library, and the Gardens until time for our evening event.

Since our CBHL Annual Meeting coincides with the monthly California Academy of Sciences members' meeting, we will be guests at that meeting. Academy botanist Dr. Tom Daniel has tailored the evening's program to our CBHL botany library interests. He will give a presentation on the local floras which are being prepared for the many regions of California, including San Francisco, as a part of **The Flora North America** project.

THURSDAY, April 11

Thursday morning will begin with another session of the CBHL Annual Business Meeting at the Canterbury Hotel. After this session,

we will board our buses for Berkeley, where we will spend the day with our colleagues across San Francisco Bay.

Our first stop will be the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Tilden Park. This is a very special botanical garden, representing many of the unique native plant communities of California, and this is the perfect time of year to see it. Here is an opportunity to see more of the California flora than you would otherwise be able to cram into a brief visit. Docents will guide us on tours of the garden.

We will proceed by bus to the University of California Botanical Garden in the Berkeley Hills, where we are being welcomed with complimentary meeting facilities and garden tours. CBHL Committees that require a second meeting will have the opportunity to meet over lunch at this time. Again, specific meetings will be scheduled through the COC as we did on Tuesday, April 9. Lunch and meetings will be followed by docent-led Garden tours.

We will then be driven down to the main University of California, Berkeley campus, where Landscape Architecture Librarian Debbie Sommer is coordinating tours of the Biosciences Library, the Botany Department and Herbaria, the Environmental Design Library, and the Environmental Design Archives. The Environmental Design Archives, by the way, was featured in the Fall 2000 **Catalog of Landscape Records in the United States**.

Buses back to San Francisco will drop groups off for dinner on their own at a variety of restaurants throughout San Francisco. You will be able to choose among **Greens**, noted vegetarian restaurant at Fort Mason; **Beach Chalet**, at the outer end of Golden Gate Park overlooking the Pacific Ocean; restaurants at the Embarcadero, North Beach, Fisherman's Wharf, Ghirardelli Square, the Cannery, South of Market, Chinatown, or back at the Canterbury Hotel. Perhaps there will be one group for first-time attendees led by the membership committee.

FRIDAY, April 12

Friday morning will be spent at the Canterbury Hotel. The CBHL Board of Directors will meet at 8:00 am.

From 9:00 to 10:00 am concurrent panel discussion sessions are planned. The first, on working with volunteers, postponed from the 2001 Denver meeting, is being

coordinated by **Ann McIntire**, United States National Arboretum, Washington, D.C. A message will be going out on the CBHL electronic discussion list soliciting a volunteer to coordinate a second panel. Among the subjects that have been suggested so far are: resource sharing, licensing, real-time reference, and children's collections and services.

When we have a coordinator for this second panel a call for papers will go out to members. About three members would then have an opportunity to present a short paper on the chosen topic. The advantage of coordinating is that the coordinator will have input on what the topic will be.

Following the panels, we are planning another *open forum* session similar to the Denver "Sharing CBHL Knowledge" session held Friday morning, July 13, that was so well-received at the 2001 Annual Meeting. As recommended, this session is being substituted for the reference book sharing sessions we've had in the past. However, you could certainly recommend reference resources in the *open forum* venue.

The morning will conclude with another CBHL Annual Business Meeting session, after which we will board buses that will take us to the Filoli gardens. We will eat our box lunches on the bus.

Filoli is a noted National Trust house and garden on the San Francisco Peninsula south of the city. One of the treasures of its Library of Landscape Architecture is the **Banks Florilegium**. Director of Horticulture Lucy Tolmach and Collections' Curator Tom Rogers will share with us the glories of the garden and some treasures of the house and Library.

After our 4:30 pm return to the Canterbury Hotel, the Committee On Committees (COC) will meet again.

At 6:00 pm we will board buses for the California Academy of Sciences, where our banquet will take place in the wonderful **California Wild** exhibit hall with the sound of the surf in the background. Dr. Frank Almeda, California Academy botanist and member of Strybing's Board of Trustees and Plant Collections Committee, will be our featured speaker. Frank will highlight botanical and horticultural connections between our two institutions and he will talk about his experiences in conservation of the Meso-American flora.

SATURDAY, April 13

We plan three optional all-day post-conference tours. Registration will be extra and each tour will be limited to 22 or 23 people.

1. NATURE - Led by Barbara Pitschel, Strybing Arboretum Society, San Francisco, California - Cost about \$50.

We will leave the hotel at 9:00 am and cross the **Golden Gate Bridge** to **Muir Woods State Park**, where we will be guided on a walk through the coast redwood forest by park ranger/naturalist Mia Monroe. She will introduce us to this environment and to the successful habitat restoration that she has coordinated in the forest understory. If time permits we will walk up out of the redwoods into grassland and chaparral for a glimpse of other facets of the spring flora. After enjoying our lunch under the redwood trees, we will drive over **Mount Tamalpais** and along the edge of **Bolinas Lagoon** to the little Pacific coastal village of **Bolinas**. Here we will visit **Larner Seeds**, the home and native plant nursery of Judith Lowry, native plant horticulturist and author of **Gardening with a Wild Heart: Restoring California's Native Landscapes at Home**. Judith will welcome us and show us around her rich garden interface with the natural environs.

An afternoon drive along the sparkling Pacific coast will bring us back to San Francisco and its famous **Presidio**, our new urban National Park. Our leader Pete Holloran, writer, editor, and active conservationist, is the author of "Seeing the Trees Through the Forest: Oaks and History in the Presidio," the final chapter of the City Lights anthology **Reclaiming San Francisco**. Pete will guide us around the rare and not-so-rare plants of sand dunes, grasslands, and serpentine; the multi-faceted community-based restoration work for which the Presidio is renowned; and the newly restored **Crissy Field coastal wetland**.

We will return to the hotel around 6:00 pm, with wonderful memories of north-coast California's spectacular spring flora.

2. GARDENS - Led by Richard G. Turner, Jr., editor of **Pacific Horticulture** magazine - Cost about \$55.

Dick Turner, who is one of the co-planners of our meeting, will host a memorable day of visits to the gardens of noted East Bay horticulturists, who will all be present to meet our group.

The tour will begin at 9:00 am with a drive across San Francisco's **Bay Bridge** to Walnut Creek, where we will visit Ruth Bancroft and her garden of cacti and succulents. This garden was the inspiration for the founding of **The Garden Conservancy**, an organization dedicated to preserving America's finest gardens.

Then it's on to Lafayette to the superb mediterranean garden of Katherine Greenberg, international president of the **Mediterranean Garden Society**. The group will probably enjoy their lunches with Katherine in her garden.

In the afternoon it's on to the **gardens of Ron Lutsko**, one of California's top landscape architects and the designer of the award-winning California native plant garden at Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens. Ron explores innovative and beautiful low-water solutions in his personal garden. The group will end the day at the **Berkeley Hills garden of horticulturists Roger Raiche and David McCrory**, creators of Strybing's outstanding Entry Garden. Their garden, which wraps around an historic Bernard Maybeck craftsman cottage, is a plantsperson's dream.

This tour will return to the Canterbury Hotel around 6:00 pm.

3. WINE COUNTRY - Led by Barbara Hopper - Cost about \$90.

This tour will leave at 8:00 am, cross the **Golden Gate Bridge**, and continue north to **Napa County**. The first destination will be the historical town of **St. Helena** and the Bradley home and gardens. The grand country estate home built by William Bourne, Filoli's creator, is surrounded by beautiful and extensive gardens. The next visit is to the private **garden and winery of Peter Newton**, who, along with Frank Cabot, who entertained us at the CBHL Annual Meeting tour in Quebec, Canada, was one of the founders of the Garden Conservancy. Peter and his wife Dr. Su Hua Newton will guide our group through their gardens, and lunch and wines will be served on the rose terrace. We will also be able to visit the winery and purchase wines.

An early afternoon drive to the town of Glen Ellen will bring the group to **Quarryhill Botanical Garden**, where director Bill McNamara will introduce the many rare and unusual plants grown from seed gathered on more than thirteen botanical expeditions to

China, Japan, India, and Nepal sponsored by the late Mrs. Jane Jansen, founder of the garden.

The last stop of the day will be **Matanzas Winery in Bennett Valley**, noted for its fine wines and beautiful naturalistic estate gardens. Wine sampling will relax everyone for the drive back to the Canterbury Hotel, where the bus will arrive by 7:00 pm.

As you can see, we have a full week in store for you. We hope you will all participate!

-B.P.10/16/2001

SUMMARY REPORT: CBHL BOARD MEETING by Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, CBHL Secretary.

A teleconference Board Meeting was held on Tuesday October 9 at 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time and continued on Wednesday October 10, 2001 shortly after 1:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. Each meeting was about two hours long for a total meeting time of about four hours. This meeting, formerly scheduled for Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29 in San Francisco, was changed to a telephone conference meeting because of the grounding of airplane flights to San Francisco after the terrorist attacks in the U.S.A. on Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

2001-2002 CBHL President **Susan Fugate** presided at the meeting. Also connected for the Tuesday October 9 session were 1st Vice-President **Barbara Pitschel**, 2nd Vice-President **Judy Warnement**, Past President **Celine Arseneault**, Secretary **Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin**, and Treasurer **Mary Ellen Armentrout**.

In addition to the CBHL Board of Directors, the Wednesday October 10 session included the meeting hosts for the CBHL Annual Meeting in San Francisco scheduled for April 2002. **Anne Marie Malley**, Academy Librarian, California Academy of Sciences; **Larry Currie**, User Services Librarian, California Academy of Sciences; and **Kathleen Fisher**, Assistant Librarian, Helen Crocker Russell Library, Strybing Arboretum Society, were present as 2002 annual meeting hosts, along with CBHL 1st Vice President **Barbara Pitschel**.

At the Tuesday meeting **Chuck Tancin** gave the secretary's report. She is compiling the Denver Annual Meeting evaluation results and also plans to send several updates to the **Board Procedure Manual** to the Board for review.

Mary Ellen Armentrout gave the treasurer's report. There is \$12,758.26 in the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship account, \$8,675.62 in the Charles Robert Long

account, \$1,224.79 in the Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature account, and \$18,957.81 in the CBHL savings account. Recent expenses included \$1836 for Board Liability insurance, \$1000 paid to auditor Richard Bellew for the 2001 financial audit, and about \$1100 for the printing and mailing of the most recent **CBHL Newsletter**. **Mary Ellen** recommends looking into ways to cut quarterly newsletter costs.

Committee Reports were given by individual Board liaisons with Standing Committee reports first.

There were no reports from the secretary, **Chuck Tancin**, who serves as liaison to the Charles Robert Long (**Jane Cole** chair), the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship (**Susan Fugate** chair), and the Nominating Committee (**Celine Arseneault** chair).

Mary Ellen Armentrout reported as Board Liaison for the Audit Committee that CBHL Audit Committee members **Bradford G. Lyon** and **Joanne Fucello**, both Partners at Elisabeth Woodburn Books, Hopewell, New Jersey, will examine the financial accounts and records kept by the CBHL treasurer for 2001-2002.

Judy Warnement reported that she has turned over Publication Committee files to **Jonathan Bengtson**, Library Director, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Wellesley, Massachusetts. **Jonathan** is looking into getting an International Standard Serial Number - ISSN - for the CBHL quarterly **Newsletter**.

There were also no Board liaison reports for several CBHL *Ad Hoc* Committees including Group Access Capability (GAC), Membership, Public Relations, Resources Assessment for Preservation And Access (RAPAC), and the Committee On Committees (COC). **Judy Warnement** was then assigned as RAPAC liaison to the Board.

The committee activities on the CBHL Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature was reported by **Barbara Pitschel**. She said that over one hundred Press Releases were sent out reporting the two 2001 Awards. It's now time for nominations for the 2002 Award. An interactive nomination form, put together by **Celine Arseneault**, was linked from the CBHL website. The nomination deadline was extended to October 22. **Kathy Allen**, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, as chair of the committee, will send information on the Award to the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries group (EBHL), because they are considering initiating an award of their own.

Chuck Tancin reported on the Electronic Communications committee. **Gayle Bradbeer**, membership chair from Denver, Colorado, is thinking about what would be involved in pulling information for an online membership directory. **Bernadette Callery**, Carnegie Museum libraries, Pittsburgh, will soon send out notices to all members who have email addresses on our CBHL membership records. **Bernadette** will subscribe all of them to the online distribution list. She will also extoll the value of being on the list and give members instructions on how to unsubscribe if desired.

Chuck also reported that **Janet Evans**, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library, Philadelphia, resigned as upcoming webmaster so another CBHL volunteer will be sought. No action has yet been taken on a computer survey.

Susan Fugate reported as liaison to the Resource Sharing Committee. The Committee seeks a clarification of its future charge since it has completed its work. In the discussion, **Chuck Tancin** mentioned that **Don Wheeler**, New York Botanical Garden, RAPAC chair, would also like some clarification of the relationship between the two committees - Resource Sharing/(GAC) and Resources Assessment (RAPAC). **Susan** will contact **Don** (RAPAC chair); **Laurie Hannah**, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California (Resource Sharing/GAC chair); and **David Lane**, University of New Hampshire, Biological Sciences Library, Durham, New Hampshire (COC chair) to discuss the issues.

Chuck Tancin was approved to be the CBHL representative to the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries group (EBHL) if they meet in 2002 somewhere in Britain or Europe.

Celine Arseneault agreed to work on a revision of **Chuck Tancin's** email guidelines. When approved by the CBHL Board these notes to the guidelines will be distributed to the COC and also posted on the CBHL website.

Discussion involved the various reporting structures used by CBHL committee members. Email guidelines and possible conference calls will help committees to do their work in between CBHL Annual Meetings.

Barbara Pitschel suggested that the Board liaisons to the various CBHL Committees take a more active role than they have in the past. Each liaison should attempt to elicit a committee report for CBHL Board Meetings.

The San Francisco Annual Meeting in April 2002 was the next topic of discussion. The Public Relations Committee will be asked, by Board liaison **Celine Arseneault**, to

consider working with the Annual Meeting hosts to publicize the CBHL Annual Meeting. They'll be asked to help with the San Francisco meeting publicity and then asked to consider whether the Public Relations Committee could do this annually.

The COC recommends that all CBHL Committee chairs should be elected by their committee members for three year terms of office. This procedure was approved by the Board to take effect at the 2002 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The only committees exempt from this method of choosing a chair are those CBHL standing committees which have specific rules in the current CBHL bylaws.

The Board also discussed term limits for the CBHL treasurer, secretary, and other positions in the organization.

The Board supports the creation of an *ad hoc* committee to review and revise the **CBHL Bylaws**. **Susan** will issue a call for volunteers from which a group of no more than five members will be appointed.

A discussion followed of the status of the committee responsible for the Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature. This committee was voted by CBHL Members in 1998 to be a standing committee, with certain requirements for committee members, staggered terms of office, and duties. Somehow this group has been handled as an *ad hoc* committee since then. Standing Committee status will be documented in the **Board Procedure Manual**, on the CBHL website, and in the **CBHL Newsletter**.

After considerable discussion the Board agreed to increase the cash amount given to recipients of the annual award for the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship. The amount will now be \$350. It has been \$200. The Board also agreed to better publicize this award among current CBHL members.

Mary Ellen Armentrout, who is the CBHL Board liaison to the working group investigating collaboration between EBHL and CBHL, reported the group's recommendation of an affiliate membership at the rate of \$20/year. EBHL members would be able to join CBHL and vice versa. These affiliate Members would not have voting rights nor be allowed to serve on committees in the affiliate organization, but they would receive and participate in communication channels and would be able to attend Annual Meetings. This recommendation was approved.

At the second session of the Board teleconference, on Wednesday, October 10, CBHL President **Susan Fugate** called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Eastern

Standard Time. She thanked the hosts for their previous preparation for the meeting that was planned to be held in San Francisco on the weekend of September 28th. This meeting was cancelled in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and in the Pennsylvania countryside. Susan apologized for our cancellation of the planned meeting for September 28 and 29, 2001.

Barbara began a detailed discussion of the plans for the April 2002 Annual Meeting. The registration fee will be \$250 which includes a number of meals and the banquet. The hosts are hoping for 80 to 100 attendees. The hotel rates are reasonable and allow for single, double, triple or quadruple rooms.

Kathleen Fisher and Anne Marie Malley talked about the planned pre-conference workshop on digitization. The hosts promised that information publicizing the meeting will appear in the November CBHL Newsletter. The panel on volunteers that had been proposed for the Denver meeting will be presented in San Francisco along with a concurrent panel, still being prepared.

CBHL member Jane Gates, who lives in the San Francisco area, is working with the hosts and is organizing a book bazaar. CBHL bookseller members and local San Francisco publishers are being contacted.

The Board expressed appreciation for the level of planning displayed by the California hosts and the hosts left the meeting at 2:28 pm Eastern Standard Time.

The Board members then had a follow-up discussion to several topics from their Tuesday meeting. Judy had communicated with Don Wheeler, RAPAC chair, and raised the issue of whether the COC would need to review the RAPAC's archives' survey. After considerable discussion, the Board agreed that they support RAPAC sending the survey as soon as possible after sharing it with the COC and getting any comments. All agreed that this is not so much an approval process as one of communication.

Susan reported further from Laurie Hannah on the Resource Sharing Committee. Goals discussed in Denver were summarized including putting together an information packet on OCLC and the GAC with a position letter; finding out if libraries using other OCLC products, not cataloging, are eligible for the GAC; determining how the committee can reach those member libraries which don't have Internet access; and coordinating cost of service charges with RAPAC.

Laurie also indicated to Susan that she would like to turn over the position of

committee chair since she has become involved in other CBHL activities.

The meeting ended about 3:00 pm EST; 6:00 pm Pacific. Total teleconference time for the two sessions was about 4 hours.

Minutes of the October 9-10, 2001 CBHL Board Meeting will be posted on the CBHL website in the near future. Check the Members-only Information Center link on the CBHL website at
<[HTTP://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL](http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL)>.

THE CBHL ANNUAL BOTANICAL OR HORTICULTURAL LITERATURE AWARD

by Kathy Allen, Chair, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

At the 2001 CBHL Annual Meeting in Denver in July, CBHL presented its second annual literature award; this time to two books. These works were recognized for their significant contributions to the literature of botany and horticulture:

CBHL Award: **Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker: Traveller and Plant Collector**/R.Desmond ISBN: 1-851493050 Published by the Antique Collectors' Club, England, 2000.

CBHL Special mention: **Conifers of California**/ R.M.Lanner. ISBN: 0-962850535 Published by Cachuma Press, U.S.A., 1999.

The Award committee is currently reviewing works nominated for the 2002 Award. For a few weeks in October a list of publishers' suggestions for the award was posted on the CBHL website along with an interactive nomination form making it a snap for members to send in nominations.

A list of the works nominated for the 2002 Award is now on the CBHL website. This same list of nominees will be published in the February 2002 **CBHL Newsletter**.

<<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/>>

CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION by Laurie Hannah, Librarian, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California, USA

Here is my compilation of information on conservation funding sources in the United States as well as a few steps to take to ensure applicants the most success in obtaining that funding. I am sure that many of your institutions have received funding for such projects already.

A few successful projects that I am aware of are:

Storage: Compact library shelving,
Desert Botanical Garden of Arizona,

Institute of Museum/Library Services (IMLS) Conservation Project (CP) Grant;

Treatment: Processing of botanists' field notebooks, The New York Botanical Garden, National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Preservation and Access grant; and

Survey: An overview survey, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts.

There are also many local, regional, and national organizations that provide money for collection surveys, item-level treatment, preservation supplies, storage equipment, and digitization projects. These are some of the needs of libraries and archives. If you have determined that you have a preservation need in one of these areas, chances are that other collections at your institution also may need help.

I cannot recommend highly enough that before you seek funding for conservation care of an item or a collection or for environmental improvement of a building that you create a long-range conservation plan. This may sound like a daunting task and it is, but there is help available even in the planning stages.

Collection Surveys

The logical first choice for many small to medium-sized libraries and museums is to apply for an Institute of Museum/Library Services (IMLS) Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) grant. This will fund an overview survey by a professional conservator of all collections at a site. After a two-day site visit the conservator prepares a report that can be used to create a long-term plan based on priorities outlined in the survey report. The grants for surveys are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and applications are available at

www.heritagepreservation.org.

The deadline for applications is December 1, 2001, but beware -- the earlier the better for this one.

Being in a larger organization, funding a larger project, or having had a previous survey may indicate that you need to apply for an IMLS Conservation Support (CP) grant. Even if you do not have a long-range conservation plan for your organization you can still apply for a collection-level survey of your library under this program.

To be eligible for collection- or item-level treatment, however, you must submit your own completed conservation plan with your application. Both IMLS grants are administered by Heritage Preservation, which

lists on its web site additional funding sources for preservation projects.

Information on IMLS grants is available at www.ims.gov/grants/museum.

The regional Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) in the United States provides subsidized preservation planning surveys of about \$250 for collections of books, paper, and photographs.

"A survey includes a one-day site visit and a detailed, written report of observations and recommendations. The surveyor evaluates building conditions, collections, and storage and handling procedures in order to identify potential hazards to collections and design strategies for preserving paper-based and documentary materials in the best condition possible. Specific goals and priorities are suggested and steps needed to implement preservation measures outlined."

Libraries, archives, and museums in the United States -- Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, and New Jersey -- are eligible to apply. Several rounds of awards are made each year. For more information visit

www.nedcc.org.

AMIGOS Library Services, serving the southwestern United States, offers a limited number of free site and collection surveys to institutions with staff of seven people or less Full Time Equivalents (FTE). The web site for AMIGOS is full of additional preservation-related information. At the CBHL Meeting in Fort Worth in 1997 AMIGOS presented CBHL members with some great "role playing" activities to survey collection conditions. www.amigos.org.

Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts also provides several types of site and collection surveys. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden received a subsidized survey from them, funded in part by NEH, several years ago. Although they tend to focus on the east coast United States we were lucky that they were willing to fund under-served areas such as California. Contact them at www.ccaha.org.

Many of these same organizations fund collection treatment and storage as well as surveys.

Another funding program worth knowing about in the United States is the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Preservation Assistance Grant program. You may think as botanical and horticultural libraries that you don't qualify for grants in the humanities, but you may qualify if you have any kind of historical collections.

The history of botany and science falls into this category.

NEH funds many types of preservation activities in the United States such as: surveys, consultations with professionals, attendance at workshops, and preservation supplies, equipment, and storage furniture. Again, you may need to have had an overview survey first showing conservation priorities for your collections. The next deadline for applications is April 3, 2002. For more information, visit www.neh.gov.

This website also provides information on additional helpful organizations.

Lastly, don't forget philanthropic organizations in your own community. By demonstrating that you are protecting and preserving a community resource, they may be happy to help fund that hygromograph or dehumidifier you have been needing.

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This spiral-bound book provides a step-by-step process, with worksheets and sample plans, to draft a conservation plan for your library. Order from AAM bookstore at www.aam-us.org.

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This conservation survey tool aids museums in obtaining a comprehensive assessment and in developing long-range conservation plans.

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The leaflet provides an extensive list of organizations that fund many different activities in the United States.

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This brochure will help you select a

qualified conservator who can provide sound, ethical preservation services for your library's art objects, artifacts, and other items of historic and cultural value. The conservation professional can diagnose present and potential problems, provide treatment when necessary, and advise on appropriate conditions for both storage and exhibition.

CoOL (Conservation Online) is located at <http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/>.

This is a great starting point for all topics related to conservation and preservation of library, archive, and museum materials and buildings.

L.H. 10/4/2001

BOOK REVIEWS

by Katherine Allen, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Genus Clematis / Magnus Johnson. Sodertalje, Sweden: Magnus Johnsons Plantskola, 2001. 896 pp. ISBN: 91-631-1030-X, approx. \$52 for hardcover. www.clematis.sunstone.se

I was surprised to find no record for this book in either WorldCat (OCLC) or RLIN. A few libraries have the original Swedish edition, *Slaktet Klematis*, published in 1997. This is an excellent translation and a truly impressive tome. It complements the recently published Timber Press books *Clematis, the Genus: A Comprehensive Guide for Gardeners, Horticulturists and Botanists* by Christopher Grey-Wilson (2000) and *An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Clematis* by Mary Toomey & Everett Leeds (2001.) Incidentally, Mary Toomey provided translation and other editorial assistance for the book under review.

The Genus Clematis is a summary of the knowledge of clematis that Magnus Johnson acquired during more than sixty years as a botanist, landscape architect, and nurseryman. It is a comprehensive study of the genus and covers both wild and cultivated species.

It is divided into three parts. The first, "Clematis: a stimulant in the garden," deals with the history, uses, cultivation, and propagation of clematis. One clever use is to produce blisters on the hands so as to stimulate compassion in passersby when begging.

The second part, "Scientific description of Clematis," presents a history of the classification of the genus according to various lumpers and splitters, and an overview of different clematis characteristics in text and numerous diagrams.

The third part, "Descriptions of sections, species, and cultivars," presents an ordered arrangement of eighteen sections, and the subsections, species, and cultivars within those sections. This is the meat of the book and covers 740 pages. Each *Clematis* section includes a description of general characteristics, distribution information and maps, and some comments on the use of clematis in gardening. Entries for the 325 species and approximately 180 varieties include literature references, a botanical description, and synonyms. Many of the 1400 cultivars include the name(s) of hybridizers and the date introduced.

Also included are an English-German-French-Swedish dictionary of terms; a list of clematis societies along with email and web site addresses; and various indexes.

The book is richly illustrated with color photos, illustrations from classical literature, line drawings and several of the author's lovely watercolor gouaches, for which he was awarded the Grenfell Medal by the Royal Horticultural Society in London.

The Genus Clematis would be a useful reference book for any horticultural or botanical library. To underscore that, I have already consulted it when indexing for **Plant Information Online** to work out a discrepancy in a cultivar name.

New World Botany: Columbus to Darwin / Ronald H. Petersen. Ruggell[Liechtenstein]: A.R.G. Gantner Verlag ; Königstein, Germany: Distributed by Koeltz Scientific Books, 2001. 638 pp. ISBN: 3-904144-75-8, approx. \$85 for hardcover; ISBN: 3-904144-74-X, approx. \$53 for soft cover.

This is a fascinating book that presents the history of North American botany in a style accessible both to layperson and scientist. It includes a number of anecdotes about virtually every botanical personality involved in the 16th-19th century North American botanical scene. Throughout, Petersen provides background information on what was going on outside the botanical world.

New World Botany is organized partly by era and partly by place, and thankfully has a good index. Chapters are: "Setting the Stage"--"Coming to America"--"Botany Goes Global"--"American Seeds in English Gardens"--"John Bartram and the Quakers"--"Off to the Unknown"--"Philadelphia and the Barton Proteges"--"New York, New York"--"The Southern Mountains"--"Westward Ho!"--"Ultimate Causality."

I admit I was frustrated by the limited documentation. Petersen states, on page 402:

"Gray sallied into the local woods and found an early-blooming Claytonia and thus started a herbarium 'of shockingly bad specimens'." My librarian's curiosity was immediately piqued (or "peaked" as Darwin's imagination was on page 414). Who said such a thing about Asa Gray & when & where did they say it? In the preface, Petersen notes that he subscribes to the notion that footnotes are annoying. He offers the list of additional readings at the end of the book as sufficient documentation for all the quotations and facts used in the text.

New World Botany provides a look at the personal and professional lives of botanists in the context of their world. It could be a useful addition to a botanical library, especially if some of the additional readings are available, and would certainly not be out of place in an academic or public library.

Those interested in this topic might also wish to read ***Gentle Conquest: The Botanical Discovery of North America*** by James Reveal (Starwood Pub. 1992), ***A Short History of Botany in the United States*** by Joseph Ewan (Hafner 1969), and Emanuel D. Rudolph's ***Studies in the History of North American Botany***, edited by Ronald L. Stuckey and William R. Burk (Botanical Research Institute of Texas 2000), to name a few.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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MEMBER NEWS

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New CBHL members include **Shawn Fielding**, Manager, Helen Fowler Library Resource Center, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado; **Victor Shapiro**, Assistant Manager, Helen Fowler Library Resource Center, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado; **Maria A. Porta**, Aces Library, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois; **Debra Roussopoulos**, Librarian, Santa Cruz, California; and **Mary R. P. Rainey**, Bethesda, Maryland.

Jonathan Bengtson, Library Director for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Wellesley, Massachusetts announces that two new staff members joined the MHS library in September. Elizabeth Davidson is the new part-time library assistant and Nathalie Demers is the new full-time assistant librarian.

Plans are underway in the library to host a month-long exhibition and series of events on the life and work of Sir Joseph Banks, 1743-1820, British naturalist and patron of the sciences. The exhibition was designed by the National Geographic Society and was originally displayed at the Natural History Museum, London. More information will follow in the February Newsletter. The exhibition will open in April 2002.

Jonathan has also announced that he will leave the Massachusetts Horticultural Society in December to become the Executive Director of the Providence Athenaeum. Located in the historic city center, it is the oldest library/cultural center in Providence, Rhode Island, and is one of the oldest libraries in the United States of America. For more information visit

www.providenceatheneum.org/.

The New England Unit of the Herb Society of America has appointed **Judy Warnement**, Harvard University Botany Libraries, as an honorary member. The Herb Society is dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use, and delight of herbs through educational programs, research, and sharing the experiences of Herb Society members with the community. The New England Unit is developing a new teaching garden designed by Maria Stella Byrnes at Elm Bank in agreement with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. The Unit will also house its

library at MHS under the supervision of **Jonathan Bengtson**.

Susan Fugate reported on the tornado that swept through Maryland, hitting College Park, Beltsville, Laurel, and beyond on Monday evening, September 25. The National Agricultural Library (NAL) was hit, so Susan and her colleagues had to clean up glass, assess damage, and begin plans for reopening. NAL reopened at 8:30 am on Friday, September 28.

Miraculously there were no human injuries. About forty people remained in the building when the tornado struck. Nine windows were broken, including two that are over twenty feet high. Three floors of stacks lost only one or two windows each, but the materials, glass, and debris blew all over the floors and bits of glass are in/on/around every publication on each shelf.

In spite of it all, staff at NAL consider themselves lucky. Many local buildings and homes lost so much more than NAL.

Michael Stieber, Library Administrator & Reference Librarian, The Sterling Morton Library at The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois contributes here a success story related to the opening of their new library addition in May 2000.

The renovation of The Sterling Morton Library included about 2,500 square feet to install a workspace for Michael as well as three computer work stations for part time catalogers, and eventually for public use to access the online catalog. In the meantime, retrospective cataloging proceeds apace in that area.

The bulk of the library addition went to a separate, secure building to house the special collections and to provide a special collections reading room. This addition has its own Heating Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system and also an Energen gas fire suppression system.

Michael continues: "Well, the first year we re-opened the library with a budgeted series of four library lectures, each of which highlighted a part of the special collections. Attendance was good, and the offerings were free to all. The 2001 series has been great; attendance went up from an average of 50 people per event to about 85 people. We received a \$10,000 grant from the Illinois Humanities Council for the 2001 series and we hope to renew this grant in

2002.

"But it is the last lecture that overwhelmed us. Ruth Stiff, coordinator of exhibits for the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, in North America, gave a fine presentation on the history of Kew and its botanical artists to a full house -- 100 people -- on the evening of September 24 and also to about 50 employees and invited guests that morning. This served as the grand opening for our exhibit on the botanical artists of Kew that will remain in The Sterling Morton Library until January 31, 2002.

"Many people lingered for almost an hour after the slide lecture to spend time with the exhibition which included some extra works on display in the reading room that are not part of the displayed items. It was a great closing event for the library lecture & exhibition series this year."

Shelly Emmons provides this note from the Fræderik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan: "On October 27 the Gardens will open the Kenneth E. Nelson Carnivorous Plant House, a permanent exhibit that will share the fascinating lives of carnivorous plants. For its part the Peter Wege Library has several carnivorous plant books as well as being one of a handful of libraries in the United States to hold all published issues of the *Carnivorous Plant Newsletter*."

Here is the news from The LuEsther T. Mertz Library of The New York Botanical Garden, New York City:

Judith Reed, Conservation Librarian since 1987, retired on July 31, 2001. Under Judy's leadership, the Conservation/Preservation program at the Garden produced an outstanding track record of accomplishments: focusing the Library on collection-level issues and actions while at the same time carrying out treatments on many important books and other items in the collection.

She was instrumental in preparing many proposals to governmental and private funding agencies, resulting in 25 successfully funded grant projects for the treatment and preservation of Library materials. Two projects of particular note are the rehousing, stabilization, and inventory/data basing of

- 1) the Lord & Burnham Architectural Plan collecton of which over 100,000 items are processed to date, and
- 2) the Art and Illustration collection of

which over 15,000 items are processed to date. Judy represented the Garden actively and professionally in the New York Chapter of the Guild of Bookworkers, the Book and Paper Section of the American Institute for Conservation, and in the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries.

On November 1, 2001, Olga Marder, Assistant Conservation Librarian/Conservator, is being promoted to fill the position vacated by Judith Reed. Olga has been serving as the Asst. Conservation Librarian/Conservator. Olga holds a Master of Library Service (MLS) and an Advanced Certificate in Library and Archives Conservation from Columbia University. Her Bachelor of Art in Architecture is from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. She has served as paper conservator or intern in conservation in several institutions including the Winterthur Museum, Delaware; the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C.; and at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Prior to joining the New York Botanical Garden's Library staff in 1995, she worked as a paper conservator in Brazil. She continues to upgrade her skills and to keep abreast of new information and techniques in the conservation field as well as teaching paper conservation and maintaining an active involvement in the American Institute for Conservation.

We, at the New York Botanical Garden, look forward to her active leadership in planning, organizing, supervising, and implementing the diversity of conservation/preservation projects that are always challenging our Library.

David Rose, Archives Assistant, who worked under the direction of **Susan Fraser**, left the Garden in August to become the archivist for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation in White Plains, New York. David was part of the Archives team that successfully completed the two-year National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant funded project to process all of the Botanical Science records held in the Archives.

The relocation of library collections from the Harriet Barnes Pratt Library wing to the new LuEsther T. Mertz Library is progressing well and on schedule. By the end of October the entire serial collection will be relocated and the crews will begin moving the book collection. All collections are

being cleaned prior to the move.

All volumes published between 1753 and 1850 are being removed from the general research collection for rehousing in a **restricted access** area under lock and key. A number of pre-1753 publications have been identified that are now housed in the general research collection. These are being pulled and moved to the **Rare Book Room**.

Contract conservator, Paula Schrynemakers, is in the final stages of preparing the rare books for their move in January or February.

The opening of The LuEsther T. Mertz Library and the Herbarium will also feature an inaugural exhibition in the new **William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Library Exhibition Gallery**. The exhibition is titled "Plants and Gardens Portrayed" and will feature rare & illustrated books from The LuEsther T. Mertz Library.

The Library exhibition will feature a selection of approximately sixty items from their collection including the 1190 AD manuscript of *Circa Instans*, a 1475 edition of Konrad von Megenberg's ... *Das Puch der Natur...*, Trew's *Plantae Selecta*, Redouté's *Les Liliacées...*, works by Ravenscroft, Lambert, Furttenberg, Falda, and many others. It will also include an original painting of *Clusia* by Margaret Mee. Director of the Library **John F. Reed**, with **David L. Andrews** and **Elizabeth S. Eustis** are curators of this exhibition. An exhibition catalog is being prepared.

Jane Cole, retired botany research librarian in Phoenix, reports that after the September 11 disasters she and other alumni received an email from their University of Chicago president, Don M. Randel, Ph.D. Here are the closing words from that email that **Jane** thought might be useful words for all of us as librarians and educators.

"...We will persevere through the coming days and months. The mission of this great university will move forward with a renewed commitment to research and teaching in any and all areas that will help us better understand the changed world that we now inhabit. Now, more than ever, the principles for which we exist - the reasoned and thoughtful work against suffering and ignorance - must guide us.

"Sincerely yours, Don M. Randel."

ON THE WEB

by **Stanley Johnston, Curator of Rare Books, Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio.**

Full Texts, Tree Planting, & Pumpkins.

Several columns ago we mentioned some of the efforts being made to put full texts online and some of the pitfalls involved. At a CBHL Annual Meeting session in Boston a few years ago we had the honor to be addressed by Wally Olsen concerning Cornell University's Albert R. Mann Library **Core Historical Literature of Agriculture** project. The continuing fruits of this project are now viewable in the 815 monographs online at chla.library.cornell.edu with both page image and ocr formats available.

The National Institutes of Health have mounted PubMed Central www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/ with free access to the contents, abstracts, and full texts of a number of life science journals including *Plant Physiology*.

The French *Bibliothèque Nationale* has placed a large number of books online in a database searchable by author, title, or subject at gallica.bnf.fr. The potential interest of this site to our members lies in the fact that the subject heading "botanique" turned up 418 titles online. This site suffers from severe ram (read-only-memory) strain and pdf files that need to be downloaded, making much of it unavailable to those of us with limited ram on our computer hard drives.

Turning to reference sites, The Researching Librarian www2.msstate.edu/~kerjsmit/trl provides links to a wide variety of general reference material including full text databases, funding information, library journals, library statistics and statistical methods, useful resume tools, current awareness sources, and conference papers and proceedings.

LibrarySpot.com www.libraryspot.com is another site aimed at providing general reference information to librarians as well as links to online libraries. Its museum oriented counterpart, MuseumSpot.com www.museumspot.com is much less developed, but it does link to arboreta and nature centers. This group has not yet included botanical gardens, but they welcome site submissions to add to their links.

Folk Medicine at UCLA
www2.humnet.ucla.edu/humnet/folkmed

contains a database of oral interviews from 1940s concerning peoples' perceptions of the medicinal use of various substances. It is searchable by keyword, which may be qualified by how the substance is used, the region of the use origin, and the ethnicity of the origin.

The Hortiplex Plant Database

hortiplex.gardenweb.com/plants/ is searchable by common or scientific name. It then links to exterior online sources of information, images, and even sources for obtaining the species in seed or plant form.

Wikipedia www.wikipedia.com is an attempt to create an online encyclopedia through the open submission of articles with editing by the web community at large. It is an interesting concept, but one wonders how credible any of the information is under the circumstances.

Forestry Images www.forestryimages.org is a joint project of the University of Georgia and the USDA Forest Service to provide downloadable high quality photos of forest pests and weeds. Education exhibits, classes, and publications are the target.

The importance of trees, woodlands, and tree preservation is brought home by a number of sites. Welcome to TLC Canada www.trees4life.ca is aimed at providing materials and programs to teachers and school children to help them understand the critical role that trees play in maintaining the ecological balance of their planet through a "Grow a Tree" program.

The National Woodlands Owners site www.nationalwoodlands.org/nwoa/nwoa.asp provides a means of communication for this group of non-industrial forest owners to communicate and keep up on the latest news in their area of forestry.

Finally, the National Tree Trust www.nationaltreetrust.org/ provides information on educational programs, community tree planting programs, and the Partnership Enhancement Monetary Grant Program which provides up to \$25,000 to qualified programs at 501(c) (3) non-profit organizations in the United States.

The Seed and Mechanisation Development Trust (SEMEC) www.semec.ws details the activities of this non-profit international humanitarian relief and developmental organization which is registered in New Zealand. Activities aim at strengthening

online networking interfaces with seed and agricultural science and technology to include applied research and production.

A Romantic Natural History www.dickinson.edu/~nicholsa/Romnat/romnat1.htm is a discussion, by Ashton Nichols, a Professor of English, of his view of natural science in the 100 years before the publication of Charles Darwin's *On the Origins of Species* and its reflection in the various art and literary works of those early years.

Meanwhile, CBHL members who must wrestle on a daily basis with the problems posed by modern plant taxonomy will enjoy the somewhat tongue-in-cheek, but factual, Curiousities of Biological Taxonomy www.best.com/~atta/taxonomy.html. The majority of examples cited are, however, zoological rather than botanical.

Lastly, you might want to view and vote on the decorated pumpkins from the children's competition at the Montreal Botanical Garden www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin if the site is still available after Halloween.
-S.J.10/20/2001

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

by Rita Hassert, Sterling Morton Library, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois.

November 12-14, 2001. Costa Rica. Meso-America Regional Meeting of the IUCN's Commission on Education & Communication (CEC)
< info.iucn.org/iucncec/ >

November 12-13, 2001. Washington, D.C. Association of Research Libraries/OLMS Workshop: "Creating a Culture of Assessment." www.arl.org

November 12-13, 2001. Santa Clara, CA Online Inc. Conference: "eContent 2001" www.econtent2001.com

November 12-18, 2001. U.S. National Storytelling Week.
www.tellabration.org/nsw.html

November 13-19, 2001. U.S. National Children's Book Week. www.cbcbbooks.org

January 18-23, 2002. New Orleans, U.S.A. American Library Association Midwinter Meeting. www.ala.org

January 27-28, 2002. Chicago, U.S.A.
Innovating Information Services sponsored by
Special Libraries Association.
<www.sla.org/content/learn/withcolleagues/iis.cfm>

March 13-15, 2002. Washington, D.C.
Computers in Libraries. Information Today.
<www.infotoday.com>

March 22-24, 2002. Washington, D.C.
"Evolution: Understanding Life". The meeting
includes a presentation of the popular
musical by R.Milner: "Charles Darwin: Live
and In Concert."
<www.aibs.org/>

April 2002. The Hague, Netherlands.
Article 13: A Public Education Conference of
the Parties of the Convention on Biological
Diversity (COP) sponsored by the Commission
on Education and Communication (CEC) of the
World Conservation Union (IUCN).
<info.iucn.org/>

April 8-13, 2002. San Francisco, U.S.A.
"Plants & People: A Regional Perspective."
The Council on Botanical and Horticultural
Libraries, Inc.(CBHL) Annual Meeting, co-
hosted by the Strybing Arboretum and
Botanical Gardens and by the California
Academy of Sciences.
<huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/>

April 16-19, 2002. San Francisco, U.S.A.
Conference on Computers, Freedom, and
Privacy. <www.cfp2002.org>

July 8-10, 2002. Dublin, Ireland.
"Science for Plant Conservation." Botanic
Gardens Conservation International (BGCI)
International Conference for Botanic
Gardens. <www.rbg.ca/cbcn/science/>

August 3-7, 2002. Denver, Colorado, U.S.A.
American Society of Plant Biologists
(formerly the American Society of Plant
Physiologists) annual meeting.
<www.aspb.org/>

August 4-9, 2002. Tucson, Arizona, U.S.A.
"Understanding and Restoring Ecosystems"
87th Annual Meeting of the Ecological
Society of America (ESA). Joint meeting with
the Society for Ecological Restoration (SER)
Keynote address by E.O.Wilson.
<www.esa.org/>

August 3-8, 2002. Madison, Wisconsin,
U.S.A. "Botany 2002" A joint meeting of the
American Fern Society, Association of Plant
Taxonomists, Botanical Society of America,
Canadian Botany Association, and the
Phycological Society of America (PSA).
<www.sysbot.org>

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