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Trinidad, New Zealand, Malaysia, New Orleans, Las Vegas, Fairbanks. . .

What do all these places have in common besides being exciting places to visit? We've never had a CBHL annual meeting there!



CBHL has meetings lined up through 2005, but after that, anything is possible. So, this is a small plea for anyone reading this to consider hosting annual meeting.

Don't know how? Just submit a letter to the Board. Need help? Can we help! Many members have hosted meetings, all are willing to help. Their combined wisdom from years of experience is all written down in the Meeting Manual which guides your every step.

Need a small advance to get things going? CBHL can help there too. So, if you're dying to show off your new building or program, or you just want to impress the Director with a hundred of your closest colleagues making a

visit, please consider hosting a meeting in the very near future. Thanks.

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CBHL Membership Information

The **CBHL 2002 Membership Directory** was mailed to members the week of August 19. If you did not receive your copy please contact Lisa DeCesare, Membership Manager, at: <cbhl@oeb.harvard.edu>.

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From the President

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The purpose of this month's column is to bring our members up-to-date on our organization, to give you guidelines on ways that CBHL can serve you, and to let you know some of the many ways in which your help is needed to carry on the work of CBHL.

Founders' Fund Award

If you have difficulty persuading your institution to sponsor your attendance at the CBHL annual meeting, you might want to consider applying for the Founders' Fund Award. The award was instituted in 1991 for the express purpose of assisting members who lack adequate institutional support to attend the annual meeting. Applicants for this award fill out and submit a one-page form, which must be countersigned by the director of the institution for which the applicant works. In the case of multiple applicants, the winner is selected by blind lottery.

The standing committee established to manage this award is the Board of Directors, chaired by the President. The award was originally set at \$250. It was raised to \$350 in 2001, but no applications were received in 2002 and no award was given, leading the Board to realize that the amount of the award was still too low to have a significant effect on a member's ability to attend the meeting. In 2002, the Board voted to raise the cash award to \$500 and to waive the registration fee for the recipient (CBHL will compensate the meeting host for the amount of this registration fee.)

If you qualify, I encourage you to apply, and I want to stress the fact that this award is not restricted to new, young, or student members, but is available to any member, including long-time active members, who currently lack institutional support to attend the annual meeting, many of whom pay their own way year after year. Watch for the application form early in 2003. Members who are able to do so are also encouraged to make tax-deductible restricted contributions to this fund to help build the endowment principal to an amount that will support the award in perpetuity. There will be options for such designated contributions on future membership renewal forms.

CBHL Representative To European Botanical & Horticultural Libraies Group

Every year a CBHL member is chosen to act as our representative at the annual meeting of our sister organization, the European Botanical & Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL). The 2003 meeting is scheduled to be held in Zagreb, Croatia, May 15-16, 2003. The requirements for the delegate are:

- Paid up CBHL member
- Cover all own expenses except registration fee, which is paid by CBHL
- Attend all business meeting sessions
- Conduct business for CBHL as charged
- Report back to the CBHL Board
- Write a report for the following issue of the *CBHL Newsletter*, which will also be posted on the CBHL web site, summarizing business, educational, and social activities of the meeting.

If you are planning to attend and are interested in representing CBHL, please let me know (e-mail <bpitschel@strybing.org> or fax 415-661-3539) before the November 30 deadline. The representative will be selected by blind lottery in early December to give you ample time to make arrangements. If a trip to Croatia is not in your cards at this time, think ahead. Future EBHL meetings will be held in Dublin, Ireland (2004), Vienna, Austria (2005), and Tallinn, Estonia (2006).

Nominating Committee Members Needed

In case you were away on vacation and missed this golden volunteer opportunity on our electronic list, here's another chance to help out. The time has again come around to form our annual CBHL Nominating Committee, which is charged with selecting two candidates to run for the office of 2nd Vice-President. The candidates you nominate will agree to serve a four-year term, progressing to 1st Vice-President, President, and finally Past President. The term of the person elected this year will begin at the end of the June 2003 annual meeting. According to our bylaws, the committee is chaired by the Past President (this year, Susan Fugate) and must include no fewer than two other members appointed by the President.

I would like to appoint committee members who are genuinely interested in serving CBHL in this capacity. So I am putting out an open invitation to all our members asking for volunteers. Many of you have expressed active interest in past discussions about election procedures. Participating in the selection of our future leadership is an important way to affect the continued growth and strength of CBHL. The approximate timeline for this committee's work will be from September 2002 through February 2003. The absolute deadline is early April, but we should try to have a slate by early March to simplify mailing of ballots with annual meeting materials. Thank you in advance for offering to help in this capacity! (e-mail <bpitschel@strybing.org> or fax 415-661-3539 with your offer to volunteer.)

Bylaws Committee Appointed

Thanks to volunteer responses to my appeal for members for our newly-established ad hoc Bylaws Committee, the committee has been formed. Members are John Reed (Chair) (New York Botanical Garden), David Lane (University of New Hampshire), Connie Wolf (Missouri Botanical Garden), Donna Herendeen (National Agricultural Library), and myself (Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens). I will serve as Board liaison. The Board is in the process of wording the formal charge for the committee and guidelines for it to follow, but the basic purpose for which it was formed was to bring CBHL bylaws and procedures into conformity with the recently approved CBHL strategic plan, current practice, new technology, and to achieve the balance between strict guiding bylaws and more flexible procedures. If there are issues with the current bylaws that you would like to see addressed, the committee welcomes members' input. Also, if you know of an all volunteer-based organization that you believe has a model set of bylaws that the committee could consult as a guide, by all means send us a copy. You may contact our chair or any of the committee members.

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Conservation & Preservation: Disaster Planning and Response

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This past year the word “disaster” was never far from our minds. The September 11 terrorist attacks spawned a growing body of literature on how institutions with cultural and academic collections coped and survived the tragedy. Wildfires blazing across the dry West gave many of us the impetus to update, fine-tune, or create from scratch our emergency evacuation procedures, disaster responses, and salvage plans. And the images of the wet and smoky books in the Elisabeth Miller Library in Seattle are still lingering in our collective memory. Some new and recent publications about disaster planning may be useful additions to your library.

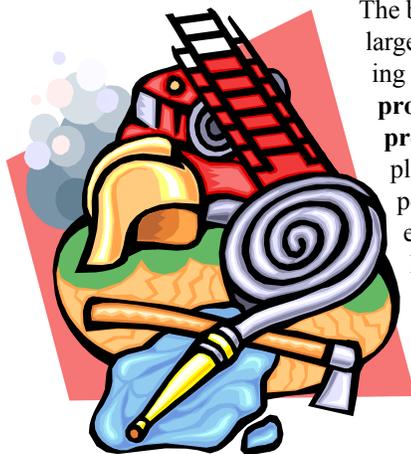
Journal of the American Institute for Conservation. Vol. 39, no. 1, Spring 2000. The entire issue is devoted to disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. It is available from AIC for \$30 through their web site: <http://aic.stanford.edu/pubs/pblist.html>.

There is nothing like a good disaster movie to get the heart pumping, and as anyone knows who has witnessed a fire or an accident, we get a vicarious thrill by watching the real thing. So it is with this collection of case studies of real institutional disasters (I do not mean to diminish anyone’s tragedy by my tone here; my intention is merely to point out a good, yet useful, read.). I was captivated by the day-by-day account of the fire at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum and the staff’s efforts to get through red tape and save the collections from inches of goeey soot. Similarly I felt myself wading through the Virginia Historical Society’s New Year’s Eve flooding. I may have a vivid imagination, but I swear I smelled mold. Talk about motivation to get a disaster response team organized!

The issue contains 14 articles which evolved from the 1998 annual meeting of the AIC. Four articles discuss fire, several discuss mold and water damage, and another addresses seismic retrofitting of adobe structures. Though most focus on individual institutions, there are also two articles on governmental support for disaster. In these stories (ok, some are more technical and scholarly than others) we experience various levels of preparedness and extreme candor in describing what went wrong. Many articles include techniques for salvaging a particular artifact, and most offer in-depth evaluations of what the institutions learned from these tragedies. Throughout, I was impressed with the amount of professionalism shown in such chaotic times, despite the lack of readiness.

Wellheiser, Johanna and Jude Scott. *An Ounce of Prevention: Integrated Disaster Planning for Archives, Libraries, and Record Centres*. 2nd ed. Scarecrow Press and the Canadian Archives Foundation, 2002. 283 p. \$30.00. ISBN 0-8108-4176-2. www.scarecrowpress.com.

Though drier and more practical than the above, I found this manual extremely helpful in my own planning. Once you have read the above case studies, you will want to use this manual immediately to help you undertake all levels of preparedness. Those of you who participated in the Amigos Emergency Preparedness Workshop at the 1996 CBHL meeting in Texas will especially find this book a good refresher and a logical next step in your disaster planning.



The book is broken down into the various concepts of a very large subject: disaster **prevention** (assessing and minimizing risk, preservation procedures for collections), disaster **protection** (detection and suppression systems), disaster **preparedness** (reviewing vital records security, insurance plans, computer systems protection, external vendor support), disaster **response** (warning, evacuations, initial re-entry and assessment, and immediate response) and the largest, most detailed section, disaster **recovery and rehabilitation** (specific techniques for damaged collections and records). Especially helpful in this book are strategies for beginning and undertaking this kind of institution-wide planning. Often, the motivation comes from collections curators such as librarians, or from conservators. What is difficult is getting the rest of the organization on board to actively create a plan and form a disaster action team who will be ready when the alarm sounds. Suggestions for proposals, team formation, and job descriptions help to break this initial hurdle down into more reasonable steps. Forty pages of appendices round out the book. These include extensively revised lists of international organizations providing services, supplies, facilities, information, and support, as well as numerous additional references for each chapter.

Also newly revised but not seen:
Kahn, Miriam B. *Disaster Response and Planning for Libraries*. 2nd ed. ALA Editions, Oct. 2002. 160 p. \$40.00 ISBN 0-8389-0837-3. www.alastore.ala.org

With 44 templates and checklists to help you draft a disaster plan with ease, this may be the book to use in a pinch. The publishers’ blurb cites new case studies in light of September 11. “If your library doesn’t already have a disaster plan, this book will give you enough adrenaline to start writing one.”



Calendar of upcoming events

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

October 10-13, 2002. Houston. Library and Information Technology Association (LITA). National Forum on Making Connections.

<http://www.lita.org/forum02/index.html>

October 18, 2002. Swarthmore, PA. The 19th Annual Perennials Conference, The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. Co-sponsored by the Hardy Plant Society/Mid-Atlantic Group, Longwood Gardens, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and The Scott Arboretum. For information, call Longwood Gardens at 610/388-1000 ext. 507.

October 18-22, 2002. San Jose, California. American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting. "Challenge the 21st Century: Leaders of Discovery."

<http://www.asla.org/>

October 27-30, 2002. Chicago. 7th Annual Janet Meakin Poor Research Symposium. "Invasive Plants: Global Issues, Local Challenges." Presented by the School of the Chicago Botanic Gardens and the Garden's Institute for Plant Conservation Biology. www.chicagobotanic.org/symposia/

November 4-6, 2002. Palm Springs, CA. Internet Librarian 2002. "Navigating in Turbulent Waters." www.infotoday.com/il2002/

November 14-16, 2002. Naples, FL. LAMA 2nd National Institute. "The E-ssential Library: Creating and Sustaining Our Leading Edge." <http://www.ala.org/lama/essential/>

CBHL 2002 Annual Meeting Evaluations

CHARLOTTE "CHUCK" TANCIN, CBHL SECRETARY

20 attendees of the 2002 Annual Meeting in San Francisco completed meeting evaluation forms. Most rated the hotel and local transportation as good or better. The registration packets, with an abundance of information on the many places we would visit, received ecstatic ratings and words of praise.

Most also rated the meeting facilities as good or better. Some felt that more time was needed for committee meetings, or that second meetings were needed, and that lunch meetings in restaurants should be avoided. Several members commented that more time is needed in business meetings for member discussion and participation, and that the Board should find a way to monitor length of committee reports and other contributions so that the meeting moves along and all who want to speak have got the time to do so.

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Board Report

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Report from July 16, 2002 CBHL Board meeting, held via teleconference— Charlotte Tancin, CBHL Secretary

President Barbara Pitschel opened the meeting at 1:04 p.m. EST. Present were: President Barbara Pitschel, 1st Vice President Judy Warnement, 2nd Vice President Laurie Hannah, Secretary Charlotte (Chuck) Tancin, and Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout. Past President Susan Fugate was absent.

Chuck Tancin called roll and then gave a Secretary's report, discussing draft revisions to the procedure manual, and updates to the members only section of the website to be made in the near future. A preface will be added to the bylaws link, regarding the recent decision to review and revise the bylaws.

Mary Ellen Armentrout then gave a Treasurer's report. As of July 12, 2002, our balances were:

Savings account	\$21,571.30
Checking account	\$3,370.20
Founders Fund CD	\$12,918.72
Long Award CD	\$8,784.73
Literature Award CD	\$1,240.19
Total Balance	\$47,885.14

Regarding Annual Meeting expenses, Barbara recently forwarded proceeds of \$808.18 from the 2002 Annual Meeting to Mary Ellen, and John Reed has asked for \$1,000 in seed money for the 2003 meeting.

Laurie Hannah's, Judy Warnement's and Susan Fugate's officers' reports on committees were deferred.

Barbara gave a President's report. She is liaison to the NY hosts for the 2003 Annual Meeting. John Reed reports that the hosts had a planning meeting in June and that they'll soon distribute a draft meeting schedule to the Board and COC for review in terms of scheduling Board and committee meetings. The midyear Board meeting is set for the weekend of November 8-9, 2002 in New York.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AUDIT - Mary Ellen reported that John Reed, Brad Lyon and Joanne Fucello are on the committee, and will be asked to choose a chair. She recommends having a Certified Public Accountant audit the books every 2 or 3 years as opposed to annually, and the committee could examine the records as needed. She will check with the committee and get a firm recommendation from them. Chuck asked whether the Audit Committee might also be willing to look into better CD fund strategies; Mary Ellen will explore this idea with them.

FOUNDERS FUND – Barbara circulated a draft regarding the Founders Fund to the Board for review. Mary Ellen noted that the fund currently doesn't produce enough money for the newly agreed upon award amount (\$500 plus registration fee waived). However, it was agreed that rather than dip into the CD principal, we would tap the general budget as needed, and that we would solicit donations to the fund in order to get it to the point where it is once again "self-supporting."

CHARLES ROBERT LONG AWARD – Chair Jane Cole reported to Barbara that the committee will conduct business much as it did last year, having e-mail discussions followed by a teleconference discussion, after which Jane will conduct a vote among the committee.

NOMINATING – Barbara transmitted Susan's report, saying that a request will go out for at least 2 members for the committee. The timeline for this is no less than 3 months after the Annual Meeting. Chuck was asked to compile a list of all who have run in past elections, for reference of the Board and the Nominating Committee.

PUBLICATIONS – Chair Judy Reed reported to Mary Ellen that the *Newsletter* will go electronic after the members-only section of the website is moved to Montreal. A proposed new column highlighting members is still being considered and a columnist is sought. She also reported on the back stock of the bibliography series, and Elisabeth Woodburn Books has taken 10 copies of each remaining bibliography to sell for CBHL. Judy Warnement noted that the question of having ads in the Newsletter may be set aside in favor of another approach, a commercial membership category. She will summarize the issues involved so that the Membership and Publications Committees can work on this, and will ask for a recommendation by the midyear Board meeting.

Discussion turned to handling of claims and back issues. Judy Reed will be asked to look into this and into existing backstock and make a recommendation. Also, once the membership renewal cycle has been stabilized we can set a cutoff date for renewals after which back issues from that same year will have to be paid for.

BYLAWS – Five members have been appointed to the new Bylaws Committee: John Reed, David Lane, Barbara Pitschel, Connie Wolf and Donna Herendeen. The committee will be asked to choose a chair. The current bylaws will be sent as a Microsoft Word document to the committee members.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES – Chuck noted that chair David Lane reports on current discussion of how to elect committee chairs; the need to review the results of the committee worksheets collected at the April 2002 annual meeting; and plans to discuss how the actions in the revised Strategic Plan can become charges for the committees (the "iplan"). Information on volunteer positions will be added to the procedure manual, and the COC will be asked to coordinate them.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS – Chair Stan Johnston re-

ported to Chuck that the website migration is in progress and is well along. The move to put an online electronic directory on the website will wait until after the *Newsletter* is available in electronic form. Stan noted the increasing number of computer viruses showing up through the online distribution list, and said that true listserv software would filter at least some of this out. Although listmaster Bernadette Callery has not asked to be relieved of her duties, she is willing to turn them over to any interested member who is at an institution with listserv capabilities and who would like to take over the list.

ANNUAL LITERATURE AWARD – Barbara transmitted chair Kathy Allen's report to Susan Fugate. Committee member terms are being renewed, and a 6th person might be added to the committee. The Board feels that it's important to have some mechanism for getting new people involved, and Barbara will ask Kathy to discuss this with the committee. Kathy and Pat Jonas have been soliciting publishers for lists of books to be considered, and a call for nominations will appear on the online distribution list in the near future. The Board will resolve the status of the committee as a standing committee and will make a recommendation to the Bylaws Committee.

MEMBERSHIP – Judy said that membership manager Lisa DeCesare will soon report to the Board on the transition of the membership management function to Harvard. Membership renewal timetables will be worked out after the membership directory is done. Mary Ellen reported on the CBHL / EBHL affiliate memberships. EBHL treasurer Cees Lut had contacted her to ask whether EBHL could settle up the accounts at the end of next year, 2003. The CBHL Board has agreed.

PRESERVATION AND ACCESS – No report at present.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Laurie reported that press releases for the Long Award and Annual Literature Award have been distributed. Also, CBHL membership brochures will be added to registration packets for the upcoming AABGA meeting.

RESOURCE SHARING – Laurie reported receiving e-mail from interim chair Kathleen Fisher who says that the committee will be meeting online in the next week.

This ended the committee reports. Mary Ellen left the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS -

1.) Parliamentarian - We discussed the idea of appointing a parliamentarian to assist in running meetings and resolving issues of protocol. The Board will also work to become more proficient in this area. When the Board has picked a version of Robert's Rules to use, that information will be added to the procedure manual and publicized to the membership.

2.) Committees and how they work - Various issues on this topic are under discussion by the COC. Judy suggested that it's important to identify Board liaisons to the committees by the

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EBHL May 23-24, 2002 Annual Meeting

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The 9th EBHL meeting was hosted by the Royal Horticultural Society (England) on 23-24 May 2002. The first part of the meeting was held on May 23rd at Wisley Garden. Introductory remarks and a welcome were given by Dr. Simon Thornton-Wood, Head of Science, Advice and Libraries, and our host Dr. Brent Elliott, RHS Librarian and Archivist. A business meeting was conducted in the morning. Reports were given by three new attendees: Charlotte Tancin, from Hunt Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania., U.S. and representing CBHL; Nathalie Charrier-Arrighi, from the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France; and Jane Keightley, from Pershore Library at Pershore & Hindlip College, Pershore, UK.

I had been asked to report on Hunt Institute as well as on CBHL, and I also added a brief note on the status of the Linnaeus Link project. For the CBHL section, I reported on some of what was discussed during our Annual Meeting in San Francisco in April: recent expansion of the Annual Literature Award, strategies for increasing the number of members' papers at annual meetings, surveys of nonbook collections held by member libraries, possible XVII International Botanical Congress (Vienna, 2005) involvement in collaboration with EBHL, the new CBHL website to be unveiled in Montreal, and the ongoing, overall importance of information sharing in CBHL via the Newsletter, website, online distribution list, and annual meetings.

Following these reports, EBHL Secretary Raymond Clarysse told us that EBHL now has 92 members from 23 European countries. A list of new affiliate members from CBHL was also circulated. The Treasurer's report was given by Cees Lut and accepted by a representative of the audit committee; Cees is now looking to turn over the Treasurer's job to another member.

The EBHL/CBHL affiliate membership arrangement was introduced for discussion prior to voting on it, and I offered additional CBHL input regarding the value of the enhanced information sharing potential that would result from opening up the communication channels of both organizations, including annual meetings. I also noted that the working group had designed this affiliate membership so that such members would not exert undue influence on the workings of the affiliate organizations, as they would not be voting members and would not serve on committees. I'm happy to report that the affiliate membership was formally and unanimously approved.

Next year, the EBHL meeting will be held in Zabreb, Croatia on

15-16 May 2003. In 2004 EBHL will meet in Dublin, Ireland, in 2005, in Vienna, Austria around the time of the IBC, and in 2006, in Tallinn, Estonia.

President Jane Hutcheon noted that she had contacted CBHL [now Past] President Susan Fugate regarding a collaborative program at the IBC. She is willing to organize a program, and has already received some expressions of interest by EBHL members who might like to present a paper.

Jane also noted that EBHL would like to produce a membership brochure such as the very good one that CBHL has produced.

News and announcements

Roger Mills gave an update on CHIPS, and is setting up a parallel group for forestry libraries. R. Viane from Belgium talked about the Ghent Florales / KLMP. Gabrielle Pop from Kew noted that the Kew library catalogue should be up sometime next year, they are using Sirsi's iLink. Jane Hutcheon hopes that the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh's catalog will go up this summer. Cathy Broad from the Linnean Society noted that they will install Heritage OPAC software in July.

Following the business meeting, we heard three papers. Simon Thornton-Wood gave an update on the proposed international database of nursery catalogues. The database would include information on size and extent of holdings, lists of nurseries, institutional and contact information, and would show both summary holdings and more detailed information. He suggests beginning the project as a devolved system using common format and guidelines. The data may be made available through the RHS horticultural databases

www.rhs.org.uk/databases/summary.asp. After lunch and a group photograph taken outdoors, Dr. Ian Christie-Miller talked on watermark imaging and paperprints: uses for scholarship and security. He has developed a system by which one can pass light through paper, capturing the watermark and then storing it as an image in a database. The system uses a "lightsheet" plus a set of reflectors, and sample results are described on the web at www.earlypaper.com. EBHL webmaster Ingrid Skoglund then talked about web technology and about the EBHL website www.ub.gu.se/Gb/ebhl/home.htm. She described the basic construction of a website, with emphasis on issues like graphics and linking. At one point when she was demonstrating some features, she used the CBHL site at Hunt Institute (live) as an example.

Later that afternoon I attended the William T. Stearn memorial event hosted by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, where a handful of short papers were delivered on various aspects of the life and work



of Stearn. I then returned to Wisley for a tour of the garden, a reception on the terrace and the banquet at the Wisley Restaurant. The food was exquisite and the company was superb. The wine was good, too.

On Friday, May 24th, the meeting moved to the Lindley Library of the Royal Horticultural Society at Vincent Square in London. The morning began with a visit to the Westminster Abbey Library and Gardens. Then we went to Vincent Square for a continuation of the EBHL conference, where we heard four more papers. Roger Mills spoke on the Flora Graeca Project, which will improve access to Oxford's finest botanical treasure, John Sibthorp's *Flora Graeca* (London, 1806-1840). This project will form part of the Oxford Digital Library www.odl.ox.ac.uk and the images will be fully cataloged in Oxford's online catalog library.ox.ac.uk.

Lennart Hulthen spoke on the origin and historical background of the German xylotheke, which is a collection of simple pieces of wood specimens placed together in some kind of cupboard, such as a storage container made of bark-covered wood in the shape of a hollow book, inside which the specimens from and documentation about that tree or shrub are stored. Hulthen showed slides of several collections of xylotheke, looking like shelves full of bark-covered books representing the various trees found growing in the region.

Cees Lut proposed a survey of old seed catalogs and seed lists. He said that a publication containing descriptions of all the new taxa that have appeared in the European 19th-century seed lists would be very useful. None of the libraries has a complete set of such seed lists, and collecting this information would fill a gap and be useful in studies of nomenclature and the history of horticulture. The format he's currently contemplating is that of King and Dawson on Cassini's complete works on Compositae.

Finally, Malcolm Beasley spoke on interpreting visitor statistics to see if they show a possible decline in library use. At the Botany Library of the Natural History Museum in London, visitor numbers are down from the previous year, and he has been wondering how to interpret this, as he and his staff seem as busy as ever, if not more so. Although visitor numbers have decreased, the number of inquiries from off-site continues to rise. Now he is trying to track the number of visitor hours, in addition to the number of visitors. It was suggested that many visitors now check online catalogs in advance of visiting, and some visits are eliminated that way, and so Malcolm wondered whether statistics might also be kept on OPAC use and whether they could be used to help to interpret visitor statistics.

A buffet lunch in the general reading room of the library followed, and then we were treated to a tour of the Lindley Library www.rhs.org.uk/libraries/index.asp and a visit to the Chelsea Flower Show. The library tour was excellent, and included collection highlights and online catalog and database demonstrations. The flower show was totally amazing and it was exciting to see it. I left it early, however, to attend the anniversary meeting of the Linnean Society of London, and then rejoined the EBHL group for dinner

at a Greek restaurant. I did not participate in any of the optional Saturday tours, but I know a number of others did and I'm sure that the tours were enjoyed by all.

During the two day meeting I spoke with numerous colleagues about CBHL, EBHL, botanical libraries, the book market, portrait collections, collection maintenance, online catalogs, rare books, database building, portrait collections, and other subjects. On the bus ride to Vincent Square on Friday, Jane Hutcheon and I discussed possible CBHL / EBHL collaboration on a program for the next International Botanical Congress in Vienna. She suggested a program on digitization and preservation as an idea to consider. Elsewhere in the meeting, there was a suggestion that botanical and horticultural libraries should consider collaborating on some sort of digitizing clearinghouse to track what's being digitized.

CBHL members in attendance included Sven Koeltz, Jane Hutcheon, Cees Lut, Malcolm Beasley and Raymond Clarysse. Although John Flanagan was unable to attend the meeting, I was able to chat with him for a bit at the Stearn Memorial event and he sent greetings to CBHL colleagues.

There are opportunities for information sharing at many levels at these meetings, as there are at CBHL meetings. I'm grateful to have been able to represent CBHL at the 2002 meeting, and I encourage others to attend EBHL meetings in the future when opportunities present themselves. I hope our friends in EBHL will also consider attending our meetings. It's wonderful to have open communication channels between these two organizations, and we should use them in every way we can.

Annual Meeting Evaluations, cont.

The most popular programs appear to have been the Digitization Workshop, the Cal Flora talk, the Annual Literature Award, the Botanical Heroes talk, and the Mesoamerican talk, although all received good ratings.

All aspects of hospitality received high ratings, as did all of the site visits. The book bazaar and host-led dinner expeditions received positive comments. The post-conference tours received good ratings from those who attended.

There were some comments on the increasing cost of attending CBHL meetings, and on the intense pace and tight scheduling that may be too much for some members. Overall, though, the comments were wildly positive and appreciative of the efforts that our hosts put into welcoming us to San Francisco and giving us the best meeting they could present.

The full report will be posted on the CBHL website in the near future. Check for it in the members only section at <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHLInfoCtr/CBHL-Members.html>.



Celebration Honors Pioneer Field Botanist André Michaux

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André Michaux, noted 18th century North American plant explorer extra-ordinaire, died on the island of Madagascar two hundred years ago. On the occasion of the bicentennial of his death, Michaux's life and contributions to North American botany were highlighted and elucidated at "A Michaux Celebration," attracting nearly 4,000 people. The events began with the André Michaux International Symposium (AMIS), held May 15-17, 2002 in Gaston County, North Carolina. The subsequent two days — called "Celebrate France! Festival Foire!" — occurred at the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, a relatively young garden with strong public programs. AMIS constituted the official symposium for the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society (SABS), held for the first time separately from the Association of Southeastern Biologists' annual meeting. Belmont Abbey College (BAC), the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden (DSBG), and Gaston Day School (GDS) were the hosts of the celebration, three years in the planning. CBHL member Charlie Williams was the key architect and organizer of the Celebration, whereas Jeanne Miller was the coordinator. Michael J. Baranski (SABS) served as Program Chair for AMIS. Others were Carol Brooks, Dean de la Motte & Robert Tompkins (BAC); Mike Bush (DSBG); Martha Mayberry (Mint Museum of Charlotte); Richard Rankin (GDS); and Jean-Pierre Riviere (French-American Chamber of Commerce, North Carolina).

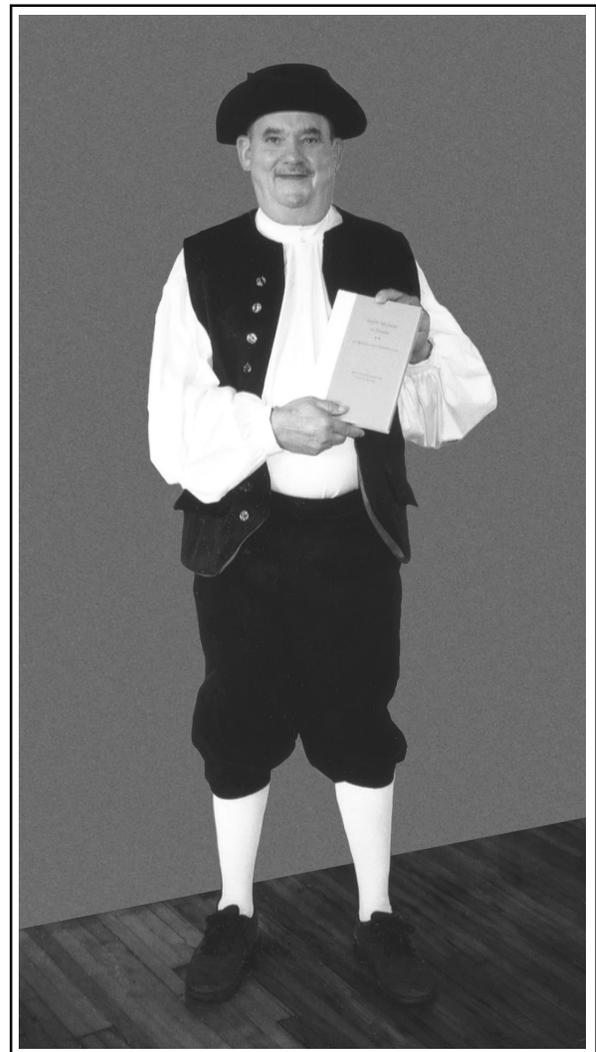
Setting the tone for the first day were two field trips, enticing and piquing attendees' curiosities and expectations of Michauxiana to come. That evening ethnobotanist Mark Plotkin delivered the opening address at the Gaston Day School. We learned about the importance of natural products from tropical Brazil and Surinam, such as a potential painkiller from the poison dart frog. He emphasized the need for a holistic approach to conserving tropical flora and fauna. Just as pioneer Michaux persevered under the rigors of exploration, conservation efforts require persistent leadership under equally challenging circumstances.

The fast-paced sequence of 28 fact-packed presentations of May 16 and 17, enlightened our knowledge of Michaux. James L. Reveal, historian of botany, delivered the plenary talk, "No Man is an Island: The Lives and Times of André Michaux." After placing into perspective the accomplishments of naturalists prior to Michaux's arrival in the United States, he discussed Michaux's contributions to field botany. Subsequent paper presentations were of two types: invited (9) and contributed (19). Two other scheduled papers on "The Lowcountry Connection of André Michaux" and "Nature and History of the Botanical Materials of André Michaux in the Herbarium of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia" were not presented.

Each presentation was virtually unique in topic, overlapping little with others. Among the varied themes on Michaux and his activi-

ties, were: his connection with the Bartrams of Philadelphia; his Canadian journey, several accounts on plants — named as new to science by him — including *Magnolia macrophylla*; the rediscovery of the site of his botanical garden in Charleston, South Carolina by archaeologists from the College of Charleston, his involvement with the intriguing Edmund Charles Genet Affair in American history, and his excursion to Madagascar where he died on October 11, 1802 (confirmed by a newly discovered death certificate from Mauritius). When speaker/author Walter Taylor gave his talk on Michaux in Spanish East Florida during 1788, he appeared in a period costume, eliciting surprise and delight from the audience. In closing the symposium, Françoise Wineska, noted photographer of gardens and plants representing France at the program, gave a slide presentation, "18th century French Gardens in the Domains of Versailles and Rambouillet," sharing her striking photographs with a captivated audience.

Additional field trips were held during the symposium and at its conclusion. We enjoyed two dinners at the Stowe Botanical Garden, the evening of May 16 being a "French Gala" of cuisine, eighteenth century period music and dance. On the last evening of AMIS a special treat was an exhibit of engravings and watercolors by eighteenth century botanical artist Pierre-Joseph Redouté at the



Mint Museum in Charlotte. Opening in March 2002, the exhibit was specially developed as an adjunct to the Michaux symposium and included five associated talks, among them, "Botanical Illustration: Redouté and the Michaux," by Ian McPhail, an early member of CBHL. The exhibit will close this year on Bastille Day, July 14.

During breaks and other free periods of time, we were lured by exhibits, such as the book displays by the Missouri Botanical Garden and by symposium speakers and other participants. Among the latter were books and audio-cassettes by C. Ritchie Bell; Gail Fishman; Walter K. Taylor and Eliane M. Norman; and Charlie Williams. Locally produced and limited in distribution, the booklet "Memoirs of the Life and Botanical Travels of André Michaux," by J.P.F. Deleuze is of special note to librarians and historians. Conceived and edited by Charlie and commemoratively published for the symposium, it contains four appendices, among them a supplementary bibliography by Ronald Gilmour. Charlie's role as editor is a misnomer of the extent of his contribution, as he is also the writer of two of the appendices. The Catawba Lands Conservancy prepared the useful color map folded in the back of the text. The map traces nine journeys that Michaux made in North America from 1787 to 1796. The publication is available only from Charlie Williams, 6720 Wheeler Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211. Checks are to be written for \$16.50 (which includes postage/handling) to "Belmont Abbey College." Artist and school administrator Erin Whitener had a popular display of her line of note cards, featuring color illustrations of plants discovered by Michaux, which sold out early in the program. Her design of the *Magnolia macrophylla*, leaf or fruit, appeared on symposium stationery, handouts, and tote bags given to attendees

Two AMIS booklets in our orientation bags may be of interest to others, particularly librarians. These were an "Attendee Roster" containing names, titles, addresses, phone, fax, and email addresses of all attendees; and "Abstracts," providing succinct summaries of each presentation. Fortunately, the proceedings of AMIS are planned to be published in *Castanea* and its *Occasional papers*.

The French Festival featured special talks, French cuisine, and vendors of merchandise such as artwork, jewelry, and Limoge porcelain. This Festival was open to the public and included activities for children such as face painting, games, and guignol (a Punch and Judy show). Sponsored by the French-American Chamber of Commerce (North Carolina), this event took place at the Stowe Garden on May 18 and 19,

The Michaux Symposium is a model for future theme-type conferences. Both the Symposium and the highly popular "Celebrate

Photo at left: Walter K. Taylor as André Michaux at AMIS, 16 May 2002, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, North Carolina. (Photograph by Ronald L. Stuckey, Columbus, Ohio)

France!" were resounding successes. The fervor of symposium goers was evident as noted by conversations sparked by the presentations and scholarly interests of those in attendance. Special thanks are extended to the organizers, hosts, and myriad behind-the-scenes people for bringing together such a distinguished assemblage of Michaux scholars and providing a wide array of events.

Historians of botany will have access to a collection of information sheets and brochures available at the conference that have been assembled by The Ohio State University botanist Ronald L. Stuckey. He has deposited the compilation in the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh. This contribution also includes all of the photographs he took of the invited speakers participating in AMIS.

The symposium will be a lasting contribution to the history of botany, bringing visibility and recognition to the great botanical pioneer André Michaux. "Celebrate France!" accentuated the important French contribution to American culture. "Celebrate Michaux" merged science and culture to make for a fascinating five days of learning and entertainment. Vive Michaux! The influence of Michaux also was recently recognized by the North Carolina Department of Highways, which landscaped an intersection of Interstate 85 in Gastonia with plants first discovered by Michaux. The plot is identified with a permanent marker.

Written by William R. Burk, with the assistance of Ronald L. Stuckey, The Ohio State University, Columbus (May 24, 2002).



Help Wanted! CBHL Newsletter Columnist

JUDITH REED, PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR
RETIRED CONSERVATION LIBRARIAN
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In response to growing demand for sharing information about member libraries and their unique resources and services, we are seeking a new columnist. This columnist would receive and do general editing of articles written and submitted by CBHL members.

Other columnist responsibilities would include:

- 1) Provide ideas for the article and/or solicit articles
- 2) Serve as Publications Committee liaison with the person submitting the article
- 3) Do the final edit of the article.

The column on member libraries will appear twice a year and be approximately 2 pages in length. This is a great opportunity to learn more about fellow member libraries and add value to our publication. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact Judy Reed, Publications Chair at <jreed@bestweb.net>.

Literature Reviews

KATHERINE ALLEN
REFERENCE LIBRARIAN-BIBLIOGRAPHER
MAGRATH LIBRARY
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Toxic Plants of North America / George E. Burrows and Ronald J. Tyrl. Ames, IA: Iowa State University Press, 2001. 1,342 p. ISBN: 0-8138-2266-1. \$175 (cloth).
<http://www.isupress.com>

This is one of my favorite reference books and was a 2002 CBHL Annual Literature Award nominee.

This hefty tome covers both wild and cultivated toxic plants. Arranged by family because toxicity is so often a family trait (in plants at least!), the comprehensive index provides accessibility by genus and species names. It covers 75 families (plus 37 of questionable risk) that cause human and/or animal "intoxications." Within each family, genera are treated individually and include the following information: Taxonomy and morphology; Distribution and habitat; Disease problems & genesis; Clinical signs; Pathology and treatment. An extensive bibliography is included for each family.

One Literature Award judge's comments: "Unusual to declaim about such a dry reference, but I love this book. The way it is organized is brilliant: the summary columns with illustrations, distribution maps and key facts make this easy to use at a glance. It is the PDR for toxic plants and should be acquired by all public libraries as well as every poison control center."

This is an excellent source for a wide range of people including veterinarians, ag-extension agents, animal scientists, horticulturists, botanists, toxicologists, physicians, wildlife biologists, farmers, ranchers, and the general public. Its one drawback is price. While not unusual for a comprehensive, well-researched, important reference book, it is out of range for most individuals.

Recently received unsolicited books:

Barley Science: Recent Advances from Molecular Biology to Agronomy of Yield and Quality / Gustavo A. Slafer, et al., eds. New York: Haworth, 2002. 565 p. \$129.95 (cloth); \$69.95 (paper).

Plant Viruses as Molecular Pathogens / Jawaid A. Khan, Jeanne Dijkstra, eds. New York: Haworth, 2002. 537 p. ISBN: 1-56022-895-4. \$129.95 (cloth); \$59.95 (Paper).

Information and a detailed list of contents for both titles are available at <http://www.haworthpressinc.com>

Flowers of Sahyadri: Field Guide to 500 Flowers of North Western Ghats of India / Shrikant Ingalhalikar. Pune, India : Author, 2001. 210 p. \$29.95 (cloth); \$24.95 (paper). e-mail: lexon@rediffmail.com.

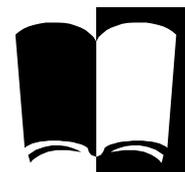
This is a beautifully illustrated guide to flowers of the Sahyadri escarpment region of India. The Western Ghats region is one of the biodiversity hot spots of the world with more than 40% of India's endemic plants. This field guide covers the northern part of this region and includes habitats from seacoast to mountain range.

Arranged by type of plant (trees, shrubs, climbers, and herbs) and flowering time, each plant is described and habitat and locales are provided. Common local names, scientific name (including synonyms, if any) and family name are given. A chart displays the months of flowering and vegetation. Excellent photographs are of flowers only. The species index provides coded information on color, size, abundance, range, flowering season, etc.

The author also provides tips for flower watching ("Leeches should be expected in wet forest ravines. . ."). His passion for flower watching and identification and for the beauty of the region is charming and infectious.

Reminder from the Book Review editor:

We welcome book reviews from CBHL members. Don't be shy! It's a great opportunity for professional development and looks good on resumes. We also welcome suggestions for books you'd like to see reviewed. Contact Kathy Allen at kallen@umn.edu or (612) 624-4751.



2003 CBHL Annual Literature Award

It's that time of year again! Share information about your favorite new books by nominating them for the annual literature award. It only takes a minute with the interactive form our webmaster, Celine Arseneault, has added to the beautiful new CBHL web site: <http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/cbhl/cbhl.htm> The form can also be printed and faxed. Alternatively, send the following information by mail, e-mail or fax to Katherine Allen, 1984 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108, kallen@tc.umn.edu, (612) 625-3134 or call (612) 624-4751 for more information: Title, author, publisher, date, publisher contact information (if known), your name & contact information, and your reasons for nominating the work.

We are again accepting publishers' suggestions for titles members may wish to nominate. Title information is posted on the CBHL web site and it's a snap to complete a nomination form for one of these. We will continue to add to this list until the deadline—October 15th. Visit the web site—it's a great way to find out what new books in our field are coming highly recommended!

Make sure we have some great books to raffle at the annual meeting! Nominations are due by **OCTOBER 15th**.

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Robin Everly has replaced Ann McIntire as the National Arboretum Library's librarian starting in July 2002. You can reach Robin at: U.S. National Arboretum Library, 3501 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington D.C., 20002-1958. tel. (202) 245-4538; fax (202) 245-4575 or at: <everlyr@ars.usda.gov>

Janet Evans announces a new link to The McLean Library of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Please change your sites to the proper link:

<http://www.pennsylvaniahorticulturalsociety.org/phslibrary.html>

The old link to "libertynet.org" no longer works, nor does it connect to the new address.

If you are not subscribed to The Wired Gardener, our monthly e-mail alert containing web site and book listings, please send Janet an e-mail at <jevans@pennhort.org> and she will sign you up. They now have over 3400 subscribers!

Janet also announces that the McLean Library's "Stories From the Garden" book discussion group will reconvene in October. The reading list includes these titles:

Mary Oliver, 4 Poems; Michael Pollan, *Botany of Desire*
Henry James, "In the Cage"; Karel Capek, "The Blue Chrysanthemum" & "The Stolen Cactus"; Anita Desai, *Clear Light of Day*; Daniel Quinn, *Ishmael*; Susan Orlean, *The Orchid Thief*; Rumer Godden, *An Episode of Sparrows*

The **Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation** presents *Anne Ophelia Todd Dowden: A Blossom on the Bough* from 19 September 2002 to 28 February 2003. The exhibition, celebrating the artist's 95th birthday, presents an overview of Mrs. Dowden's career as it progressed from textiles to botanical art and illustration, and it will include finished watercolors, layouts, research paintings, along with books and magazines in which her paintings have been reproduced.

Upon graduating from Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie Mellon University) in Pittsburgh, she continued to study at the Arts Students League and Beaux Arts Institute of Design where she and four other students were successful at designing wallpapers and drapery fabrics. After teaching at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, she developed the Art Department at Manhattanville College and began preparing paintings of edible wild plants for publication. With the publication of these artworks in *Life* magazine, Mrs. Dowden's career developed toward botanical illustration. She completed illustration projects for *House Beautiful* and *Natural History* and then began writing, designing and illustrating her own books.

Flower pollination always has fascinated the artist, and several of her books deal with this subject — *Look at a Flower* (1963), *The Secret Life of the Flowers* (1964), *From Flower to Fruit* (1984) and *The Clover and the Bee* (1990). Other themes in her books, published from the early 1960s until 1994, include roses, city weeds, flowers of trees, state flowers, Shakespeare's flowers, plants of the Bible and of Christmas, and poisonous plants.

A full-color, illustrated catalogue with autobiography by the artist, biographical data and portraits of the artist will be on sale at the Institute. The exhibition will be on display on the fifth floor of the Hunt Library building at Carnegie Mellon University. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon and 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.–4 p.m. The Institute does not have Saturday hours. The Institute will be closed 28–29 November, 23 December–1 January and 5 January. The exhibition is open to the public free of charge. For further information, contact the Hunt Institute at (412) 268-2434.

Other news from the Hunt comes from **Charlotte Tancin**. Chuck was inducted as a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London at the Society's anniversary meeting in May. She was in London to attend meetings of the Linnean Society, the Linnaeus Link project, and the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL). Also, at Hunt Institute, she and CBHL member James J. White worked with other Institute staff, along with visiting curator Alain Touwaide, to produce an exhibit, "Order from Chaos: Linnaeus Disposes", which was on display from February to July 2002. The Institute staff are also considering the production of a web version of the exhibit.

Duncan McClusky, CAES Tifton Campus Library at the University of Georgia just got back today (August 15) from the Circle K International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The House of Delegates voted him Honorary Membership in Circle K International. Duncan was the only person voted for this honor during the House of Delegates. The President-Elect of Kiwanis International, and the Key Club International President were awarded Honorary membership by the Circle K International Governor.

Duncan also participated in the Second Annual Large Scale Service Project. The project was entitled "SCORE" [Serving Children of Orlando and Reinforcing Education]. He was the only Kiwanian with 85 Circle K members providing motivational talks and a basketball camp for forty-four inner city youth.

Circle K will have a service initiative project in February entitled "Open a Book, Show Them the World." It will be a project to encourage youth ages 6-13 to read. Casey Keller, Circle K International Director <ckeller@kiwanis.org> would have more information on the project right now. Duncan wonders if this is something librarian's can help with? Contact him at: <mccclusky@tifton.uga.edu>.

Duncan was also recently made Chair of the Keep Tift Beautiful Advisory Board. For several years he has been picking up trash on three Adopt-A-Miles of his own, and helping a civic club pick up their mile as well. Duncan notes that he has been picking up

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Adopt-A-Miles about three times a month for close to 12 years.

John Flanagan, Head of Library and Archives at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew announces the essential elements of a restructuring of the Library & Archives. There is a flatter management structure under John's position. The post of Deputy Librarian (formerly held by Sylvia Fitzgerald) has been deleted and all five section heads at the Assistant level will take on more responsibility for their specialization and have been regraded upwards. This gives a total of seven section heads.

In addition there are to be three graduate trainees (increased from one in 2000 to two in 2001) and two new Assistant posts: one in Archives and one in Illustrations. Once the vacant posts have been filled (by 2003) there will be a full complement of 19 staff.

It is not Kew policy to put individual names on our Internet site but to help colleagues here is a list of all section heads in A-Z order:

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Other important news is that after 11 years of development the online version of the library catalogue at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, will be launched in the final quarter of 2002. An internal version has been working with few glitches for several months. Further details and the URL will be announced on the CBHL website when a firm launch date is known and publicized in the next CBHL Newsletter.

There is a new link on the **Missouri Botanical Garden** Research site called Publications that provides access to MBG's online publications. One new feature is a listing of all the Annals and Novon abstracts from 1998. You can also search this database. New issues will be added as they are published. This website will eliminate the need to go to the Allen Press site to conduct abstract searches. Check it out at: <http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/mobot/mbgpress/search.asp>

Gina Douglas, Librarian & Archivist at the Linnean Society of London, draws attention to the Jill Smythies award to a botanical artist, made annually by the Linnean Society of London "for published illustrations, such as drawings or paintings, in aid of plant identification, with the emphasis on botanical accuracy and the accurate portrayal of diagnostic characteristics. Illustrations of cultivars of garden origin are not eligible." There are no restrictions as to nationality and past winners have come from Australia, South Africa and Spain as well as the UK. If you want to check on past winners you will find them

listed in the awards section of the Linnean Society web site www.linnean.org.

The closing date is the 30th September. Any institution or individual is welcome to nominate candidates for the award. Contact Gina for a copy of the application at: <gina@linnean.org>.

Kathy Allen announces serendipity at work in Minnesota! About a month after the annual meeting I was behind our reference desk writing a note to one of the winners of the 2002 CBHL Annual Literature Award, Dr. Irwin Brodo, author of *Lichens of North America*. It was to include his framed certificate which I was woefully late in sending. A local professor interrupted me to introduce an old friend of his, here in Minnesota to give a talk—Irwin Brodo! After picking my jaw up off the floor, I ceremoniously presented him with the award. He was very gracious and was honored to receive the award. His lecture on lichens (of course!) was very interesting and full of stunning slides taken by Stephen and Sylvia Sharnoff. Lesson: Sometimes procrastination pays off magnificently!

Brian Thompson, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle, reports that fundraising efforts over the last few months were highlighted by a very successful auction to benefit the Miller Library put on by the Northwest Horticultural Society in early May. Total donations were the most ever and the guests, including several members of the fire department that responded to the fire a year ago, were in a mood to celebrate.

Fundraising has been so successful that Library Manager Valerie Easton committed funds in June to expanding the rebuilt library by over 1,000 square feet. The additional space will include a teaching room for library classes and programs that will also be available for group study sessions using library materials.

Design of the new library space has passed the schematic phase and is giving us all something to look forward to. Library consult-



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ant Elaine Day LaTourelle has been instrumental in the creation of a plan that will enhance both the public and staff areas in the new library.

Meanwhile, work continues in the interim space replacing damaged materials in the collection with gift books and compensating for reduced patron space with an expanded (to 40 hours per week) Plant Answer Line, our quick reference service for gardeners of the region.

Richard Isaacson of the Andersen Horticultural Library at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum (Chanhassen, Minnesota) gave an invited presentation at the XXVIth International Horticultural Congress in Toronto, the week of August 11-17th. The title of his talk was "From Plants to Taxonomists to Users." Over 2,000 delegates from 70 countries attended. He distributed CBHL brochures at the congress.

From **Barbara Pitschel**, Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, San Francisco:

Our Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens Plant Collections Manager Bian Tan and Associate Librarian/Webmaster Kathleen Fisher have collaborated on Strybing's new cloud forest website, which is based on Bian's travels and studies. It is quite lovely and informative, and you and researchers at your institutions may find it interesting and enjoyable. Note the bibliographic references and other resources tied to each section. www.strybing.org/cf/index.html

The library joined other plant societies and other horticulture and nature-related groups at our summer gardening fair with a well received used book sale of duplicate gift books. We took in \$1,000 toward library support, attracted a lot of attention, and pleased a lot of people.

We are enjoying an exhibition of watercolors of "The Plants of Luther Burbank" by Wayne David Hand, on display in the library through September.

In October we look forward to celebrating the 100th anniversary of *Peter Rabbit* with a display case featuring Beatrix Potter books and artifacts. Library October story times will highlight "Bunny Food," and of course it's always a pleasure to remind adults of Potter's nature illustrations and exquisite renderings of fungi.

The Civic Garden Centre is pleased to announce that our horticultural library is now available for on-line searching, thanks to the generosity of The Ontario Trillium Foundation and the

support of The Garden Club of Toronto and the many members and volunteers. The library can be accessed through our web site at www.infogarden.ca. The library, the result of over 40 years of collecting, contains over 8,000 volumes, including an extraordinary reference collection and special historical and Canadiana editions. In addition, the library maintains a large selection of Canadian, American and British plant and seed catalogues as well as a subject index of over 7,500 articles. The Collection for Young Gardeners is designed to stimulate children's interest in gardening while encouraging an overall interest in the environment.

Over the years, the library has provided invaluable resource material to students, horticultural societies, landscape designers and all those who have come to embrace gardening as a balm for the soul and an outlet for creativity.

The Civic Garden Centre is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization located in beautiful Edwards Gardens, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. For further information contact:

Mara Arndt, Librarian, (416) 397-1343

Or check our website at www.infogarden.ca

The **Missouri Botanical Garden Library** is pleased to announce the gift of the HOLM WORLD WEED LIBRARY, comprised of 443 titles, amassed during Dr. Holm's four decades of weed research. Dr. Holm personally delivered his collection to the Garden on August 5. More information concerning the collection, including a list of the titles in the collection is available through Connie Wolf, Librarian, <connie.wolf@mobot.org>.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has granted the **Missouri Botanical Garden** a \$279,000 to support the purchase and implementation of the Innovative Interfaces library system, to be shared

by the St. Louis Research Libraries Consortium members. This project began more than a year ago when the librarians of the Missouri Historical Society, the St. Louis Art Museum, and the Missouri Botanical Garden decided to form the St. Louis Research Libraries Consortium so these three St. Louis cultural institutions could work together on joint projects such as the shared database. The Garden is the lead institution for the database, with the server for the Consortium and the financial activities based here. We are considering future joint projects as well, including digitization of archival material. For current digitized archival materials, go to mobot.org and click on 'Library' or visit VIRTUALLY MISSOURI <http://www.virtuallymissouri.org>, which includes MBG archival collections, as well as other collections statewide.



Board Reports, cont.

end of each annual meeting. On a related topic, Judy asked whether we could read through the current bylaws and mark the items that no longer reflect current practice. Chuck offered to do a preliminary review and distribute it to the Board for further comments. Barbara noted that we will need long discussion periods at the Annual Meeting to get members' input on the new bylaws.

3.) Stationery - Chuck will work on getting letterhead and envelopes printed in August.

4.) Board liaisons - Barbara asked about loose ends regarding Board liaisons and how they are chosen. The Board and the COC will continue to determine liaisons and chairs until the bylaws are revised, at which point then the bylaws will be followed. It was suggested that we ask the Bylaws Committee to consider a system allowing amendments to be made to the bylaws as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) CBHL representative to 2003 EBHL meeting - The Board discussed a procedure for selecting a CBHL representative each year to attend the EBHL annual meeting, e.g., soliciting expressions of interest by a deadline and then, if are more than one application is received, choosing by blind lottery. Judy will draft a procedure for Board review.

2.) IFLA - After some discussion, it was agreed that at present we have no immediate plans to join IFLA, but that this doesn't

rule out future participation.

3.) Future annual meeting hosts - We have not had any invitations for CBHL annual meetings since the 2005 meeting invitation. Barbara will ask David Lane to write something for the Newsletter to solicit invitations for future meetings.

4.) Interest groups - Discussion has been deferred until the next Board meeting.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m. The complete minutes from this meeting will be posted on the CBHL website. The midyear Board meeting will take place November 8-9, 2002 in New York.

From the President, cont.

Membership Committee

Remember when you first joined CBHL and you wanted to find out more about how our organization worked, to get to know some of the people better, and to enhance contacts with others who were grappling with problems similar to your own? Wouldn't you welcome the chance to help folks who are searching for or just beginning to connect to the CBHL experience? CBHL needs volunteers like you to be part of its membership committee to welcome and orient new members and to extend outreach to people who haven't found us yet. If this volunteer opportunity appeals to you, let me know at <bpitschel@strybing.org>, or contact Membership Chair Kathy Fescemyer directly at <kaf12@psu.edu>. This is a great way to help CBHL and feel good about yourself at the same time.

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On the Web: Crepe Myrtle, Hawaiian Plants and a Food Timeline

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The **Hosta Library** www.hostalibrary.org/index.html features a large photo library of hostas arranged alphabetically, a searchable hosta database, and an online copy of the **American Hosta Society Glossary of Terms**.

The Crepe Myrtle dallas.tamu.edu/woody/cmymrtle is a compendious site which includes the botany and taxonomy of the plants, their common names, species of lagerstroemia, a database of cultivars, links and a bibliography. **Crepe Myrtle (Crepe Myrtle) Varieties** virtual.clemson.edu/groups/bcd/crepemymrtle/crepehome.htm is at once more specialized and more limited. Utilizing data from the National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., it aims to help the potential user of the plant with information on the size, flower and bark color, habit, and whether or not that variety is a hybrid.

Dr. Gerald Carr, Professor of Botany at the University of Hawaii at Manoa has mounted several interesting pages in connection with his classes. **Vascular Plant Families** www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/carr/pfamilies.htm provides diagrams of the non-flowering and flowering plant families (the latter arranged with separate pages for the Cronquist and Judd systems) and image links to the specific plants. More specialized are his **Hawaiian Native Plants** www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/carr/natives.htm which includes the common and native Hawaiian names, whether they are or are not endemic, and plant images (sometimes accompanied by specific location information). His **Alien Plants of Hawaii** www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/carr/aliens.htm provides images which supplement the more extensive **Hawaiian Alien Plant Studies** www.botany.hawaii.edu/faculty/cw_smith/aliens.htm compiled by Dr. Clifford W. Smith. This more extensive site provides not only a list of alien plants, but studies of the effects of the invaders on the native plant population and the ecology, as well as links to pages on the specific plants.

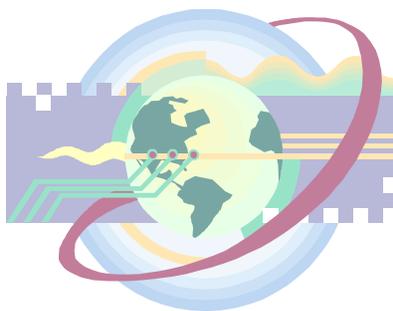
Another academic site is **Botanik Online** www.biologie.uni-hamburg.de/b-online/ which features a botany hypertextbook in German and English.

A scholarly, but entertaining, site is **The Food Timeline** www.gti.net/mocolib1/kid/food.html featuring a timeline showing when various foods are first known to have been used with links to widely varying sites. The other side of the timeline contains links to collections of online recipes from that period – of which the “medieval recipe collection” link is especially rich.

BIOME biome.ac.uk is a searchable catalogue of internet sites and

resources covering the health and life sciences. Somewhat more interesting is **yourDictionary.com** www.yourdictionary.com which besides providing a searchable dictionary, thesaurus, and multi-language translating dictionaries, also features links to over fifty specialized dictionaries (including biology and botany dictionaries) under the glossary heading, word games, stories about words, and a fascinating section on extinct or threatened languages.

Spore and pollen researchers will find the **AASP Portal for Palynology** www.palynology.org/portal/default.html of interest with links to sites, databases, and images. Those interested in the educational aspects of the subject, however, are referred to **Palynology Links to Academic Sites** www.geo.arizona.edu/palynology/web_acad.html.



Government initiatives to help libraries and museums form the basis for the next three sites. From Great Britain comes **Resource: The Council for Museums, Archives, and Libraries** www.resource.gov.uk aimed at helping these bodies to connect with each other and with the public. The **U. S. Commission on Libraries and Information Science** www.nclis.gov provides information on the Commission’s history, copies of its various reports, and links to libraries and other related organizations. One of the latter is the **Institute of Museum and Library Sciences**

www.imls.gov which documents its activities and the terms and procedures for applying for its grants.

Our final three sites are more diverse. **A Victorian Renaissance Man: John Obadiah Westwood** www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/exhibits/westwood/index.html highlights an exhibit on the life and works of this nineteenth century British entomologist and illustrator, some of whose works portray the life cycle of insects and their host plants in a manner similar to Maria Sibylla Merian. **The North American Sundial Society** www.sundials.org documents these frequent garden ornaments through its descriptive register organized by location. Finally, with the current popularity of the movie **Signs**, it seemed appropriate to close with **CCC: Theories** www.paradigmshift.com/theories.html detailing the main theories of the creation of crop circles.

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