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MINUTES OF THE CBHL BOARD MEETING

Wilmington, Delaware
January 20, 1976

The board of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries met at the Hotel duPont in Wilmington, Delaware on January 20, 1976. All board members: Kathryn Daniels, president; Ian MacPhail, Richard Isaacson, John Reed and Marjorie Dickinson, were present. Joining with them for discussion and final planning for the 1976 annual meeting were Enola Jane Teeter from Longwood and Julie Morris of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

John Reed, treasurer, reported that he had consulted informally with the firm which does auditing for the New York Botanical Garden as a result of the proposal that an audit be done of CBHL books, adopted by the membership at the 1975 annual meeting. The auditors advised him to set up a new accounting system with all bills and receipts placed in categories and itemized. He was told that by setting up this new system and having the books open for review by the membership at the annual meeting that the organization could avoid the expense of a formal audit. This was agreeable to the board. The books will be open to the membership at the May meeting and this new policy may be reviewed by the membership at the meeting.

Mr. Reed also reported that the CBHL bank balance was \$3938.00 on December 31, 1975. He suggested and the board agreed to invest \$2500 in four year 7½% Certificates of Deposit with Banker's Trust of New York. Certificates are redeemable at any time at a lower rate of interest.

Mrs. Daniels announced that Bernadette Callery and some one yet to be named will serve with Henry Norweb, who is automatically chairman, on the nominating committee. Ballots with these nominees and space for write-in candidates, will be mailed to the membership.

Richard Isaacson, membership chairman, reported that he had received a number of referrals from CBHL members. New CBHL members include the Jardin Botanique of Montreal and the University of Alaska. Mr. Isaacson will be sending information on CBHL to a number of the institutions listed in the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta directory.

Mrs. Daniels pointed out that a membership card for CBHL members would be useful - especially for those taking part in the pre-conference tour this year. Mr. Reed agreed to see about having these made.

Mrs. Daniels led a brief discussion of the pre-conference tour to London, which is to be featured in the February Newsletter. Mrs. Daniels indicated that as few as ten CBHL members would make a successful tour, but board members expressed hope that many more will participate.

Mrs. Daniels stated that she had received some inquiries about the tour from individuals who are not CBHL members. The board agreed that membership in CBHL would be a prerequisite for the tour, especially since CBHL membership is open and the ten dollar personal membership is hardly prohibitive.

After this informal business meeting, Dr. Russell J. Seibert, Director of Longwood Gardens, Everett L. Miller, Assistant Director of Horticulture, and Dr. Darrel A. Apps, the newly appointed head of the Department of Education, joined the group for lunch which was hosted by Longwood Gardens.

Most of the afternoon discussion centered around plans for the annual meeting. There was some discussion about the advisability of holding the registration fee to \$35.00 while still including a number of meals, bus service, etc. Board members were very favorably impressed by the Hotel duPont, the convention hotel. As has become traditional with CBHL Annual Meetings, the local committee has the program and the arrangements well in hand. The proposed agenda and other information about the meeting will be included in a February mailing to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned.

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson
Secretary, CBHL

LONDON PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR - TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Miss Phyllis Edwards of the Botany Library of the British Museum (Natural History) sends us this tentative program for the London Pre-Conference tour with the note that only the visits and the sessions with the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History are definitely fixed.

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| Monday, April 26th | Sessions at the BMNH and time to look at the exhibition that I intend to put out. |
| Tuesday, April 27th | Location BMNH. Possible papers for this session being: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The role of the botanic garden: Dr. Stearn? 2) The work of our Biological Record Centre. 3) The <u>Flora Europea</u> project. |
| the afternoon | A visit to the Linnean Society. |
| Wednesday, April 28th | Joint session with the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History. Possible papers: Location BMNH. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Miss Henry on the problems involved while compiling her recent history of botanical and horticultural literature up to 1800. 2) Mr. Harvey on Seedsmen's Catalogues and the project to conserve these at Bristol University. 3) A bookseller on the problems of obtaining out-of-print literature. 4) Archives and television. |

Thursday, April 29th

Morning session at BMNH. Possible contributions:

- 1) Roy Lancaster, member of the staff of Hilliers (our major nursery firm) on how they build up their stock.
- 2) Dr. Brickell, Director of the RHS. Wisley Garden.
- 3) Someone to talk on the past and present plans regarding the BMNH Flora of Nepal.

the afternoon

Visit to the Royal Horticultural Society Library.

Friday, April 30th

In the morning, a visit to the Chelsea Physic Garden, and in the afternoon a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

Monday, May 3rd

A visit to Oxford, which would include the Botanic Garden, the libraries of the Department of Botany, and Forestry. The Forestry Library also serves as the library of the Institute of Forestry of the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau.

Tuesday, May 4th

Visit to Cambridge to include the Botanic Garden and the Fitzwilliam Museum, which contains the famous collection of original botanical drawings of Lord Fairhaven."

May we again remind you that members participating in the pre-conference tour are responsible for making their own arrangements for accommodations and transportation. If you do plan to go to London, please fill out the form below and return to: Kathryn P. Daniels, Hunt Botanical Library, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, by 29 February.

ANNUAL MEETING
Tentative Schedule
CBHL '76 - Wilmington, Delaware

Wednesday, May 5

7:00-9:00 p.m. -- Reception and registration, duBarry Room, Hotel duPont

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. -- Late registration
10:00 a.m. -- Nominating Committee report
12:00 noon -- Luncheon, Ballroom Foyer - Committee reports
1:30 p.m. -- Leave for Longwood Gardens
2:00 p.m. -- Tour Longwood
5:30 p.m. -- Cocktails
6:30 p.m. -- Dinner and Speaker
 Dr. Seibert - History of Pierce's Park

Friday, May 7

9:00 a.m. -- Meeting, Ballroom - Committee reports
12:00 noon -- Luncheon, Ballroom Foyer
1:00 p.m. -- Leave for Philadelphia
 Tour Library Company of Philadelphia and the American Philosophical
 Society Library
6:00 p.m. -- Reception and dinner, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
8:30 p.m. -- Bus back to hotel

Saturday, May 8

(You may check out early a.m. as hotel has an area for baggage storage)

- 8:30 a.m. -- Leave hotel by bus
- 9:00 a.m. -- Meeting at Longwood - Acer Room
 - Election of officers (see enclosed ballot)
 - New Business
- 12:00 noon -- Lunch - not included in registration
- 1:00 p.m. -- Lecture on E. I. duPont's garden reconstruction by Dr. Norman B. Wilkinson and tour of garden.
- 3:00 p.m. -- Conference ends - bus back to hotel

Post Conference Meeting

- 4:00 p.m. -- Winterthur Symposium Tour
 - Dinner and Speaker - Dr. Ewan - Philadelphia heritage: plants and people

NOTE: Separate registration requested - see enclosed information sheet on Winterthur Symposium.

REGISTRATION FORM
1976 Annual Meeting
Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

Early registration is helpful.

Name _____

Institution _____

Address _____

Check enclosed: _____ \$35.00 before April 1, 1976 (Check payable to Enola Jane Teeter)
_____ \$40.00 after April 1, 1976

Mail check and registration form to Enola Jane Teeter, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA 19348

For hotel reservations see enclosed card. Limousine service available from Philadelphia Airport to hotel every half hour.

Please check below if you intend to stay for the Symposium at Winterthur so we can arrange transportation for you.

- _____ I will attend the Winterthur Symposium
- _____ I will not attend

(Signature)

UNION CHECKLIST OF HORTICULTURAL CATALOGS

On August 2, 1974, a group of concerned librarians and horticulturists, under the leadership of Charles van Ravensway and Cornelia Tyler, met at Winterthur, Delaware to discuss the advisability and feasibility of a union checklist of horticultural catalogs, seed lists, and nursery catalogs. Some misunderstanding seems to have arisen over the role of National Agricultural Library (NAL) agreed to assume.

The NAL agreed to assume leadership and responsibility for establishing a union checklist of early American catalogs up to 1920, since it probably has the largest organized collection. The basic list for checking purposes would be the records of the Nursery and Seed Trade Catalog Collection at NAL. Page proof has been prepared of the Library's non-current records on holdings of Nursery and Seed Trade Catalogs. Total number of pages is 2,588. The arrangement of the records is geographical by state with firms listed alphabetically within each state. Catalogs are broadly defined to include annual catalogs, price lists, broadsides, and similar materials, which list offerings of plants and seeds for sale by wholesale and retail horticultural firms. Index seminums are not considered part of the industry. In duplicating these records, raw data in the form of notes and correspondence was included, which will have to be edited out before final publication.

This page proof is not for sale and, because of its size, only a few xerox copies will be reproduced. These copies will be made available to selected horticultural and botanical libraries and societies, who have been invited to check this listing against their files and report their holdings to NAL. The information requested is firm name, address, and holdings up to 1920.

When the checking is completed, NAL hopes to enter the composite records into its data base and interest a commercial publisher in its publication. Full credit will be given in the published checklist to CBHL and to individual members who have inspired and promoted this project.

If you are interested in checking the pages for your state or geographical area, please advise Miss Leila Moran, National Agricultural Library, Room 204, Beltsville, MD 20705. The completion date for checking records is tentatively set for March 31, 1976.

BICENTENNIAL SYMPOSIUM

Bronx, N. Y. - Scientists to meet at Garden for symposium on rare plants.

Threats and dangers to rare species of plants throughout the Western Hemisphere will be the subject of a gathering of scientists from North and South America next May under the sponsorship of the New York Botanical Garden.

The three-day symposium, May 11-13, 1976 which will attract authorities from Latin America, the United States and Canada on the threat to the plant world, is being planned as a scientific salute to the American Bicentennial. Dr. Ghilleen Prance, Director of Botany for the New York Botanical Garden, who is a leading specialist in Amazonian botany, is organizing the meeting.

The symposium will open May 11 with a discussion of endangered plant species in North America. Wednesday, May 12 will be devoted to plant species problems in South America. The final day of the meeting, May 13, will cover threats to certain species of flowering plants.

Symposium sessions will take place at facilities of the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. The program also includes field trips to see conservation of natural areas in New Jersey, led by Dr. David Fairbrothers of Rutgers University; and to see conservation through living collections at the Cary Arboretum, led by its assistant director, Dr. Elias.

Persons wishing to register for the symposium are invited to write to Dr. Ghilleen Prance, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 19458.

BICENTENNIAL STILL LIFES

On 5 April 1976, the Hunt Institute enters the Bicentennial show ring with "American Cornucopia, Nineteenth Century American Still Lifes and Studies." This show features approximately 50 oil paintings borrowed from private collections and museums, and about 30 sketches, prints and books from the Institute's own collections. "American Cornucopia" was compiled with the help of William H. Gerdts, author of American Still Life Painting. A color catalogue will be available for sale. The show will run from 5 April to 30 July, Monday, through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

"Five West Coast Printmakers," the Institute's current show, will be up until 27 February. The Institute's travelling shows have been well received. Institutions interested in borrowing ready-to-hang botanical art should contact Mr. John V. Brindle, Curator of Art, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. In the fall, the Institute will hold its Fourth International Exhibition of Botanical Art and Illustration.

THE MAP COLLECTION AT THE MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Mrs. Beverly Croyle, formerly on the staff of the Gray Herbarium Library, has been appointed to the staff of the Missouri Botanical Garden Library to assume responsibility for the classification and cataloging of the library's collection of some 6,000 maps. The system being used for the map collection is that developed by the American Geographical Society, with some modifications to reflect the specialized holdings of the MBG Library.

Prior to Mrs. Croyle's employment, the MBG map library had been a neglected stepchild, arranged only haphazardly, and with no consistent acquisitions policy. Some maps had been roughly sorted by geographic area, but most had been stored in folders or map drawers with no attention to their arrangement. A preliminary sorting of the materials in the map collection has revealed such treasures as a 1610 Mercator map of the Nile Valley; almost complete topographic map coverage for the state of Missouri from the inception of the U. S. Geological Survey's mapping program; hundreds of rare (and regrettably fragile) maps of Latin America from the late nineteenth & early twentieth centuries; holographic maps of plant distributions in Texas prepared by Dr. George Engelmann; Williams' 1852 set of maps of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec; and Emory's map of his 1847 explorations along the Arkansas River.

As well as these, and hundreds of other rare and historical maps, the library has extensive collections of climatological, soil, geological, and vegetation maps, particularly for those regions of interest to the Garden's taxonomic and ecological research staff -- the state of Missouri, and the New and Old World tropics.

Upon completion of this cataloging and classification project, every effort will be made to strengthen the library's map holdings, particularly to obtain as comprehensive a collection as possible of vegetation and land use maps, from all regions of the world, and of historical maps from the Missouri-Illinois region.

COMPUTERIZATION PROJECTS AT MISSOURI

The Missouri Botanical Garden Library is making preparations to enter two existing computer systems in an effort to increase bibliographic services to its clientele and to increase cataloging productivity. A contract has been signed with the Systems Development Corporation (SDC) to provide access to the bibliographic data bases offered by that company -- data bases which include the National Agricultural Library's CAIN, the data base of the National Technical Information Service, INFORM (a management information system), Pollution Abstracts POLLUTION data base, and a variety of other services. The data bases offered by SDC are diverse enough to have stimulated significant interest from many of the Garden's departments -- Botany, Ecological Services, Arboretum, Horticulture, Development, and even the Comptroller's Office.

The MBG Library is also on the waiting list to become an on-line participant in the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC). This network has become so popular that at least a six-month waiting period is necessary between the time one joins and the time one goes on-line. Once that period is complete (some time in early Spring), the MBG Library will have rapid access to the cataloging data base, and will be able to use the network for acquisitions (pre-order searching) and for interlibrary loan as well. If all goes well at OCLC headquarters, the system will eventually expand to include serials control and circulation records as well.

Progress reports on the experience with these two systems will be submitted to future issues of the CBHL Newsletter.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY PARTICIPATES IN UNION LIST

Those CBHL members interested in having access to the periodical holdings of the MBG Library may be interested in obtaining a copy of the St. Louis Union List of Periodicals, which lists not only the holdings of MBG, but of 33 other major college, university, special, and public libraries in the St. Louis Metropolitan area for a total of some 36,000 periodical titles. Copies of the Union List may be obtained for seventy dollars from Harry Bock, Business Manager, St. Louis Public Library, 12th & Olive, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Copies of Indonesian Forests and Land Use Planning, by William Meijer, are available for sale for \$3.50 (including postage) either from Jim Reed, Missouri Botanical Garden, 2315 Tower Grove Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110 or from the University of Kentucky Bookstore, Lexington, KY 40506. Orders to either institution should be prepaid.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
1976 SYMPOSIUM

AMERICA'S GARDEN LEGACY: A TASTE FOR PLEASURE

If you are interested in growing plants, just gazing at plants, or trees, or reading about them and how they came to our gardens, you are invited to the 1976 Symposium of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The symposium will consist of seven sessions to be held in cooperation with eleven horticultural organizations between May and October in the bicentennial year. It is part of the bicentennial program of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, whose roots go back to the colonial period.

Each session will start at 4:00 p.m. with a guided tour of the cooperating organizations' gardens, followed by a reception, dinner and a lecture presented by an outstanding horticulturist, botanist or historian.

The series of lectures is designed to give a broad history of amenity horticulture in the United States, and particularly in the Philadelphia area. However, each lecture will be free-standing, to be understood and enjoyed without reference to the others.

THE PHILADELPHIA HERITAGE: PLANTS AND PEOPLE

Winterthur Gardens, Winterthur, Delaware - Saturday, May 8

Speaker: Joseph Ewan, Professor of Botany, Tulane University

Dr. Ewan, the country's leading botanical historian, will tell what pleasure gardening meant for the American colonists and their European correspondents, and about Philadelphia's role in 18th century American and European horticulture.

The Winterthur gardens are among the finest in the United States. They are the product of Henry Francis duPont's intense interest in the horticultural arts as an extension of the decorative arts.

 WINTERTHUR SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Please accept my reservation for the session on May 8, 1976. Enclosed please find a check for \$16.00 to cover the cost of the tour, dinner and lecture.

Check payable to "PHS" '76 Symposium. Mail to PHS, 325 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106. PHS will send all CBHL members the brochure describing all the sessions of the Symposium as soon as it is available.

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N.B. Next deadline for material:
May 20, 1976
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Callery

Membership

Membership in the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries is open to botanical and horticultural libraries of both public and private institutions. Individual memberships are available to anyone interested, particularly librarians and persons from the horticultural and botanical professions. Institutional membership is encouraged and is open on a world-wide basis to botanical and horticultural libraries of any size.

Annual dues are \$25.00 for institutional members and \$10.00 for individual members.

Applications for membership should be directed to John F. Reed, Treasurer. Checks should be made payable to: The Council on Botanical Libraries, Inc.

BALLOT FOR NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

The 1976 Nominating Committee, composed of Henry Norweb, Bernadette Callery and Ina Vrugtman submits the following nominations for the position of junior member (i.e., Second Vice-President) of the Board of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries.

VOTE FOR ONE ONLY

Barbara Emerson
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

Carla Lange
Missouri Botanical Garden Library

Write-in candidate

Please send your completed ballot to Marjorie Dickinson, CBHL Secretary, Kingwood Center, P.O. Box 966, Mansfield, OH 44903.

Deadline for receipt of ballots in Mansfield is April 1, 1976.