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MINUTES OF THE CBHL BOARD MEETING
THE MORTON ARBORETUM, LISLE, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 7, 1976

The Board of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries met at The Morton Arboretum on September 7, 1976. Attending this meeting were: Ian MacPhail, The Morton Arboretum, president, Richard Isaacson, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, Barbara Emerson, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, and Marjorie Dickinson, Kingwood Center, secretary. John Reed, New York Botanical Garden, treasurer, was unable to attend. Joining Board Members to discuss the 1977 Annual Meeting were: Laura Parker, reference librarian and Thelma McComb, public relations coordinator at The Morton Arboretum, and Wilma Wierwell, librarian and Barbara B. Pesch, director of education of the Chicago Horticultural Society Botanic Garden.

Items on an agenda presented by Mr. MacPhail were discussed.

Barbara Emerson, membership chairman, asked for information to help with a short article she is doing for Hort Science on the Council. Members were again reminded that personal involvement is the best way to recruit new members. A rather widespread mailing by Richard Isaacson to persons and institutions listed in the A.A.B.G.A. directory and other sources brought no response.

Richard Isaacson reported that 23 libraries have replied to the questionnaire on union lists which include the holdings of CBHL members. Mr. Isaacson commented that only two libraries responding so far contribute to a computer data base. The Committee on the Union List of Serials plans to meet after the first of the year to edit a union list of information sources listing CBHL members. This list is promised for April 1st.

Then turning to new business presented by Ian MacPhail, the Board approved the payment to Phyllis Edwards of a cost overrun of \$50.00 for the London meeting. The overrun was caused by the unexpectedly high travel expenses of one speaker.

Mr. MacPhail read a letter from Keith Roe of Penn State, proposing that CBHL publish the proposed union seed catalog list in microfiche format as has been done by the American Horticultural Society in their Plant Records Inventory. The Board agreed that this proposal should be very seriously considered by the membership at the next annual meeting.

A letter from Elizabeth Woodburn to Mr. MacPhail announced that she had met with Charles van Ravenswaay, Julie Morris and Mary Lou Wolfe (Ms. Morris' successor at Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Library) to discuss the seed catalog project. Ms. Wolfe and P.H.S. intend to go ahead with the pilot project.

Mr. MacPhail has responded to a request from the American Library Directory for information on CBHL. He has also accepted the invitation of the Denver Botanic Gardens to meet there in June 1978.

Turning to a discussion of the 1977 Annual Meeting, Laura Parker announced that the conference theme will be 'Rare Book Conservation and Disaster Preparation.' Guest experts will speak on these topics and there will be a panel discussion, featuring CBHL members, on what is currently being done. Meetings and tours will be held at The Morton Arboretum, the Chicago Botanic Garden and at the headquarters hotel, Hyatt House in Oakbrook. Details concerning the conference which is set for April 27th - April 30th will be forthcoming in the CBHL Newsletter.

Ian MacPhail then reported for the Committee on British guests (I. MacPhail, E. Woodburn, and J. Reed). After some discussion, it was decided to invite Phyllis Edwards of the British Museum (Natural History) to come as a guest of CBHL to the 1977 meeting. If she is unable to come to Chicago, she will be invited to attend the 1978 meeting in Denver.

CBHL representatives also enjoyed a brief tour of the Arboretum's prairie by its creator, Ray Schulenberg, and had a fleeting glimpse of other parts of the Arboretum. The tea room with its fine view of the lagoon (somewhat reduced by the mid-western drought) was a lovely setting for lunch. Visiting Board Members returned home thinking perhaps of the sign in Ian MacPhail's office.

"A librarian's life is one of constant hardship ... not unmixed with moments of real danger."

Marjorie Sutton Dickinson, Secretary, Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries

TITFORD CENSUS

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Mr. A. R. Titford of Surrey, England, is compiling a census of copies of his ancestor, W. J. Titford's Sketches Towards a Hortus Botanicus Americanus, London, 1811. Will members of the Council, whose institutions own copies or who know of copies in other public or private hands, please report them to Ian MacPhail (The Morton Arboretum, Eisle, Illinois 60532). If there is any evidence of previous ownership (signature, ex libris or presentation inscription) it would be helpful to know the name or names of those concerned, and whether the copy is bound or unbound.

DUMBARTON OAKS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE FELLOWSHIPS 1977-1978

The Dumbarton Oaks Center for Studies in Landscape Architecture announces the availability of its fellowships for 1977-1978. Fellowships with stipends from \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be awarded to those pursuing research in the history of landscape architecture, garden design and garden ornament and the history of horticulture. Projects for the development of landscape designs or for the restoration of historic gardens will also be considered. Fellows will spend the academic year in residence at Dumbarton Oaks with access to the collection there of rare books in the fields of landscape and garden architecture, garden ornament, horticulture and botany. Applications for these fellowships are due by December 1, 1976. Please send a curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, a 500 word statement of the proposed project, and requests for further information to: Professor Elisabeth B. MacDougall, Director, Center for Studies in Landscape Architecture, Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007

WILD FLOWERS AND TITLE PAGES - FALL EXHIBIT AT HUNT INSTITUTE

Opening on November 1, 1976, the fall exhibition at the Hunt Institute includes two separate shows, one a collection of watercolors of North American plants done for the National Geographic Society by Mary E. Eaton, the other a display of title pages from the Hunt Botanical Library's collection. "Incipit: Botanical Title Pages" traces the development of the title page through a presentation of topically and technically interesting title pages from the fifteenth through nineteenth century. "American Wild Flowers; National Geographic Society Illustrations by Mary E. Eaton" consists of 160 plant portraits selected from the many botanical illustrations done from 1911 to 1932, when the English-born artist was the New York Botanical Garden's staff artist. Continuing on exhibit will be the complete sets of the Furber prints, the Twelve Months of Flowers and the Twelve Months of Fruits.

All this will be on display at the Hunt Institute at Carnegie-Mellon University from November 1, 1976 through March 25, 1977.

AMERICAN ORCHID SOCIETY BULLETINS FOR SALE

The Matthaei Botanical Gardens at the University of Michigan offers the following issues of the American Orchid Society Bulletin for sale. The issues are unbound and will be sold for 50¢ per copy.

The following issues are available: 1958, 1960 (all except November), 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 (two complete sets), 1965, 1966, 1967 (except November), 1968 (except December), 1969 (except January, May, July, August, September and October).

Please contact: Jane I. LaRue, Collections Botanist, Matthaei Botanical Gardens, University of Michigan, 1800 North Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105.

NEWS FROM THE BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden announces the availability of four of its award-winning films for purchase or rental. The films include: "Bonsai - the Art of Training Dwarfed Potted Trees," "Pruning Practices at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden," "Planting and Transplanting," and "Nature's Colors - the Craft of Dyeing With Plants." For further information, please contact the Film Department of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225.

From October 23rd through November 21st, the Garden will hold its annual Chrysanthemum Show. More than 300 chrysanthemum plants will be featured, representing over 42 varieties of the large greenhouse football type mum and over 30 varieties of the bush-type or low multi-stemmed mum. All plants will be identified.

The Garden also announces the re-opening of the Ryoanji Temple Stone Garden (a replica of the 500-year-old Zen Temple Garden to Kyoto), the Roji Garden and the Tallma Memorial Dwarf Plant Garden. The three garden complex had been closed for the better part of the past season due to severe monetary cuts imposed on the Garden by the City of New York. A gift of a friend of the Garden has enable these Japanese gardens to be again open to the public on Saturday, Sundays and holidays.

MISS EDWARDS TO VISIT STATES

CBHL President, Ian MacPhail, has just received the following letter from Phyllis Edwards of the British Museum (Natural History).

Firstly, I have to thank you and the CBHL members who attended the London conference, for sending me the two volumes by the Berkeley's and so beautifully inscribed too. I shall treasure these volumes and when I return to my Sloane period study I will find them most valuable.

Secondly, I must thank you and the CBHL members for your kind invitation to come to your 1977 conference at the Morton Arboretum. I shall be most pleased to attend. Further I should greatly value the opportunity to visit some of the members. Would you kindly convey to them my appreciation of their desire to make this possible and their willingness to arrange an itinerary for me. The Keeper of the Department has agreed that I can treat this as official duty - so would around 21 days be feasible?

I want to visit my Canadian relatives around Toronto on my way home and see two friends in the Chicago region, if possible, prior to the conference.

I should be pleased to report to the conference on developments in British botanical and horticultural libraries, also on The British Museum (Natural History) and its historical botanical collections. Other topics would be -
(1) The botanical results of the Capt. Cook and Capt. Flinder's voyages.
(2) The importance of the study of original drawings relating to published engravings with special reference to South Africa. (3) Botanical illustrations with special reference to the Museum's collections. Have CBHL members any topic(s) they would like me to talk on?

I look forward with real pleasure to meeting again those CBHL members who came to the London conference and with those who I shall meet for the first time, some of whom I have corresponded with over the years.

Yours sincerely,

Phyllis Edwards

Miss Edwards will be available at the end of the annual meeting on Saturday, April 30 to visit other institutions up to about May 14. Will those institutions that wish her to visit, please write as soon as possible to Ian MacPhail at The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois 60532 so that a feasible itinerary and timetable can be worked out for her.

Miss Edwards will speak to CBHL members at the annual meeting on some topic of general interest. Any comments from members on the topics she suggested will be welcome.

CBHL - LONDON REMEMBERED

CBHL has received a number of charming thank-you letters from our English hosts, all of whom had been granted a year's honorary membership to CBHL. A few excerpts follow:

Mr. Stageman of the Royal Horticultural Society Library writes: "It was a great pleasure and privilege to receive so many members of the Conference, and I enjoyed the opportunity of meeting people from similar libraries." Mr. Rowlands of the British Museum (Natural History) adds: "... The programme for your visit, unfortunately, only allowed us to display a small number of our treasures. Please assure all your members that they can be certain of a warm welcome if any of them would like to come and see us when they visit London. We look forward to a long and happy association between us, both individually and collectively ..."

CBHL has presented Phyllis Edwards with Dr. Alexander Garden of Charlestown and John Clayton: Pioneer of American Botany, both by Edmund and Dorothy Berkeley, and inscribed: To Phyllis Edwards. As a token of our appreciation for the pleasant and informative days spent with you and your colleagues. The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, London, April 1976.

RICHARD SMITH AND PLANTS OF THE FIR TRIBE

Would anyone knowing of the existence of any editions of Richard Smith and Company's Plants of the Fir Tribe, Suitable for the Climate of the United Kingdom, Cultivated at St. John's. London, 1874?, 1875. Please inform Mr. Humphrey J. Welch, the Wansdyke Nursery, Hillworth, Devizes, Wiltshire, England. The 1875 edition is sometimes bound with Gordon's The Pinetum, London, 1875.

NEWSLETTER PRINTER WANTED

The CBHL Newsletter is in search of a member library who would be able to undertake the printing and mailing of the Newsletter. You would be supplied with "camera-ready" copy and reimbursed for all copying and postage charges. Would volunteers please contact Bernadette Callery, Hunt Botanical Library.

We wish to thank the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library for its good work in printing the Newsletter for the past several years.

Handwritten notes:
 1000 copies
 1000 copies of the Fir Tribe etc.
 1000 copies of the Pinetum etc.
 free by post for six stamps.

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N.B. Next deadline for material to be included in Newsletter is January 7, 1976.

Please send all information to Bernadette Callery, Hunt Botanical Library, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

MEMBERSHIP

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