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THE COUNCIL ON BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL LIBRARIES, INC.
BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 1978
THE GARDEN CENTER OF GREATER CLEVELAND, CLEVELAND, OHIO

The CBHL board met, between blizzards, at the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland on February 9, 1978. Originally the board meeting and a meeting of the Seed Catalog Committee had been scheduled for January 11th and 12th. However, only Cornelia Tyler, who survived what must have been a horrendous bus trip from Ithaca, was able to come since Cleveland was closed.

Present at the meeting were Richard Isaacson, president, from the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland; Barbara Emerson, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; Ina Vrugtman, Royal Botanical Gardens of Hamilton, Ontario; and Marjorie Dickinson, Kingwood Center. John Reed, CBHL treasurer, was unable to attend. His report was presented by Mr. Isaacson. The CBHL ledger as of 12-30-77 showed a balance of \$4,711.83. The only important outstanding bill is for about \$900 due to the New York Botanical Garden for printing, mailing, etc. Revenues for dues are anticipated from the membership before the annual meeting. Mr. Reed is having more brochures printed with very minor revisions.

Ina Vrugtman, membership chairman, inspired by the upcoming Denver meeting, reported sending out 63 letters to potential members located in the west. Eight persons have contacted John Reed about membership and conference information, apparently in response to this mailing. Barbara Emerson suggested a separate mailing to go to all CBHL members with membership brochures and a letter encouraging recruitment of new members on a personal basis. Complimentary memberships bestowed after the London pre-conference tour to English hosts are to be terminated, but Mrs. Vrugtman plans to write to the recipients inviting them to become regular members.

Mention was made of articles appearing in the publications of the Social Sciences Division of Special Libraries Association by Meryl Miasek: the Biological Sciences Division of S.L.A. by Laura Parker and in the July-August Agricultural Libraries Information Notes by Ina Vrugtman. Mr. Isaacson reported with considerable pleasure that the Publication Committee of Bob Long and Allen Barney wished to announce that the first CBHL bibliography, Desert Gardening by Gerald McKiernan will appear early in 1978. Other bibliographies on vegetable cookery, edible plants, rhododendrons, and the cultivation of orchids are in process. The Committee hopes that other CBHL authors will submit manuscripts for consideration

The board then considered a number of miscellaneous topics.

Mr. Isaacson reported that Bernadette Callery and Meryl Miasek are at work on the directory of members. He also announced that he had appointed Ruth Schallert and June Rogier to the Nominating Committee to serve with Ian MacPhail, chairman. They have nominated James White of the Smithsonian and Robert W. Kiger of the Hunt Institute for the position of junior board member. Members will receive mail ballots for this election in the spring. Mr. Isaacson presented a letter from Ian MacPhail to Dr. Howard Irwin concerning the joint publication, The Garden. Most CBHL librarians would probably share Mr. MacPhail's well-stated opinions. The Seed and Nursery Catalog Committee will meet April 18th at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. That evening, two members of the Committee, Elisabeth Woodburn and Charles van Ravenswaay, will speak on seed catalogs to the P.H.S. The remaining members of the Committee are Cornelia Tyler, chairman, Jayne MacLean, and Mary Lou Wolfe.

After lunch with members of the Garden Center staff, discussion, led by Solange Gignac, turned to the annual meeting, June 7th through June 10th, in Denver. Members will receive a mailing in April for the meeting whose theme is "Developing Collections." The program will have a regional emphasis with talks by local librarians and botanists and a one-day study trip featuring alpine flora of the Rocky Mountains. There will also be talks of general professional interest. The conference fee will probably be held at \$50. First-time Denver visitors when making reservations might be interested in Mrs. Gignac's comment that the older part of the Brown Palace is more interesting than the new building.

The Committee adjourned, leaving a beautiful, sunny, calm, Cleveland.

DUMBARTON OAKS FELLOWSHIP

The Center for Studies in the History of Landscape Architecture wishes to remind the CBHL membership of its yearly fellowships. The program is for scholars ranging from candidates for a Ph.D. to persons doing research for publication. The rare book collection would provide a fine opportunity for a horticultural librarian working in such areas as the history of plant importation or plant illustration. The application deadline is 1 December for each following academic year. Interested persons please write to Professor Elisabeth B. MacDougall, Center for Studies in the History of Landscape Architecture, Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20007.

FLORA OF U.S.S.R. WANTED

The Cary Arboretum of the New York Botanical Garden is looking for a copy of U. L. Komarova's Flora of the U.S.S.R. (Flora SSSR). Translated by N. Landaw. Jerusalem, Israel Program for Scientific Translations, 196_. Please send your information to Fred Strum, Librarian, Cary Arboretum, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York 10458.

LAURENT GARCIN MANUSCRIPT SOUGHT

Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of a 600 page manuscript dealing with travels in Asia and eastern botany by Laurent Garcin (1685-1752) is to contact Dr. Frank Lequin, 4e Binnenvestgracht 36, Leiden, Netherlands. Garcin, a doctor and botanist, was associated with the Dutch East India Company. The manuscript was sold in 1945 from catalog number 675 of Francis Edwards to an undisclosed buyer.

HUNT INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP

POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP - The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation (Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.) announces a program of post-graduate research fellowships for junior scholars (i.e., those with recent Ph.D. or other appropriate terminal graduate study). Normally, fellowship tenure will be limited to one year, but renewal for an additional year may be possible in exceptional cases. Fellowships will be tenable in any of the Institute's fields of research, principally the History of Botany, Botanical Biography and Iconography, Botanical Bibliography, and History of Botanical Art & Illustration. Fellows will undertake research projects of their own choice, working closely with and directly under the supervision of senior Institute faculty.

One such fellowship will be available for academic year 1978/79 (10-month period) commencing September, with a stipend of \$10,000. Applicants for this opening should submit a curriculum vitae, names of at least three persons familiar with their academic qualifications who will provide recommendations on request, and reprints or copies of published work, if any. A brief but specific description of the applicant's proposed research project must accompany the application; projects must be susceptible of completion, ready for publication, within the fellowship period. Potential applicants having a strong interest in botanical documentation but no specific project in mind are encouraged to contact the Institute for further information about its facilities, collections and research program, and for consultation on possible projects. Application deadline: 15 April 1978. Selection and notification by 1 May 1978. Direct inquiries, letters of application, and supporting materials to Dr. Robert W. Kiger, Acting Director, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213. Telephone: (412) 578-2434.

1978 ANNUAL MEETING

The 10th annual meeting of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries will be held 7 - 10 June 1978 at the Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado. Anne Zwinger will speak and present slides of tundra plants on Thursday evening. A day long trip to Rocky Mountain National Park is planned for Friday. Business meetings, committee reports and a tour of Denver Botanic Gardens will occupy part of the time on Thursday and Saturday morning. Members will receive an April mailing giving details of this meeting.

CHARLES VAN RAVENSWAAY & ELISABETH WOODBURN
DISCUSS 19TH CENTURY SEED CATALOGS AT PHS

On Tuesday evening, 18 April at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, Charles van Ravenswaay and Elisabeth Woodburn will share with Friends of the PHS Library and members of the CBHL Seed Catalog Committee, a discussion on early seed catalogs. The evening is titled "A Victorian Bouquet: 19th Century Seedsmen and Their Abundant Offerings" and will be preceded by a garlanded pre-May Bowle and subscription supper. CBHL members in the Philadelphia area are welcome and may call Mary Lou Wolfe at the PHS Library (215-922-4801) for reservations.

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Please send all news items to Julie Morris by June 30 for inclusion in the July Newsletter.

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 and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.

DUMBARTON OAKS OPENING

One year position available in the Garden Library, Dumbarton Oaks for FY 1978/79. Library Assistant/Para-Professional with cataloging background wanted to revise dictionary catalog under supervision of the permanent library staff. This will involve assigning subject headings established especially for this collection, as well as updating description cataloging according to current AACR guidelines. College degree and 2 or 3 years library cataloging or related experience required. Language background, familiarity with horticultural and botanical literature, as well as experience with OCLC desirable. Contact Mrs. Laura Byers, Garden Library, Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

SEED CATALOG COMMITTEE MEETS

Snowed out of its January meeting in Cleveland, the Seed Catalog Committee will meet at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society on 18 April. Please send any thoughts or suggestions to Richard Isaacson, Garden Center of Greater Cleveland.

CBHL MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

An article by Barbara Emerson, entitled "Help! Help! Help! Where Can You Find It?" is included in the USDA yearbook, Gardening for Food & Fun.

Jayne MacLean has compiled a quick bibliography entitled Herb Gardening. One copy is free from the Reference Division, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Please include a return addressed label, and mention the title and series number, NAL-BIBL-77-26.

LIBRARIAN WANTED

The Morton Arboretum needs a reference librarian. For information, please call Ian MacPhail, 312 968-0074.

BALLOT FOR NEW JUNIOR MEMBER

The 1978 Nominating Committee, composed of Ian MacPhail, Ruth Schallert and June Rogier, 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

- Jim White, Smithsonian Institution
- Robert Kiger, Hunt Institute
- _____ write in candidate

Please send your completed ballot to Marjorie Dickinson, Kingwood Center, 900 Park Avenue, West, Mansfield, Ohio 44901, by May 16, 1978.