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Flowering Plant Index Announced

We have recently received a notice from G. K. Hall announcing the Flowering Plant Index of Illustration and Information, compiled by CBHL member, Richard T. Isaacson, Librarian of the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland. Approximately 50,000 cards will be reproduced, making a three volume set. Pre-publication price for U.S. customers is \$160, rising to \$200 after 31 July 1979. Orders from outside the U.S. will be slightly higher. According to G. K. Hall, the index will be available for shipment in October 1979. Congratulations, Richard!

CBHL Plant Bibliography Series

Three titles in this new series were published in 1978;

- McKiernan, G. Desert Gardening: Desert Plants and Their Cultivation.
28 p. \$2.50
- Schwartz, D. Vegetable Cookery. 24 p. \$2.50
- Schwartz, D. Edible Wild Plants. 11 p. \$1.50

All can be ordered from Mrs. Elaine DiLorenzo, Administrative Secretary, The Library, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

Plant Photographs at Hunt Institute

Art photographs on plant themes will be the subject of an exhibition held at the Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, from 20 November 1978 to 16 February 1979. The exhibition, entitled "Reflections From The Third Day: Photographic Revelations of Plant Design," will display the work of 24 twentieth century photographers, including such artists as Imogen Cunningham, Ansel Adams, Edward Steichen, Paul Strand, and Edward and Brett Weston. A catalogue illustrating all 65 photographs shown in the exhibition will be available for sale. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For further information, please call the Hunt Institute at (412) 578-2434, or write, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Reports From the Bickelhaupt Arboretum Available

We have for distribution to other member libraries the following single sheet reports:

- A Statement of the Educational Purpose of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum;
Research Report on the Development of the Bickelhaupt Arboretum Prairie
Restoration;
Research Report on Lotus Corniculatus Bank Subject to Flooding at Bickelhaupt
Arboretum;
Research Report on Shrouding Small Woody Plants Against Cicada Invasion at
Bickelhaupt Arboretum.

Please address requests to: Bickelhaupt Arboretum, 340 South 14th Street, Clinton,
Iowa 52732.

News From NYBG

Lothian Lynas, Associate Librarian, comes to New York from the British Antarctic Survey Library in Cambridge. Formerly on the staff of Wye College, the American Museum of Natural History, and the Singapore Botanic Garden, "Lo" studied at the University of London and Cambridge University ... Gerard McKiernan, Assistant Librarian (Reference), holds a B.A. in anthropology from Lehman College. Gerry took his M.S. in library studies at the University of Illinois. Gerry was a long-term volunteer who helped organize volunteers' Conservatory Guides Program, and volunteered many hours to the library volunteer effort ... Linda Vigars, Assistant Librarian (Cary) received B.S. and M.L.S. degrees from S.U.N.Y. Albany. Linda was a biology major with work experience in business and education ... Elisabeth "Mea" Johnston, Plant Information Specialist, holds a degree from the University of Wisconsin and a certificate from the NYBG's School of Horticulture ... Bernadette Chen, Assistant Librarian (Cataloging) is a graduate of Tunghai University and Queens College. Bernadette brings work experience from the Queens Borough Public Library and the Institute for Advanced Studies of World Religions ... Pearl Holford, Library Associate, has joined the recataloging program. Pearl expects her M.L.S. from Queens College in January 1979.

Title II-C Grant to New York and Missouri

The New York and Missouri Botanical Garden Libraries have been awarded one of twenty grants made by the U.S. Office of Education under the "Strengthening Research Library Resources" program. The \$200,000 award will enable these two large botanical libraries to share cataloging data via the OCLC data base. Jim Reed and Bob Long are co-directors of the project.

Boyce-Thompson Nursery & Seed Catalog Collection

The collection of nursery and seed catalogs from the Boyce Thompson Institute (now of Cornell University) has been given to the New York Botanical Garden. This 3,000-item collection will be interfiled with the Garden's collection.

NYBG Plant Information Resurfaces

The much-missed Plant Information Service at the Garden resumed part-time Tuesday through Thursday schedule on October 1, 1978. The "Green Line" is Elisabeth "Mea" Johnston who handles letter inquiries as well as constantly ringing phones and visitors.

Cary Arboretum Circulating Collection

A circulating collection for Friends of the Cary Arboretum has been organized by Linda Vigars, Cary Librarian. An inaugural opening was held October 26, 1978 to draw public attention to this useful resource. The "opening" also honored Mrs. Janet Adams whose generous support for this collection helped make it possible.

International Register of Specialists and Current Research in Plant Systematics

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation has received a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation to produce an international register accounting for both specialists and individual research projects in systematic botany. The Register, to be produced in both computerized and published forms, will revive and incorporate the now dormant "Index of Current Research" previously sponsored by the American Society of Plant Taxonomists and "Register of Specialists" produced by the International Association for Plant Taxonomy. This new Register project is being undertaken with the endorsements and assistance of both those organizations. Financial assistance has also been received from the U.S. National Park Service, through the New York Botanical Garden.

Questionnaires and accompanying instructions (trilingual: English, French, German) will be distributed within the systematic botanical community starting in November 1978. Major means of distribution will include enclosure in individual copies of Taxon (first 1979 mailing) and Systematic Botany, and by mailing modest supplies to **selected** botanical institutions and academies of science. These forms have been designed to permit easy photoduplication, which is strongly encouraged. Anyone working in systematic botany (s. lat. -- including its history, bibliography, art, and applications to structural, ecological and evolutionary botany) is urged to fill out and return a questionnaire by 31 August 1979. Those not receiving questionnaires directly should obtain them (or photocopies) from a convenient botanical institution or, if that is **not** possible, can **request them** by writing to: Hunt Institute, Attention Register, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 USA. Such direct requests should be made only if the materials are unavailable through the **other channels**.

The first printed edition of the Register will be published in spring 1980. Thereafter, with adequate continuing assistance from the botanical community and its sponsors, the Institute plans to maintain the Register as an active computerized data base and to produce succeeding printed editions triennially. A copy of the published Register will be sent without charge to each questionnaire respondent as well as to **relevant** institutions and governmental agencies. Reasonable special query service **will be available** to the public at no or minimal cost upon application to the Institute. This may involve special permutations of the data, or simply requests for up-to-date information on a given topic during the periods between successive published editions.

The utility of the Register to both the botanical community and the general public will depend in large measure upon its comprehensiveness. To maximize coverage, the Institute requests the cooperation and active assistance of botanists and their institutions on a worldwide basis. We urge them to respond for themselves and to assist us by publicizing the project and making their copies of the questionnaire material available for copying by others who have not received them directly. In **this** fashion we hope to take full advantage of the international botanical "grapevine".

The Genus Thymus

CBHL member Rexford Talbert is trying to locate the work of B. Noack, Zur geschichtes thymians, Leipzig, 1936. Would anyone having a copy of this work or having other holdings on the genus Thymus please contact Mr. Talbert, 7733 Wellington Road, Alexandria, VA 22306.

George H. M. Lawrence Memorial Fund

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation announces establishment of the George H. M. Lawrence Memorial Fund, based at the Institute as a permanent Fund to honor the memory of Dr. Lawrence (1910-1978), its founding Director. Income from the Fund will be used to provide an annual Award (beginning in 1979) in support of a doctoral candidate's travel for dissertation research in one or more of Dr. Lawrence's fields of special interest in the plant sciences: systematic botany; horticulture; or history of botany or horticulture, including literature and exploration. An Awards Committee, comprising representatives of the Lawrence family, The Hunt Foundation, the Hunt Institute, and the botanical community, will review nominations and select recipients. Awards will be made strictly on the basis of merit -- that of the proposed research, and the recipients' general scholarly promise in their fields. Notice of invitation for nominations for the first award (1979) will appear in a few months.

The Fund has been constituted initially by contributions from the Lawrence family and The Hunt Foundation, and is recognized by them and the Institute as the vehicle for contributions from others honoring the memory of Dr. Lawrence. Donations to the Fund are welcome; checks should be made payable to the Hunt Institute (address: Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) and designated for the "Lawrence Memorial Fund."

American Garden Conference at Winterthur

Julia Davis sent us word of a conference on "Art out-of-doors: American Gardens, 1890-1930" to be held at Winterthur Museum on Saturday, 10 March 1979. For a brochure with further information, please contact Scott Swank or Julia Davis of the Education Division, Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, Delaware 19735.

An exhibition of relevant books and illustrations will add visual interest to the conference. There will also be a checklist of prime reference materials compiled in part by the conference speakers. This checklist and the exhibition will be produced in cooperation with the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, PA. The exhibition will then be on display at the Hunt Institute from May 1980 through the summer.

Supplements to Index Londinensis

Sven Koeltz of the publishing firm Otto Koeltz Science Publishers, Post Office Box 1380, D-6240 Koenigstein, West Germany, is looking into the possibility of publishing supplementary volumes to Index Londinensis, based on the material that continues to be maintained at Kew. When he was at Kew last year completing arrangements for the reprint of Index Londinensis, he was shown a cabinet about ten meters long containing cards with new data.

He would be interested in hearing from librarians and other interested persons whether or not there would be sufficient demand for supplementary volumes incorporating this information before considering the project. At present he is unable to estimate the cost.

Please write to Mr. Koeltz giving your comments and indicating possible interest in purchase.

A Needleworker's Botany

The New Hampshire Publishing Company would like us to bring one of their publications to the attention of CBHL members. Written by Heather S. Miller, librarian of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, A Needleworker's Botany: Fifty Examples of Early Botanical Art from the Library of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society Adapted for Needlework, should be of interest to both the needle worker and the botanical art enthusiast. The book is available from the publisher at Somersworth, New Hampshire 03878, for \$12.50 hard bound and \$5.95 soft bound.

Destruction of Back Issues of Journal

The October issue of the Canadian Botanical Association Bulletin reports the deliberate destruction of a large quantity of back issues of the Canadian Journal of Botany such that "now it is only possible to obtain these issues on microfiche or microfilm." The Bulletin offers as a commendable contrast the recent action of the National Museum "in reducing its stocks of some older publications by sending them free of charge to people requesting them" Ina Vrugtman, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, says that this is not the first time this destruction of back stock has happened. Are other CBHL members aware of this problem?

Bookbinding Exhibition Planned

The Hunt Institute is currently planning an exhibition of historical, retrospective and modern design book bindings to open in November 1979. The theme of the exhibition will be the role of the modern book binder as conservator and artist. During the first week of the exhibition, there will be a three-day seminar dealing with the practical aspects of the work of a binder or conservator in the twentieth century. Seminar brochures and registration forms will be sent out in late summer upon request.

For further information, please contact Jean Gunner, Bernadette Callery or Bettsy Mosimann, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. Phone: (412) 578-2434.

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