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Meetings

CBHL Annual Meetings for 1980 and 1981

CBHL's annual meeting for 1980 will be held at the New York Botanical Garden from October 1 through October 4. Plans include opportunities to visit the International Antiquarian Book Fair, various exhibitions in New York City museums and libraries, a joint session and tour with the Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians on October 4, and the possibility of a gathering with the Garden's Friends group. Accommodations will be at White Plains.

May 5 through 7, 1981 have been set as the dates for the following meeting at the Strybing Arboretum in San Francisco. There will be a joint session with AABGA.

History in the Service of Systematics. April 1981.

The Society for the Bibliography of Natural History and the Systematics Association are sponsoring an international conference on the occasion of the centenary of the British Museum (Natural History) which will be held 13-16 April 1981 at the British Museum (Natural History). Contributions are invited from all those interested in the use of historical material in taxonomic, systematic, geological or biological studies. The meeting will illustrate the importance of bio-historical work in relation to early collections, collectors, biography, bibliography and the retrieval of biologically interesting data from often neglected historical sources. It is hoped that a wide range of topics will be presented within the general framework of four main subjects: biosystematics, biography, bibliography and collections.

Those wishing further information should write to the conference secretary, Mrs. Judith A. Diment, Botany Librarian, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London, SW7 5BD. Those wishing to submit a one-page, 300 word, abstract of a proposed paper should do so before 31 March 1980 and send it to Mrs. Diment. The Proceedings of the conference will be published as an issue of the Journal of the Society of the Bibliography of Natural History. Visits to other institutions with historically interesting material are planned in conjunction with the conference.

CBHL members have been especially urged to submit papers and to plan to attend.

Annual Meeting of American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta

The Annual Meeting of AABGA will be held from 11-13 April 1980 at the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, Georgia. "Educational Programs" will be the theme of this

year's conference. Noted lecturers from all parts of North America will be presenting lectures, demonstrations and workshops on the many facets of education and communication.

For any additional information, please contact Ms. Mary Hiers, Fernbank Science Center, 156 Heaton Park, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307.

Time and Space in the Emergence of the Biosphere, April 1981.

In further celebration of the centenary of the British Museum (Natural History), this international symposium on biogeography, sponsored by the Systematics Association and the British Museum (Natural History), will be held at BM(NH) April 6 through 10, 1981. The new palaeogeography, the dogmas of vicariance and cladism, the theory of faunal and floral regions and the dynamic equilibrium theory are among the front runners of current biogeographical thinking. The symposium will provide a forum for discussion on what is perhaps the most exciting yet least well-defined, derived discipline of contemporary biology. The whole spectrum of biological science, in both pure and applied aspects, will be represented by international speakers on botany, palaeobotany, palaeontology and zoology. For further details, contact R. W. Sims, Department of Zoology, British Museum (Natural History), Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD.

Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts

The Landscape Architecture and the Allied Arts Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians plans a mid-day meeting at Dumbarton Oaks on April 16. Intended as an opportunity for East Coast Chapter members to meet prior to the SAH annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin later that month, the meeting will include a book display organized by librarian Laura Byers and a tour of the gardens.

The Chapter also hopes for a joint meeting with CBHL in October 1980. The Chapter has plans for a day tour of public and private West Chester gardens on October 4, including lunch at the Hammond Museum.

For further information, contact Bernadette Callery, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Exhibitions

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Chinese Exhibition

"Plants of the good earth - the Chinese influence" is on exhibit in the Conservatory Showhouse of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. through March 23. China's great contribution through the ages of her plants to science, food, gardening, medicine and the arts will be examined and interpreted. The exhibit contains ornamental and economic plants native to China which have become familiar to the Western world. It will incorporate motifs and architectural elements found in Chinese gardens as well as plant products, agricultural and ceremonial artifacts, baskets, ceramics and jewelry and costumes. In conjunction with the exhibit, a series of illustrated talks, films and a concert are planned. For further information, contact the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, New York 11225.

Indian Art at Hunt Institute

The spring exhibition at the Hunt Institute, "Indian Botanical Paintings," will open 31 March and run through 18 July. The exhibition will include about 65 watercolors com-

missioned by the East India Company and done by native Indians in the early nineteenth century. The paintings have been borrowed from East India Company, Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, British Museum of Natural History and The Linnean Society of London. Several printed plates for which the watercolors served as models will be shown with the matching paintings.

After the Hunt exhibition, the show will travel to the Brooklyn Museum and the Chicago Horticultural Society. An illustrated catalogue will be available.

The exhibition catalogue of the Institute's fall 1979 show, "The Tradition of Fine Bookbinding in the Twentieth Century," is available from the Institute both case-bound and in sheets for \$25.00 and \$22.00 respectively. All 92 bookbindings exhibited are illustrated, with 20 in color. The catalogue includes essays by Bernard Middleton, Marianne Titcombe and Jean Gunner in addition to complete descriptions of all the bindings shown and short biographies of the binders.

Research Opportunities

Garden History Book Prize

Dumbarton Oaks announces the establishment of the annual Mildred Barnes Bliss prize to be awarded for the best book length manuscript on subjects related to the history of gardens. Garden decorations such as sculpture or fountains and studies in the history of horticulture and of plant illustration will also be considered. Manuscripts must represent the results of original research and must be formally documented in accordance with normally accepted scholarly standards.

There will be an award of \$1,000 and the manuscript will be published by Dumbarton Oaks. Submission will be judged by a committee, whose decision, including that of making no award, is final.

For details about the length and format of the submission write:

Center for Studies in Landscape Architecture
Dumbarton Oaks
1703 32nd Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Deadline for submission of a manuscript is 15 September 1980.

Hunt Institute Fellowship

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation (Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA) invites applications for 1980-81 appointments in its continuing 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 is limited to one year, but renewal for an additional year may be possible in exceptional cases. Fellowships are 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 undertake research projects of their own choice, working closely with and directly under the supervision of senior Institute faculty.

One Hunt Fellowship will be awarded for academic year 1980-81 (10-month period), commencing September, with a stipend of \$10,000. Applications 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: 1 April 1980. Selection and notification by 1 May 1980. Direct inquiries, letters of application, and supporting materials to Dr. Robert W. Kiger, Director, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Lawrence Memorial Award

The Award Committee of the George H. M. Lawrence Memorial Fund solicits nominations for the 1980 Lawrence Memorial Award. The Fund and Award have been established on a permanent basis to honor the memory of Dr. Lawrence, founding Director of the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie-Mellon University. The purpose of the Award is to support travel for doctoral dissertation research in systematic botany or horticulture, or their history, including literature and exploration. It is expected that the 1980 Award will amount to \$1,000, which will be available to the recipient for expenditure during the two-year period from date of award. Award funds will not be applicable to research travel accomplished prior to the date of award.

Major professors and other relevant faculty are urged to submit letters of nomination for outstanding doctoral students who have achieved official candidacy for their degrees, will be conducting dissertation research in one of the above fields during the coming two years, and whose work would benefit significantly from the travel the Award would allow. The Committee will consider nominations only -- no direct applications will be entertained. A potential candidate who wishes to be considered should request his/her major professor to submit a nomination in his/her behalf. This may take the form of a letter of nomination and endorsement which covers supporting materials prepared by the candidate.

A nomination (or supporting materials) should describe briefly but clearly the candidate's program of research and how the travel enabled by the Award would contribute significantly to its quality. Letters of nomination, together with any supporting materials, should be received by the Committee no later than 1 April 1980. The awardee will be selected and the decision announced by 1 May 1980. Nominations and supporting materials, requests for further information, and any other communication regarding the Fund and Award should be directed to: Dr. Robert W. Kiger, Director, Hunt Institute, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Tel. (412) 578-2434.

Publications

Blanche Henrey's Bibliography - Award and Availability

We were delighted to learn that Miss Henrey's British botanical and horticultural literature before 1800 has been chosen by the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers to receive the Triennial Bibliographical Prize for Bibliography. The book is to be offered during 1980 for the special price of \$115.00 and is available in the United

States from Elisabeth Woodburn, Booknoll Farm, Hopewell, New Jersey 08525. Please address all orders to Elisabeth Woodburn, enclosing a check or money order for \$115.00 plus \$3.00 for postage and packing.

Recent ISBS Publications

We have recently received several books from International Scholarly Book Services, Inc. which should be of interest to CBHL members. ISBS is the distributor of a number of American and foreign publishers specializing in horticultural, agricultural and botanical material, including Timber Press, Shufunotomo Company Ltd., Grower Publications and J. Cramer Publishers. CBHL members should write and ask for "Hortus, a catalog of books on horticulture," an annotated listing, or inquire after any of their other specialized subject listings which include forestry, agricultural science and botany.

Books recently received include the following. Three 1979 publications compiled by the Diagram Group and published by Sampson Low, entitled The allotment book, Herb growing, a visual guide, and Planning your garden, a visual guide, all available for \$12.50. They are all liberally illustrated, the herb book particularly so, with a shadowy hand or mouse in the background of each plant portrait to indicate scale. The material is clearly presented and the books neatly designed.

Gordon Courtright's Trees and shrubs for western gardens, published by Timber Press in 1979 for \$42.50, is an extensive collection of color photographs accompanied by brief cultural information on 673 trees, shrubs and vines. It includes useful indexes by flower color, fragrance and possible landscape uses.

J. D. Vertrees' Japanese maples, a 1978 publication by Timber Press, is available for \$39.50, includes over 200 color photographs, extensive descriptions and cultural information of these remarkably colorful cultivars.

For orders and further information, please write ISBS, P.O. Box 555, Forest Grove, Oregon 97116.

Flowering Plant Index Published

We are happy to announce that Richard Isaacson's Flowering plant index was published in December 1979. Copies are available from the publisher, G. K. Hall.

Resumption of Huntia

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, announces the revival of its Journal, Huntia, after a lapse of some dozen years. Vol. 3, no. 1 is now in distribution and no. 2 is in press. The journal's format has been changed somewhat, as has its publication schedule: each annual volume will comprise two to four numbers totaling about 300 pages.

Huntia invites submission of original scholarly papers in all areas of botanical history, including bibliography, biography, iconography, and art and illustration. All papers are reviewed critically for scholarly soundness and merit by at least two appropriate referees. Accepted papers are subject to a charge of \$30 per printed page to help defray printing costs.

Huntia will also include reviews and announcements of new titles in the Institute's fields of interest. Works for review should be directed to Dr. Robert W. Kiger, editor, at the Institute.

Hunt Institute Associates may elect to receive Huntia as one of the benefits of membership; otherwise it is available on subscription at \$25 per volume or, by special arrangement, on institutional exchange.

Miscellaneous

Centre for Canadian Historical Horticultural Studies Founded

A Centre for Candian Historical Horticultural Studies is to be established at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, through the sponsorship of the Dunington Grubb Foundation. Funding for the first year will be directed towards acquiring resource material relating to the history of horticulture in Canada.

RBG Director, Dr. Leslie Laking, stated that this is not the first financial assistance provided by the Directors of the Dunington Grubb Foundation. A contribution to the building fund for the new RBG Centre was employed to create space to house an important very basic horticultural resource -- a historical collection of nursery and seed trade catalogues, with special emphasis on the Canadian component. The resources pertaining to the Dunington Grubb Centre for Candian Historical Horticultural Studies, appropriately will find their home in this same facility as part of the new library at RBG Centre.

The first year will be devoted mainly to accumulating information in the form of original and copied documents and cataloguing the locations of those which cannot be obtained at this time. This central repository of information will be available for study at RBG by researchers and to kindred institutions.

The scope of the collection is to be as broad as possible within the superstructure of horticultural history in Canada, to include such diverse areas as biographical data of prominent Canadian horticulturists, origins and breeding histories, of plants (Canadian introductions), development of garden styles and trends in Canada, and the use of plants by native people, to name a few. Publication fo research material will doubtless be of concern as a longer range objective.

For further information contact: Leslie Laking, Director, Royal Botanical Gardens, P.O. Box 399, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8N 3H8.

Country Life Available

About 20 years of Country Life, from approximately April 1951 to December 1970, are available for the cost of wrapping and shipping only. A supply of Holiday, in the large format, is also available under the same terms. For further information, please write to Ray C. Sutliff, 1759 25th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223.

Harper Horticultural Slide Library

We have received a partial catalogue of the Harper Horticultural Slide Library which includes about 14,000 35 mm. color slides of horticultural subjects. Duplicate slides are available. Standard sets of 75 slides are available for a rental fee. For further information and the catalogue, please write to Mrs. Pamela Harper, 219 Robanna Shores, Seaford, VA 23696.

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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.