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Minutes of the Business Meeting, Friday, May 13.

Solange Gignac, President, opened the meeting with a greeting to the 48 members in attendance. She then called for reports from the Secretariat. The Secretary's report of the 14th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., prepared by our former Secretary, Marjorie Sutton Dickinson, was accepted as written and published in the Newsletter of August 1982.

John Reed's Treasurer's Report was distributed to the members and summarized by the present Secretary, Jayne MacLean. Joan DeFato gave the membership report, announcing that individual members number 121, up eight from the previous year, and institutional members are 61 in number, a decrease of two.

Solange announced that the CBHL Directory has been completed and distributed to members. She congratulated the committee, Bernadette Callery, Enola Jane Teeter and Mary Lou Wolfe, and thanked them for their efforts in producing this valuable tool. Extra copies are available as needed from Bernadette. Bernadette reported that there were two newsletters this past year, but that she hopes to return to the three-a-year format this year. It was suggested that more personal news of members might be included in the Newsletter, so that we can better keep up with each other between meetings.

Jayne MacLean gave the report of the Nursery and Seed Catalog Committee. There was very little progress during the year. The principal bright spot was the completion of the directory of holdings of nursery and seed catalogs from the Shields Library, University of California at Davis, under the supervision of Ted Sibia. This was put on display, and Jayne announced that Ted has offered to supply additional copies to any member requesting them. The directory is a detailed listing of a major collection of approximately 12,000 to 13,000 catalogs.

There was one additional effort that could not be completed. In the Fall of 1982 Judy Weinberg, then Librarian at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society offered to have a volunteer do a survey of catalog holdings in Massachusetts. The survey was apparently begun, but had to be suspended when Judy resigned to take another position. The Society building is about to be closed for renovation, and the library's collection will be put into storage for at least a year. Volunteers were asked to take custody of the survey records before they are stored or destroyed. Gerry Kaye agreed to do this.

The areas from which no survey of holdings reports have been received are:

The southeast: Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The mid-south: Louisiana, New Mexico, Texas, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, the rest of New Jersey.

New England, Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Western Provinces of Canada.

A final report is expected from Jim Reed on this survey of Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Jayne made the following recommendations:

- have the project completed by offering a grant to a library or horticultural student to do it as an independent study project; offer a stipend and expenses.
- or continue to encourage the volunteers to complete their regional surveys, which would no doubt take a great deal longer than the other option.

Finally, Jayne said she had asked to be replaced as Chairman of the committee, pleading pressure of other responsibilities.

Solange then announced that she had asked June Rogier and Mary Lou Wolfe to be Co-chairmen of the committee, which will in addition include Ina Vrugtman, Ted Sibia and Jayne MacLean. In the discussion that followed the Catalog Committee report, Charles Van Ravenswaay commented that the catalog survey project needs to be sponsored by a responsible agency, to assure complete coverage and uniform reporting of data. Several variations of the proposed hired-student scheme were discussed.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED that under the supervision of the Nursery and Seed Catalog Committee and the Executive Committee, a student or students should be funded for up to \$1,000 to complete the nationwide survey of institutions holding nursery and seed catalogs.

For the Nominating Committee, Bernadette reported that Charles R. (Bob) Long has been elected the new junior member of the Board. She thanked Gerry Kaye for her willingness to be nominated.

Bob Long gave us the good news on the CBHL Bibliography series: all so far published have recouped all production costs. The latest, by Eileen Schofield on Plant Crafts, has already recovered two-thirds of its costs, having sold 139 copies thus far. There are three new bibliographies in the pipeline: Wildflowers, Dye Plants, and the third revised and updated Rare and Endangered Plants. Bob requested authorization for \$500 per bibliography manuscript to cover costs of preparation, to be recouped later from sales. (This would be in addition to the \$500 per bibliography already allocated for production costs.)

It was moved, seconded and VOTED that the additional \$500 per manuscript be authorized. Albert Strickland made the suggestion that the Plant Crafts bibliography be nominated for the Oberly Award.

For the first time, our meeting was pictorially documented. Solange introduced our photographer for the meeting, Stephen Jennings, Barbara Callahan's husband. He will

supply us with a proof sheet from which we will select photos which will be displayed at next year's meeting. A few pictures from the Washington meetings were on display.

The 1984 Annual Meeting will be co-hosted by the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Horticultural Society, the date to be announced but probably between the 10th and 20th of May. In 1985 we have been invited to Ottawa to meet concurrently with the International Association of Agricultural Librarians and Documentalists in June, and 1986 may find us in St. Louis.

Enola Jane Teeter had on display a bibliography of "Recent Books in Horticulture and Botany," which has also been mailed to the membership; it is a handy listing in subject arrangement.

Solange announced two other recent bibliographies, one by Jane Gates "A Selected Bibliography of General Horticulture in the Helen Crocker Russell Library," copies of which were distributed. The other is the Agriculture and Gardening section bibliography for the 1982 edition of Collier's Encyclopedia by Jayne MacLean. Doug Ritchey made note of the two Sterling Morton Library Bibliographies by Ian MacPhail, the new one on Thomas Nuttall, as well as the earlier one on André and Francois André Michaux. He also mentioned that Greenwood Press is about to undertake a directory of bibliographies.

Bernadette Callery mentioned that the Hunt Institute is publishing the guide to its Archives as numbers of Huntia. The Guide to the Botanical Records and Papers in the Archives of the Hunt Institute is also available as a separate publication.

Elizabeth Woodburn offered free copies of the striking anti-book-theft posters that are being distributed by the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, and explained what a serious problem rare book theft has become. Oriel Kriz then told of the Banks' Florilegium poster advertising that triumph of botanical art.

There was a brief discussion of the valuable duplicate book and periodical lists from member libraries. It was requested that some notation be made of the condition of the books, especially those in poor condition. The New York Botanical Garden was congratulated on its distribution of these lists.

Ruth Schallert, having recently returned from England and Scotland, brought greetings to fellow members from M. V. Mathew, of the Royal Botanical Garden Library, Edinburgh.

New members of the Council who were in attendance were introduced and welcomed by Solange, who also thanked Anne Carr and her committee for their wonderful hospitality. Anne then introduced her hard-working committee members.

The final piece of business was the transfer of leadership. Joan DeFato, succeeding to the Presidency, was passed the imaginary gavel. She introduced Jane Gates, who succeeds her as First Vice-President. Bob Long is Second Vice-President, and John F. Reed and Jayne T. MacLean continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Joan thanked Solange for her year's service as President, and Solange in turn thanked all those who had worked with her on the Secretariat and on the Atlanta Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne T. MacLean
Secretary

The Atlanta Conference in Brief

Theme: The Role of Literature in Garden Restoration.

Following registration Wednesday afternoon, we were transported to a delightful reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian S. Carr, and enjoyed a buffet in their beautiful home and garden.

The Cherokee Garden Club and Library elected to host the CBHL annual meeting as part of its observance of Georgia's 250th Anniversary. Its exhibit at the Atlanta Historical Society entitled "Land of Our Own--250 Years of Gardening Tradition in Georgia," Catherine Howett, Curator, was an outstanding feature of the meeting. Room after room of historical memorabilia and documents, the product of scholarly research and energetic gathering, created a dramatic evocation of the agricultural and horticultural uses of Georgia's land from Cherokee Indian times to the present.

Located in the same building is the Cherokee Garden Library, which received a major impetus from its acquisition of Elizabeth Woodburn's specially developed collection of books that trace the history of horticulture in this country; these were on display.

Tours of these exhibits, and of two restored historic houses and gardens on the grounds highlighted the first day of the meeting. To introduce the tours and exhibits, there were two excellent presentations describing the research, literary and otherwise, which preceded the assembling of the artifacts and documents, and the building and garden restorations.

Besides the CBHL business meeting on Friday morning, the major event of the day was a panel discussion on the role of literature in garden restorations. A large group of locally invited guests joined us to hear five expert panelists exchange views and information. William Banks, of Newnan, Georgia, a garden and building preservation specialist, moderated skillfully. Panelists were Julia Martin, restoration landscape architect; Jane Symmes, owner of Cedar Lane Farms, a nursery specializing in plants grown in 18th and 19th century gardens; Charles van Ravenswaay, author, collector, formerly director of Winterthur and President of Old Sturbridge Village; and Elizabeth Woodburn, currently President of the Antiquarian Book Sellers Association of America. Mr. van Ravenswaay topped off the panel discussion with a slide show of early seed and nursery catalogs in his collection.

Visits to private gardens in Atlanta and the new, small but burgeoning, Atlanta Botanical Garden were the afternoon's features. A superb dinner at the historic Piedmont Driving Club climaxed this most enjoyable meeting.

Saturday, many of the group took advantage of the optional expedition to Stone Mountain Park, where a restored plantation is a major attraction.

The newly constituted Nursery and Seed Catalog Committee, co-chaired by June Rogier and Mary Lou Wolfe, met on Friday afternoon to put in motion the new thrust for completing the area-by-area survey of holding institutions. Attending were June, Mary Lou, Jayne MacLean and CBHL President Joan DeFato. It was decided that the rest of the project will be centralized at the Andersen Library of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum under the direction of June Rogier. Questionnaires will be sent from there to possible holding institutions in all states where the surveys are not completed already. June will organize volunteers and student aides to accomplish the work. She will need all the cooperation she can get from people in the regions from which we have no survey reports.

(see Minutes of Annual Meeting), particularly with suggestions of institutions that are likely to have collections. Mary Lou will revise the questionnaire and compose a cover letter explaining our aims.

News from NYBG

The New York Botanical Garden Library has received grant support in recent months from the Booth Ferris Foundation (\$50,000), the Surdna Foundation (\$50,000) and the Hearst Foundation (\$10,000) for additional compactor shelving installation and in support of plant information services. Also at The New York Botanical Garden Library the Book Preservation Center, supported by the H. W. Wilson Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities, has co-published the Library Materials Preservation Manual by Hedi Kyle, Nelly Balloffet, Judith Reed and Virginia Wisniewski-Klett. The book contains basic information on the physical properties of paper, book cloth and adhesives, cleaning of books, rebacking, repairs, preservation enclosures and pamphlet bindings. Copies can be ordered from Nicholas T. Smith, Publisher, P.O. Box 66, Bronxville, NY 10708. \$22.50, \$1.00 postage US and Canada, \$1.25 postage all other countries.

The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. has published Botanical Crafts: An Annotated List of References by Eileen Schofield (Plant Bibliography No. 4, January 1983). There are 103 entries with annotations. \$3.25 postpaid. Copies can be ordered from: Mrs. Elaine DiLorenzo, CBHL Bibliographies, The New York Botanical Garden Library, Bronx, NY 10458.

The New York Botanical Garden Library has been awarded a grant for 1983-84 from the U.S. Department of Education Strengthening Research Libraries Program to support the recataloging and on-line program carried out jointly with the Missouri Botanical Garden Library. This new award brings the aggregate funding (1978-1984) for this model cooperative project to over \$1.2 million dollars. Charles R. "Bob" Long, Assistant Vice President and Director at New York, serves as Project Director.

The New York Botanical Garden Library has been awarded a five year NSF grant of \$194,346 to support the completion of Taxonomic Literature edition two by Drs. Frans Stafleu and Richard Cowan. This grant is the second NSF five year grant for the project. It provides for an increase in support staff for the two principal investigators. Charles R. "Bob" Long serves as administrator of the grant.

Hunt Institute Fall Exhibition

The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie-Mellon University will exhibit "Flora Portrayed: Classics of Botanical Art from the Hunt Institute Collection" from 24 October 1983 to 24 February 1984. Comprising 88 of the Institute's finest items and representing the various eras of botanical art, the exhibition is accompanied by a fully illustrated book with an introductory text, running commentary and 55 color reproductions. An 18th-century painting of English and Mourning Irises by Georg Ehret has been reproduced in full color as the show's poster.

The exhibition will be on display in the Penthouse of the Hunt Library and will be open to the public, free of charge, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. (The Institute will be closed from 26 December to 2 January.) For further information, telephone the Institute at (412) 578-2434.

Japanese Garden Slide Show

A 94-slide show with cassette recording of commentary and music has been prepared by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden as a record of their Japanese Garden which has been open to the public since 1915. The 25-minute program entitled "The Japanese Garden -- a Living Tradition," is available from the Film Department, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225 for \$35.00

Herb Society of Great Britain 1984 Lecture Tour

Guy Cooper, Co-director of the Herb Society of Great Britain plans to be in the U.S. in January and February 1984 and will be offering two different slide lectures, i.e., "English Herb Gardens, Formal and Informal" and "English Herb Plants, History and Uses." For further details on the Society, the speaker and bookings, please contact Mr. Cooper at 34 Boscobel Place, London, SW1, or call 01-235-1530.

Meetings to Come

The American Horticultural Society visits Philadelphia 14-18 September 1983 where its 38th Annual Meeting will be held in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Attractions will include an opportunity to see "Flowers of Three Centuries" from the Broughton Collection of the Fitzwilliam Museum on display at the Academy of Natural Sciences Museum, and attend programs at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Longwood Gardens and the Morris Arboretum as well as visit a number of private gardens. For registration information write to Education Department, American Horticultural Society, Box 0105, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121.

"Discovering in wide landscape: a conference on gardens, landscape and literature" will be held at Trinity College, Toronto from 28-31 August 1983. Over 20 papers will be presented along with slide presentations, excursions and related exhibitions. The conference fee is \$65.00 and inexpensive rooms are available. For registration information write to Trinity College, Toronto, Canada M5S 1H8.

Situation Wanted

Reference, collection development and acquisitions, or administrative position in a botanical, horticultural or agricultural library. Have ALA-accredited MLS, subject master's in horticulture, experience in academic, public and special libraries. Will relocate anywhere. Please contact Richard T. Shotwell, 742 N. Holmes Street, State College, PA 16801, Phone: (814) 234-1466.

New Director for National Agricultural Library

Joseph H. Howard was appointed Director of the USDA National Agricultural Library in mid-June. He had been serving as Acting Director since last December and was also serving as Assistant Librarian (Processing Services) of the Library of Congress. Howard has been with the Library of Congress since 1967, serving in the descriptive cataloguing and serials records divisions as well as processing services. He is also the author of "Malay manuscripts -- a bibliographic guide."

NYBG Journal Available

An almost complete 33-year run of the New York Botanical Garden Journal is available free for the taking in Lewisburg, PA. The volumes available cover the years 1941-1974. Please contact Miss Jessie Soars, 78 Fairmount Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837 to make arrangements for picking up the journals.

Book Catalogs

A catalog of English gardening and horticultural books, many unavailable in the U.S., is available on request from John Smallwood, 100 Fifth Avenue, Room 1205, New York, NY 10011. Phone: (212) 989-8840.

Priced lists of modern natural history books (list seen largely bird books) are available on request from Douglas Kibbe, Box 34, Maryland, NY 12116.

Recent Publications of Interest to CBHL Members: Announced

The Plant Collections Committee of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) is pleased to announce the first edition of the Preliminary Directory of Living Plant Collections of North America. This compendium of data on the living plant collections of 58 North American botanical gardens and arboreta includes listings of documented living collections, other plant resources, management, interpretation and research on collections as well as information regarding staff, size and location of the garden. Copies available from AABGA, P.O. Box 206, Swarthmore, PA 19081. Soft cover, \$15.00 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.

University of California at Davis Library Nursery and Seed Catalogs is a recent directory compiled by the Bio/Ag Department, Shields Library, U.C. Davis. Holdings are complete as of October 1982 and include catalogs dating from the early 19th century. A photocopy of the 126 p. directory is available for \$3.50 from Ted Sibia, Head, Bio/Ag Department, Shields Library, University of California, Davis, CA 95616.

The Sterling Morton Library Bibliographies in Botany and Horticulture: II Thomas Nuttall. Thomas Nuttall was one of the greatest plant explorers of North America and added a large number of new names to its flora. This catalogue contains bibliographical descriptions of all Nuttall's monographic works on plants printed before the end of the nineteenth century. In addition there are three appendices. The first lists all Nuttall's serial publications; the second compares the plates in the various issues of his supplementary volumes to the North American sylva; and the third explains the bibliographical symbols used in this series. The bibliography (35 p.) is available from the Sterling Morton Library, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL 60532, for \$11.00.

We have received a notice of the following titles from the University of Minnesota Press, 2037 University Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Snyder, Leon C. Flowers for northern gardens, 1983. \$25.00 ISBN 0-8166-1229-3
Over 800 species of herbaceous plants known to be hardy in northern U.S. and nearby Canada discussed, illus. with 288 col. photos.

Barr, Claude A. Jewels of the Plains, wild flowers of the Great Plains grasslands and hills, 1983. \$19.95 ISBN: 0-8166-1127-0. Personal account of native plants with 119 col. photos.

For an attractive jacket-prospectus for Behind those garden walls in historic Savannah, text by Louisa Farrand Wood with paintings by Ray G. Ellis, write to Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc., Publications Division, P.O. Box 1983, Savannah, GA 31402. The book is available for \$15.00 hard cover, \$9.95 soft cover and includes plans and plant lists for 28 town gardens in Savannah.

A limited edition reproduction of 60 watercolors of cultivated camellias by an unknown artist around 1810 is available through Hillman Books, 5045 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, for \$450.00. This work, Il Giardino della Camelia, edited by M. Schiavone and published in Milan in 1981 by Edizione Rovello, includes 18 pages of text in Italian (English translation supplied on request) with the plates unbound in a decorated cloth box. For further information, write Liz Marcucci at Hillman Books.

Newsletters

A multi-media newsletter for natural dyers whose first issue, at least, includes a sample of the lichen used and a sample of the dyed fleece. Intended to appear every other month, the publisher and editor Connie J. Magoffin notes that From woods and fields is a newsletter devoted to the topic of natural dyeing for the purpose of encouraging communication among natural dyers. Write for a subscription (\$10.00 per year for six issues) and make check payable to: Connie J. Magoffin, 3248 Colfax Avenue, South, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

The Potato Museum, Box 426, Wycombe, PA 18980, publishes a newsletter called Peelings of which 12 issues are available for \$15.00. The Potato Museum, in Belgium, remains closed while the Curator, Thomas Hughes, is considering a new location. The newsletter includes old and new potato information and lore.

We have recently received Vol. 1, no. 1 of The bu\$iness of herbs, edited by Portia Mears, P.O. Box 559, Madison, VA 22727, an eight page newsletter-type publication for people in the herb business. It might be of particular interest to libraries serving active herb society groups involved with local herb fairs. The newsletter is bi-monthly and is \$15.00 a year and \$25.00 for two years. Send subscription requests to the editor, Portia Mears.

Books Received for Review

Books recently received for review from ISBS and available from Timber Press, P.O. Box 1632, Beaverton, OR 87075, include the following:

Baumgardt, John Philip. How to identify flowering plant families: a practical guide for horticulturists and plant lovers. Timber Press, 1982. (In cooperation with the American Horticultural Society and the Rare Plant Group of the Garden Club of America.) Soft cover, \$22.95. ISBN: 0-917304-21-7. Includes black-and-white line drawings, some showing dissections and some colored photos.

Beckett, Kenneth A. Climbing plants. Timber Press, 1983. \$17.95. ISBN: 0-917304-76-4. Alphabetical account by genera and species. Clear line drawings, and color photos. Appendix lists climbing plants for special purposes.

Beckett, Kenneth A. Growing hardy perennials. Timber Press, 1981. \$14.95. Includes a comparative discussion of species for color, habit and landscape use with color photos and line drawings.

Clarke, J. Harold. Getting started with rhododendrons and azaleas. Timber Press, 1982. (In cooperation with the American Horticultural Society.) Timber Press Horticultural Reprint series, originally published by Doubleday in 1960. Soft cover, \$14.95. ISBN: 0-917304-30-6. An extensive discussion of varieties as well as cultural information. The black-and-white photos are not particularly clear.

Eagle, Audrey. Eagle's trees and shrubs of New Zealand in color. Two hundred and twenty-eight botanical paintings by Audrey Eagle. Collins, 1981 reprint of 1975 publication. \$95.00. ISBN: 0-00-216915-5. Illustrations accompanied by notes discussing distribution, native names and early commentators.

Fisher, Muriel. A touch of nature, reflections on New Zealand plants and flowers. Paintings by Elaine Power. William Collins, 1981. \$29.95. ISBN: 0-00-216979-7. Softly reproduced watercolors and line drawings illustrate this personal commentary.

Miyachi, S., S. Katoh, Y. Fujita and K. Shibata. Photosynthetic organelles: Structure and function. (Special issue of plant and cell physiology, no. 3.) Japanese Society of Plant Physiologists, Center for Academic Publications, Japan, 1977. \$37.00. 44 individual papers, many with references and heavily illustrated with graphs and tables.

Nightingale, Gay. Growing cyclamen. Timber Press, 1982. \$17.75. ISBN: 0-917304-41-1. Brief historical introduction to discussion of cultivation, propagation and cultural information. Accounts of various species and list of addresses of related societies included.

Pilbeam, John. Haworthia and astroloba, a collector's guide. Timber Press, 1983. \$32.95. ISBN: 0-917304-65-9. Includes extensive commentary on species. Heavily illustrated with black-and-white photographs, some color photos and line drawings.

Randall, Harry and Alan Wren. Growing chrysanthemums. Timber Press, 1983. \$18.95. ISBN: 0-7099-2225-6. Extensive discussion of propagation and subsequent care. Includes black-and-white and color photographs and addresses of worldwide chrysanthemum societies.

Swindells, Philip. Waterlilies. Timber Press, 1983. \$17.95. ISBN: 0-917304-52-7.

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