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CONTINUATION OF MINUTES FROM 20TH ANNUAL MEETING
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The business meeting reconvened on Friday, May 20, and discussion of Old Business was resumed with the following announcements.

The directory of seed catalog collections is expected to be issued by Fall, and it was decided that one free copy will go to each member. AABGA will devote one issue of their newsletter, with Ina Vrugtman as guest editor, to libraries of their member organizations. They would like to have an article about esoteric special collections in their subject area. Bernadette noted that CBHL is listed as an advisor to the Wave Hill Catalog of Landscape Records, and that she is the official contact person. It was suggested that in the next list of CBHL members, the telephone number be included where possible.

The tabled motion regarding the site of the 1992 Annual Meeting was recalled. After brief discussion, it was VOTED unanimously to accept the kind invitation of Dr. Emanuel Rudolph to meet in Columbus, Ohio, so that we can take advantage of the outstanding opportunity to visit "AmeriFlora '92".

New Business:

John Reed reported that to establish an interest bearing money market account for the Charles R. Long Memorial Fund that will generate enough interest for an award every two or three years required an account balance of at least \$2000. Donations towards this account presently stand at approximately \$800 and the costs associated with this year's award will reduce it substantially. One suggestion was made that any surplus from annual conferences be designated for the fund. There was another suggestion made to transfer \$2000 from the general fund immediately. After considerable discussion of the best options, it was VOTED to transfer enough money from the general fund to top off the Charles R. Long Memorial Fund at \$2500 and to designate surplus from the annual conferences to this account. When the fund reaches the point where it generates in excess of \$900 in interest annually, excess earnings will be put back into the annual fund and the membership will consider the future allocation of annual conference surpluses.

John Reed brought up the fact that librarians from overseas countries often have difficulty paying their own way to our meetings, and some have asked if there were subsidies available. It was noted from the floor, however, that some of our North American members also have trouble affording meeting attendance. Since the matter merits some study, it was VOTED that the president should appoint a committee to make recommendations to the Council on the feasibility and appropriateness of underwriting CBHL dues and travel to our meetings.

Virginia Gardner reported that Muriel Crossman, former distinguished librarian of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, had died; Virginia believes she should be honored by CBHL and she offered to donate \$1,000 to initiate a fund. A suggestion from the floor was made that we start a general scholarship fund, to which people could contribute in the name of any special honorees. Virginia agreed to chair, and Jane Cole and Gerry Kaye volunteered to be members of, a committee to plan for the establishment of a scholarship fund. Solicitations will go to possible contributors.

Laura Lipton suggested that CBHL make a contribution (not to exceed \$100) to each institution hosting an annual meeting for a book for their collection, as a thank you. It was VOTED to do so. The Librarian of the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute who is one of our members is retiring. John Reed suggested that we write to congratulate her on her retirement.

Gerry Kaye gave the travel subcommittee report: Some of the group are eager to make a trip in 1989, either Spring or Fall, depending on what meetings in England might lure us. Arrangements for travel will be made independently by members participating. A packed itinerary has been developed so far for about 10 days. BMNH will be the contact in England for these plans. Gerry asked those who might be interested to sign up, so that they can be kept apprized of developments. Further details will appear in the Newsletter. [See below for update.] There are other possibilities as well for 1991 or 1992.

Bernadette announced that Curtis's Botanical Magazine 200th anniversary travelling exhibit will open at Dartmouth College July 16. A catalog is now being prepared and will be for sale at each exhibition site or available directly from the publisher, the University Press of New England.

In bringing the meeting to a close, Meryl gave warm thanks to our Hunt Institute hosts, Chuck Tancin, Jim White and Anita Karg, who had arranged for such an interesting program. She asked them to make any comments on the meeting manual draft, for the benefit of future hosts. Meryl also thanked Jayne for her service as Secretary of CBHL. She then passed on the presidential responsibilities to Virginia Henrichs, who in turn offered the thanks of the Council to Meryl for all her fine work. The second business meeting was then adjourned.

Jayne T. MacLean, Secretary

MINUTES FROM THE 1989 CBHL MID-WINTER MEETING

The Board of Directors met on Tuesday, January 24, 1989 at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Present were Virginia Heinrichs, Connie Wolfe, Jayne MacLean, John Reed, Meryl Miasek and Jane Gates. The agenda for the meeting included plans for the Annual Meeting in St. Louis in May. A schedule and registration form will be mailed to the membership very shortly. The program promises to be both relevant and substantive, so get your reservation in promptly. Discussion of the Annual Meeting was greatly furthered by Connie's presence in her joint capacity as first Vice-president and meeting host. It was decided that a representative of the next annual meeting's host always be invited to attend mid-year business meetings in order that plans be facilitated.

Other business included CBHL Bibliographies being planned and/or published, membership and treasurer/s reports, consideration of nominees for election to the Board and the need to have written documentation for duties of various Board positions. Complete reports will be forthcoming to the membership. Meet us in St. Louis.

Jane Gates, Secretary

HELP FOR HAWAII TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN

On December 19, 1988, fire destroyed the administrative office and museum of Hawaii Tropical Botanic Garden. While the garden was not damaged, the library is a complete loss. Donations of the following books would be particularly appreciated. Hortus III, The Plant Book, Exotica 1 and 2, Cronquist's Integrated system of classification of flowering plants, Palms of the World, Supplement to Palms of the World, Genera Palmarum, Blombery and Rodd's Palms and any tropical books, particularly concerning plants of Hawaii. Financial donations, subscriptions to Garden membership and suggestions of sources of emergency funds would also be greatly appreciated. Please contact Ed Johnston, Assistant Director, Hawaii Tropical Garden, RR 143-A, Papaikou, HI 96781 or call 808-964-5233.

CBHL ANNUAL MEETING IN MISSOURI, MAY 3 - 5, 1989

By now, CBHL Members should have received registration materials for the annual meeting to be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden. If you have not received them, contact Kathy Brugere, Library, Missouri Botanical Garden, P.O. Box 299, St. Louis, MO 63166, 314-577-5155.

In addition to the information sent with your registration, we are pleased to announce a few other attractions. There will be a panel on acquisitions and collection development, which will consist of Bernadette Callery, Jane Gates, Virginia Henrichs, Dale Johnson and John Reed, with Elisabeth Woodburn as moderator. CBHL members are encouraged to share their collection development/acquisitions policies with the rest of the group. If you can, please bring your policy to the meeting. Tour choices during the meeting will include a walking tour of the Garden, a tram tour of the Garden, a guided tour of the library and herbarium, a tour of Tower Grove House and an opportunity to visit the Ewan Library. You can choose one or two tours, or just "do" the Garden on your own. A

special orientation to the St. Louis Art Museum Library has been added to the Saturday "Discover St. Louis" tour, as well as a ride through Tower Grove Park.

Additional information will be sent after your registration is received. Remember, March 31 is the deadline, and early registrations are appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

The next CBHL Annual Meeting will be held at the Missouri Botanic Garden from May 3 to May 5, 1989. See above for full details.

"New trends in landscape design", a one day symposium sponsored by The New York Botanical Garden will be held at the Garden on March 18, 1989. The symposium is directed toward architects, landscape architects, other design professionals and students who wish to expand their knowledge of what is new and noteworthy in the rapidly evolving design professions. Registration, which includes lunch, is \$80 for members of The New York Botanical Garden, \$85 for non-members and \$40 for students. For symposium brochure, registration form and further information please contact Education Department, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458-5126 or call 212-220-8720.

The Winterthur Gardens Conference scheduled for April 1, 1989 is entitled "The light touch: gardens and landscapes through the camera lens." Registration for the all day conference, held at the Winterthur Museum, will begin at 8:30 A.M., with the program beginning at 9:30. General admission will be \$30, with lunch on your own. For a registration brochure or further information, please write Winterthur Museum and Gardens, Gardens Conference, Winterthur, DE 19735 or call 302-888-4600.

Dumbarton Oaks will be holding its annual symposium in Landscape Architecture on May 19 to 21, 1989. This three day event will be in the nature of a state of the art inquiry: what has garden history achieved? where should it go from here? Speakers from all over the world will consider different approaches to garden history and different eras of garden creation from ancient Roman, to colonial American and nineteenth-century England. Preliminary enquiries and pre-registration forms may be requested from Studies in Landscape Architecture, Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd St., N.W., Washington, DC 20007. Broad topics will include sources and origins of gardens and garden history, approaches to garden history and science, technology, agriculture and the garden.

"Nature's Mirror: 200 years of botanical illustration", an exhibition that combines the travelling exhibition "Flowers from the Royal Gardens of Kew: two centuries of Curtis's Botanical Magazine" with selections from the collections of the Library of The New York Botanical Garden and The New York Public Library, will be on display at The New York Public Library from May 27 through September 2, 1989. The exhibition will be supplemented by a lecture series organized by The New York Botanical Garden.

UPDATE ON U.K. STUDY TOUR

Ina Vrugtman and Gerry Kaye report that plans are well advanced for the fall 1989 study tour of U.K. botanical/horticultural libraries this October. We have visits scheduled in the London area Oct 3 through 11 and in the Edinburgh/northern area Oct 12 through 16. We're trying to arrange group hotel accommodations; individuals will be responsible for their own transatlantic air travel. If you're interested and not on the mailing list, promptly contact Gerry Kaye (Botany Libraries, Harvard University, 22 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138) by March 15.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Robert W. Bowden has been appointed director of horticulture for the Missouri Botanic Garden. He will be responsible for all the Garden's outdoor displays, the Climatron and other greenhouses and the several floral displays held in the Ridgway Center each year. Bowden was formerly director of horticulture and operations at Old Westbury Gardens on Long Island, NY.

For information of the Friends of the Library of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and a handsome informational brochure, contact Patricia P. Tyson, Chair, Friends of the Library, Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, Nineteenth and the Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

NEWS FROM BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

"Gertrude Jekyll: a vision of garden and wood", an exhibition of the works of the noted English garden designer will be on display at the PaineWebber Art Gallery, PaineWebber Building, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, from February 17 to May 5, 1989. The exhibition, curated by landscape architect Michael R. Van Valkenburgh and architectural historian Judith B. Tankard is presented by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, organized by Bank of Boston and sponsored by PaineWebber Group, Inc. A book of the same title will be published in early 1989, published by Sagapress and distributed by Harry Abrams.

A Palm House Ball will be sponsored by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden Auxiliary to celebrate the completion of the Steinhardt Conservatory, the new Education Center and the rebuilding of that institution's Palm House on May 18. The fund raising event will take place in the complex's restoration of the McKim, Mead and White structure first opened in 1914.

NOTABLE REPRINTS

Fearing Burr's classic Field and Garden Vegetables of America, published in 1865, is now available in reprint as the first publication of The American Botanist Booksellers. This long-unavailable work on American varieties of vegetables is the standard starting point for much research into the introduction of these plants into America. Enhanced with a preface by Kent Whealy, Director of Seed Savers Exchange and an introduction by Robert F. Becker, Cornell University, the book is printed on acid-free paper. The original illustrations by Isaac Sprague are included. Descriptions of 65 shelling peas, 50 green and dried beans, 44 turnips, 36 cabbages and many more vegetables fill the 704 pages — a great deal of information for only \$30. Order your copy from The American Botanist Booksellers, 1103 West Truitt Ave., Chillicothe, IL 61523 today as only 500 copies were printed.

Another long-awaited reprint is the augmented edition of U.P. Hedrick's A history of horticulture in America to 1860, with an addenda of books published from 1861 - 1920 by Elisabeth Woodburn, published by Timber Press (9999 S.W.Wilshire, Portland, OR 97225) in 1988 for \$39.95, ISBN: 0-88192-102-5. The original compendium of documented references to the history of American horticulture is further enhanced with the addition of more recent material covering the topics of fruit, vegetables, practical horticulture, landscape and gardens and flower gardens and other ornamentals.

PUBLICATIONS ANNOUNCED

1988 Plant Conservation Resource Book, a guide to over 500 contacts in federal and state agencies and private conservation groups involved with endangered plant species is available for \$9 from the Center for Plant Conservation, 125 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Klein, Leopold. 100 pounds of tomatoes out of an inexpensive foam box available from the author, Box 1237, Valley Stream, NY 11582. \$11.95 plus \$1.75 for shipping. A discussion of the author's technique for constructing an above-ground box garden and his development of a stakeless unit for additional labor savings.

Simpson, Beryl B. Krameriaceae, Bronx, New York Botanical Garden, 1989. Flora Neotropica, monograph 49. ISBN: 0-89327-337-6. [price not set] Order from NYBG Scientific Publications Office, Bronx, NY 10458.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

We have received issue number 5, December 1988, of Actinidia enthusiasts newsletter, published by Friends of the Trees Society, P.O. Box 1466, Chelan, WA 98816. This is an "annual forum for Actinidia enthusiasts around the world" and deals with various aspects of growing and marketing kiwifruit. Single copies of number 5 are available for \$10. Other publications of the Society include the 1988 International green front report, available for \$7., which deals with projects, organizations and publications concerning re-greening the earth and is listed as a "resource guide to hundreds of organizations and periodicals concerning sustainable development in forestry, agriculture and related fields."

Withner, Carl L. The Cattleyas and their relatives: a book in six parts. Part I, The cattleyas. Portland, Timber Press, 1988. ISBN: 0-88192-099-1. \$29.95. The first volume of a proposed six volume work covering this complex group. Color photos of individual plants supplemented by occasional reproductions of previously published illustrations. Includes some background on the discovery and introductions of the plants. Please order directly from Timber Press (9999 S.W.Wilshire, Portland OR 97225)

CBHL BIBLIOGRAPHY

The newest CBHL bibliography, number 7 in the CBHL Plant Bibliography series, is now available. For additional copies of Eileen Schofield's Cooking with vegetables, flowers and fruits: an annotated list of references, please write to Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries c/o The Library of The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458. Copies are \$6 plus postage. All current CBHL members will receive one copy as a benefit of membership. Other bibliographies in the series are listed below and may be ordered from CBHL c/o The Library of The New York Botanical Garden.

The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. Plant Bibliography Series:

#2. Schwartz, Diane. 1978. Vegetable cookery: An annotated list of references.

#3. Schwartz, Diane. 1978. Edible wild plants: An annotated list of references.

#4. Schofield, Eileen K. 1983. Botanical crafts: An annotated list of references.

#5. Zanoni, Thomas and Eileen K. Schofield. 1983. Dyes from plants: An annotated list of references.

#6. Miasek, Meryl A. and Charles R. Long. 1985. Endangered plant species of the world and their endangered habitats: A compilation of the literature.

Please note that #1, G. McKiernan's Desert gardening: Desert plants and their cultivation, an annotated bibliography, 1978, is out of print.

NAL QUICK BIBLIOGRAPHY SERIES AND AGRI-TOPICS

The Horticulture Information Center at the National Agricultural Libraries issues bibliographies in the Library's Quick Bibliography series and the Agri-Topics series. These bibliographies are distributed free on request as long as supplies last. The "QB's" average about 20 pages in length and contain between 100 and 300 citations from the AGRICOLA database. Those that prove to be in high demand are updated periodically and are reissued with new numbers. Agri-Topics are usually four to six pages in length and often include information on sources of seeds or supplies, or sources of further information. The Alternative Farming Systems Information Center at the NAL also issues bibliographies in the Library's Quick Bibliography Series. For lists of currently available bibliographies, please contact the Horticulture Information Center, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705.

WOODBLOCK PRINT SERIES PROPOSED BY ALECTO

A number of woodblocks used in the publication of Pier Andrea Matthioli's Commentarii in sex libros Pedacii Dioscorides Anazarbei de medica materia published in 1562 and 1565, now presently owned by Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox and Quaritch will be available for sale. Alecto Historical Editions has been offered the opportunity to print an edition of prints from the blocks before the collection is dispersed and proposes an ingenious solution to enable institutions to make this purchase. The purchaser of each block will have the opportunity to buy from Alecto not less than 100 impressions for resale or distribution to underwrite the purchase price of the block. While at least 100 impressions will be taken from any one block, a purchaser need not buy the whole of that print run. Arrangements could be made with three other subscribers so that each institution could have 25 impressions from four separate blocks. Each purchaser will have the right to buy a portfolio of one impression of each of the blocks printed for institutional subscribers. For a complete list of the blocks available and details of possible arrangements, please contact J.G. Studholme at Alecto Historical Editions, 46 Kelso Place, London W8 5QG, phone 01-937-6611 or FAX 01-937 5795.

While all sets of the Banks' Florilegium have been subscribed to, there are a number of parts from the sets which were split when the original Australia subscribers decided not to continue beyond the Australian plates (parts I-XV). The price for these remaining individual parts varies between \$3,600 for the eleven Madeira plates to \$10,350 for the twenty-three Brazilian plates. Interested parties should contact J.G. Studholme at Alecto.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WARDIAN CASE?

See "A modern equivalent for the Wardian case designed for air travel" by P.S.W. Jackson, Q.C.B. Cronk and J.A.N. Parnell which appeared in Botanic gardens conservation news, vol. 1(1), Dec 1987 and

reprinted from Moorea vol.6, 1987, for a description of an inexpensive case that was designed by the members of a botanic garden plant conservation to Mauritius which was used to transport live rooted specimens by air.

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Present Affiliates include AABGA, ASC, AIBS and the Missouri Botanical Garden. A potential benefit of being an Affiliate is the opportunity to "sponsor the offering of databases and services for the benefit of members". There appears to be some money available from BIOSIS for the development of databases "critically needed to support life science research."

For further information, contact BIOSIS, Marketing Section, 2100 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19103-1399.

NEW MEMBERS

Chace, Laura L., Cincinnati Historical Society, Eden Park, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (Also May Y. Hart)

Chance, Gail D., University of Wyoming Science Library, Box 3262 University Station, Laramie, WY 82071-3262

Clarysse, R., Nationale Plantentuin van Belgique, Bibliotheek, Donmein van Bouchout, Meise, Belgium B 1860 (Also E. Petit)

Davis, Elisabeth B., University of Illinois, Biology Library, B 101 Burrill Hall, 407 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana, IL 61801

Enders, Kathy P., New York Botanical Garden, P.O. Box 153, Armonk, NY 10504

Gonzalez, Bonnie, 16 Berkeley Ct., Sterling, VA 22170

Locquin, Marcel V., 44 Bis Bd. de la Liberation, F-34300 Vincennes, France

Palmer, David, 19083 Walling Circle, West Linn, OR 97068 (Berry Botanic Garden)

Pridgeon, Alec M., 6000 South Olive Ave., West Palm Beach, FL 33405

Purtell, Hattie, Boerner Botanical Gardens, Whitnall Park, 5873 S. 32nd St., Hales Corners, WI 53130 (also Nell Schneider, director)

Stanton, Edward P., 7 Captain Wooster Rd., Oxford, CT 06483

Sternberg, Guy, Sternhill Forest Arboretum, R.R. 1, Box 272, Petersburg, IL 62675

University of Cape Town, J.W. Jagger Library, Acquisitions Department, Rondebosch 7700 South Africa

CORRECTIONS:

Renner, Suzanne P., Botanisk Institut Aarhus Universitet, Nordlandsvej 68, DK-8240 Risskov, Denmark. (Misreported as Remmer)

Dr. J. Siwon, Center for the study of traditional medicines of the Airlangga University, Jalan Karimata 4, Surabaya, Indonesia. (Misreported as Simon)

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