



Change is underway for the newsletter, with more to come in future issues. Victoria Jahn, who has relieved Bernadette Callery of her duties as Editor, will be instituting a quarterly schedule and a new format, beginning with the October issue. Look for details of these changes, submission guidelines, and a reader questionnaire in the publications committee report elsewhere in this issue.

## **CBHL ANNUAL MEETING - SANTA BARBARA, CA, APRIL 13-16, 1994**

*Preserving and Accessing Garden History and Landscape Architecture, Particularly California, from the Mission Gardens to the Mid-Twentieth Century.*

Virginia Gardner (Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Board) and Rebecca Eldridge (Santa Barbara Botanic Garden) were our gracious hosts for the CBHL Annual Meeting at the Radisson Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California, April 13-15, and on April 16 for the CBHL field trips. There were about 55 members and guests in attendance at the meeting, all from the United States and Canada.

Here is a brief summary of activities:

On Wednesday, April 13, from 9 am until 5 pm the Resource Sharing Consortium Committee, chaired by Joanna Bristol (Garden Center of Greater Cleveland), held an all-day working meeting, open to all CBHL members. Attendance was excellent, indicating the strong interest of the members in this group. Joanna presented the overall view of the activities and the present membership of the CBHL group as On-Line Computer Library Center (OCLC) full participants. Nadia Aufderheide (The Holden Arboretum) described how a group network operates to activate interlibrary loan and other network member services, using her own local Ohio network as an example. Janet Evans (Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library) reported on the survey of the CBHL Resource Sharing Consortium current members with data related to their actual use of the system. Participants commented that encouragement is still needed to get participation from CBHL selective users. Additional concerns of members in attendance were then addressed by the Committee through use of a flip chart where comments were recorded by Jane Cole (Desert Botanical Garden). (See CBHL Resource Sharing Consortium Committee Report on page 12.)

The By-Laws Committee, chaired by Virginia Henrichs (Chicago Botanic Garden) had also planned to hold an afternoon meeting. They met instead at lunchtime, since members of the Committee wanted to continue to participate in the Resource Sharing Consortium meeting.

Members who wished to participate in a session on sharing Literature of Garden History were organized by Rebecca Eldridge to give their presentations at the morning business meeting, April 15.

From 5 until 8 pm on April 13, a shuttle from the beach side of the Radisson Santa Barbara provided transportation to VLT Gardner Botanical Books, where Virginia Gardner and her family hosted a reception for all members and guests. A delightful spread was laid out in the house and garden of the Santa Barbara frame cottage which houses Virginia's office and shop. The refreshments included wonderful foods as well as a cappuccino bar and local wines.

Thursday morning, April 14, at 9 am, the Annual Meeting continued in the spacious El Cabrillo Room of the Radisson Santa Barbara, with a welcome from Dr. Edward Schneider, Director of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. He expressed appreciation for the contribution of libraries and librarians in the botanic garden setting and acknowledged the work of CBHL in strengthening that role.

Two presentations on the theme Preserving and Accessing Garden History by members of CBHL followed:

Marca Woodhams (Smithsonian Institution) presented a history of the gardens of the Smithsonian itself, some of the major gifts of materials, and the story of the preservation and access design she and her staff have developed for the Archives of American Gardens. Her talk, illustrated with both modern and archival slides, gave an excellent (and entertaining) survey of the procedures, including an idea of how the video equipment she uses zooms in on details of old photographs of flowers and flower garden design.

Dr. Steven Timbrook, Director of Ganna Walska Lotusland, presented a delightful look at the garden and some of the colorful people who had been associated with it before Madame Walska, under her ownership, and after her death in the early 1980s when the foundation started to restore it. Slides of early structures and plants in the garden, even preceding Madame Walska's purchase of the property, added to the historic view.

CBHL president Gerard McKiernan presided at the business meeting (see CBHL Minutes of the 1994 Annual Business Meeting, page 5) until time to catch buses for the field trip to Ganna Walska Lotusland.

When the CBHL group arrived, the entrance and buildings that Dr. Timbrook had shown in his slides of Lotusland were there. The group proceeded to the interior garden, where box

lunches were ready under the trees in the midst of the gargoyle-stone opera figures described in Dr. Timbrook's talk. After lunch, tours with docents and staff horticulturists gave additional information on garden structures, plant additions, and opportunities to talk to Mr. Fuji and other long-time garden staff.

At 4 pm, the buses returned to the coast of Santa Barbara and the hotel where everyone had an evening on his or her own. (A regular custom at these meetings is for attendees to gather in the hotel lobby at 5 or 6 pm and link up with others to walk or ride to a destination together.)

The next morning, Friday, April 15, at 9 am, the business meeting of the day before resumed, beginning with the Literature of Garden History, presented by members of CBHL who had brought books, bibliographies, and sources to share with the membership.

At lunch time, after the business meeting, buses took the group to the hermitage and garden, in the Santa Barbara hills of Theodore Roosevelt Gardner II. A lovely box lunch with a choice of views from this lovely garden and home was presented by our host, Ted Gardner.

Later Friday afternoon, the group travelled by bus to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, where docents guided small group tours of the garden and allowed time to visit the library and bookstore/gift shop. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, "dedicated to the study, display, and conservation of California's native flora," gave the group an opportunity to see native plants in a preserved and restored natural California canyon setting. The wildflowers were in abundant flower, with the mountains of Santa Barbara as a backdrop.

The last field trip on Friday afternoon was to the Santa Barbara Mission Archives, where Father Virgilio Biasiol gave a brief lecture on the history of the California mission archive collection and how so much of it ended up in the Santa Barbara Mission. Time to look at treasures of the archive and the walled garden outside the mission chapel was included.

On Friday evening, April 15, a short walk down the coast from the Radisson Santa Barbara to the Red Lion Inn brought the group to the Annual Meeting banquet. Speaker for the evening was David Streatfield, author of *California Gardens: Creating a New Eden*, who spoke and presented slides of California gardens. Mr. Streatfield is well known for his knowledge of California gardens and his literate and comprehensive presentation was a great treat.

At the Annual Meeting Banquet, Bernadette Callery (New York Botanical Garden) received the gift of a ceramic tile from Lotusland presented to her for the CBHL members by Rebecca Eldridge. Bernadette has been a long-time editor of the *CBHL Newsletter*.

Barbara Barton, author of *Gardening by Mail*, received the Charles Robert Long Award in recognition of her continuing contributions to garden literature. The award was presented by

CBHL President Gerard McKiernan (Iowa State University Library) for the Charles Robert Long Award Committee. The Committee included the Chair, Solange Gignac (Denver Botanic Gardens), Barbara Emerson (North Carolina Botanical Garden), and Joan DeFato (Los Angeles State and County Arboretum).

On Saturday, April 16, two field trips were offered to CBHL members on the theme of Preserving and Accessing California Garden History. One trip went to the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu, and the other to Christy Ranch, Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park.

J. Paul Getty Museum:

On Saturday, April 16, approximately 20 CBHL attendees, shepherded by Becky Eldridge, boarded a bus for an hour and a half drive to the J. Paul Getty Museum. The Getty, a beautifully landscaped and sited museum, is a copy of an excavated Pompeian villa. It includes Roman art, sculpture, and European decorative and fine art. After an on-your-own walkabout, the group met for lunch. They were joined by Michael DeHart, horticulturist, who gave the group a behind-the-scenes tour of his office and greenhouse. Mr. DeHart is trying hard to be authentic in the plantings and the garden arrangements. It should be quite splendid for the American Association of Botanic Gardens and Arboreta meeting in June.

Christy Ranch, Santa Cruz Island:

Nine CBHL attendees, led by Ginny Gardner, drove the one and a half hours to Carillo, waited until the fog cleared, and then flew the 20 minutes to Santa Cruz Island in two small airplanes. The group was met by the Christy Ranch superintendent and led through the area by a docent from Santa Barbara. Sand dune formations at the coast, the Santa Cruz Island fox (*Urocyon littoralis santacruzae*), endemic sand-verbena (*Abronia* spp.), endemic dudleya (*Dudleya nesiotica*), needlegrass, lupines, manzanita, and a cowboy lunch cooked on the site were some of the highlights. One tough discovery was a patch of poison oak near the Christy Ranch farmhouse.

The Annual Meeting participants in Santa Barbara enjoyed beautiful southern California spring weather. The Annual Meeting hosts and speakers are to be congratulated for a most informative and enjoyable program. There is additional information available on many of the topics mentioned in this brief summary. CBHL members are invited to write to me or call if they wish more detailed descriptions of events or copies of papers presented.

--Jane B. Cole, 1st Vice-President

**MINUTES OF THE 26TH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF  
THE COUNCIL ON BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL LIBRARIES  
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, April 13-15, 1994**

Host Institutions: VLT Gardner Horticultural & Botanical Books  
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Arrangements: Virginia Gardner  
Rebecca Eldridge

Registration & Reception: Wednesday, April 13

The business meeting of the 26th Annual Meeting of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries was opened by President Gerard McKiernan at 11:15 am, Thursday, April 14, 1994, in the El Cabrillo Room, Radisson Hotel, Santa Barbara, California. President McKiernan thanked hosts Virginia Gardner and Rebecca Eldridge, and acknowledged with appreciation the work of the pre-Conference host, Joanna Bristol, Chair of the CBHL Resource Sharing Consortium Committee. Following self-introductions of the CBHL officers, first-time attendees were asked to identify themselves: Lawrence Currie (California Academy of Sciences), Anne Rumsey (New York Botanical Garden), and Tina Schmidt (Quail Botanical Gardens).

Minutes of the 1993 Annual Meeting, having been printed in the September 1993 CBHL *Newsletter* (Number 56) and distributed to all members, were respectfully submitted by Secretary Jane Gates (National Agricultural Library) for approval. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as published. Treasurer John Reed (New York Botanical Garden) submitted a Financial Statement for the Calendar Year 1993, and an Interim Report for January 1 through April 30, 1994. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept both the Statement and the Interim Report as submitted.

The 1994 membership report through April 1, 1994 was given by 2nd Vice-President Janet Evans: 89 Personal Membership renewals, 39 Institutional Membership renewals, down from 1993 (137 Personal Members, 72 Institutional Members). Members were reminded that a number of renewals were still outstanding.

A draft of the new Membership Brochure was introduced by President McKiernan, and was made available to members, who were requested to submit suggestions and/or corrections to Gerry.

Resignation of *Newsletter* Editor Bernadette Callery was announced, and applause and recognition was given to her for her years of effort on behalf of CBHL. President McKiernan

announced that options for future publication would be considered the following day under "new business."

Committee reports followed:

Solange Gignac, Chair of the Charles Robert Long Award Committee, announced that Barbara Barton, recipient of the award, had been notified prior to the meeting and invited to attend. Ms. Barton was asked to stand, and was given a round of applause. Members are familiar with Ms. Barton's books, *Taylor's Guide to Specialty Nurseries* and *Gardening by Mail*, the latter a frequently consulted valuable resource now in its 4th edition. Formal presentation of the Award will be made at the banquet on Friday night.

President McKiernan reported that the Board had received one application for the Founders Fund Travel Award; the award was given for the first time to Anne Rumsey.

Past-President Pamela MacKenzie (Civic Garden Center Library), acting as Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported on the results of the 1994 election for 2nd Vice-President. After thanking her fellow Committee members, Solange Gignac and William Burk (University of North Carolina), Pamela reminded the membership that the process this year reflected the wishes of the membership to return to a "more democratic process" by having at least 2 candidates for 2nd Vice President on the ballot. She thanked candidates Joanna Bristol and Charlotte Tancin (Hunt Institute) for agreeing to have their names on the ballot and mentioned that both had been recommended by members as possible candidates during prior years' elections. Pamela reported that this year's election was so close that Secretary Gates had requested a verification count, which was done by Treasurer Reed. Charlotte Tancin was announced as the winner, and welcomed formally by the Chair and by applause from the members present.

Virginia Henrichs, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, reported that after two years of work attempting to merge the old bylaws with newly created sections (an endeavor she likened to reconciling "Shakespeare with Garrison Keillor"), the Committee recommended starting fresh. Virginia stated that although certain general points, e.g., name, type of organization, will remain the same, many procedures must be changed to reflect the reality of CBHL practices, e.g., Standing Committees, and procedures should be considered for addition, e.g., how to handle a tie vote. Copies of the proposed new bylaws will be sent to all members for comment by mid-June, with any corrections and/or suggestions incorporated and mailed to the membership by the 1st of October. Following review by a lawyer for any potential conflicts, final drafts will be sent to the membership along with notice of election, prior to the 1995 meeting.

Joanna Bristol, Chair of the CHBL Resource Sharing Consortium Committee, announced that the Holden Arboretum was the newest member of the Group Access Capability (GAC), formed through OCLC. Joanna reported that several recommendations relative to the GAC were agreed on at the pre-Conference meeting on Wednesday, and would be offered under "new business" at the appropriate time. Gerry McKiernan stated that one of the "Special Interest Groups" for which time was scheduled would be focusing on Internet, and that a signup sheet was available.

Future annual meetings were discussed:

May 17-20, 1995: hosted by the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois, and the Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois. (Virginia Henrichs and Rita Hassert reported that several themes are under consideration, including copyright or "intellectual property rights", space planning, Internet, and "friends of the Library" groups; also yet to be determined are options for pre- and post-conference trips, but mention was made that the Chicago area offers a rich diversity of opportunities for such visits.

May/June, 1996: hosted by the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas. (It was reported that Barney Lipscomb had requested and received a copy of the meeting manual.)

May/June, 1997: Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. (Although Celine Arseneault was not in attendance, it was reported that this invitation is still in place.)

May/June, 1998: Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. (Gerry McKiernan mentioned that Iowa had a "tradition of botanists," that a major botanical garden will be opened at the entrance to the University, and that IA State was working with the National Agricultural Library on full text retrieval, with state of the art technology.)

May/June, 1999: Massachusetts Horticultural Society. (Judith Warnement announced that this would be co-hosted by Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts.)

May/June, 2000: New York Botanical Garden? ("perhaps," according to John Reed).

Judith Warnement (Botany Libraries, Harvard University) announced that she had attended the dedication of the Rudolph Room at Ohio State University and urged other members to visit "Rudy's Room," a tribute to Professor Emanuel Rudolph, formerly Professor Emeritus of

Plant Biology at Ohio State University. Dr. Rudolph's sudden death in June 1992, following an automobile accident, shocked and saddened the entire botanical community, including those of us who had so recently enjoyed his generous hospitality and superb book collection during the 1992 CBHL meeting, which he had hosted in May of that year.

Having been reminded that the membership wished to know at the first business session just what topics would be considered under "new business" at the second scheduled session, the following were submitted in addition to those mentioned before: 1) bylaws changes, including formation of a Publications Committee as a Standing Committee to be charged with all publications including the *Plant Bibliography* series, *Newsletter*, and *Membership Directory*, 2) proposed organization of the CBHL archives, and 3) options for the *Newsletter* format and contributions. In addition, Stanley Johnston (The Holden Arboretum) announced that he and Nadia Aufderheide will propose a survey of the membership for the purpose of preparing a CBHL profile to be used to increase CBHL visibility.

The business meeting was then adjourned until the following day, Friday, April 15, at 10 am when it was again called to order by President McKiernan, immediately after informal presentations on recommended resources on the literature of garden history.

Under old business, Pamela MacKenzie announced that the total number of recorded votes for the 1994 election was 93, as compared with 32 the previous year.

Appropriate recording of the Annual Meeting was discussed. James Markham mentioned that many organizations, such as the International Association of Aquatic & Marine Sciences, Libraries and Information Centers, publish proceedings. Jane Cole recommended that records be kept 1) for our own information to remind us, 2) to reach those not attending the meeting, and 3) to justify our attendance at present and future meetings. In response to a question about recording, Jane Gates reminded the membership that CBHL owned a tape recorder, that it had been used, but that because sound systems were uneven and identification of those speaking not always possible, records of the actual business meeting continue to be taken manually to be deciphered later for formal compilation. Discussion centered around recording of talks given and workshops offered, including formal publication of papers, the use of Internet, and synopsis in the *Newsletter*. Consensus called for summaries of major talks/workshops to be written and published in the *Newsletter*.

John Reed noted that plans for a new edition of the *Membership Directory* include publication by the end of the summer. Members were reminded to pay dues, if not already paid.

Under new business, Joanna Bristol reported on the recommendations resulting from the Resource Sharing Consortium Committee pre-conference meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and carried that CBHL pay a reasonable amount for customized inter-library loan (ILL) reports that OCLC provides for Group Access Capability (GAC) members. (Start-up



costs for the reports are currently \$225.00, with a \$65.00 annual fee; this was considered "reasonable" but allowance was made for variation in the future).

A discussion followed on how CBHL might stimulate greater participation in the GAC, focusing in particular on subsidizing individual start-up costs for participation of Selective Users. Acknowledgment was made of the responsibility and role of OCLC in encouraging such membership. The motion was made, seconded, and carried that CBHL undertake obligation to pay the profile fee for CBHL member Selective User applicants at a maximum of \$25.00, from April 15 until December 31, 1994, with the understanding that the Committee will make all efforts to have OCLC cover this for CBHL. Joanna Bristol stated that the Committee was preparing a prospectus for members who are considering applying for Selective User status to give to their parent institution in support of such application.

Following a brief break, old business continued with discussion of the options for management of the *Newsletter*. It was moved, seconded, and carried that CBHL establish a Publications Committee as a standing committee to be chaired by the 2nd Vice-President, with a *Newsletter* Managing Editor and a planned *Bibliography Series* Editor from the CBHL membership. Printing and distribution will continue to be done by the New York Botanical Garden. Suggestions were made that the Managing Editor position be a 2-year term, that the *Newsletter* be published in July, October, January, April, and that a new format be considered beginning in January 1995. President McKiernan called for volunteers to serve as Managing Editor and as contributors to the *Newsletter*.

The majority of CBHL archives being stored primarily at the New York Botanical Garden, it was then proposed by John Reed that CBHL get its records in order by taking advantage of an opportunity to utilize a person currently on staff at the NYBG. It was moved, seconded and carried that the New York Botanical Garden be authorized to process CBHL archival materials with a budget not to exceed \$2,500.00. The suggestion was made that an article be published in the *Newsletter* reporting this organization and soliciting appropriate materials, with the clear distinction being made of the difference between an archivist and a librarian. A further suggestion was made that any missing historical pieces be identified as well.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that an ad hoc committee be formed to give structure to, i.e., investigate and educate, CBHL's projects and activities regarding Internet and other electronic resources.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that an Audit Committee be established as a standing committee, for the purpose of providing checks and balances; members of the Audit Committee, including the Chair, to be other than members of the Board and to be appointed by the President.

A discussion followed on the need for greater visibility of CBHL, particularly as regards the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA), the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), and the Garden Writers of America (GWA). Suggestions were made to create a plaque for CBHL membership, to participate in "Spend a day with a special librarian," to placing ads and articles in appropriate publications of other organizations, e.g., article concerning GAC by Joanna Bristol in AABGA's *The Public Garden*. Victoria Jahn (Brooklyn Botanic Garden) agreed to work with newly elected 2nd Vice-president Charlotte Tancin to "provide a structure for us to plug into."

It was moved, seconded, and carried that Stanley Johnston and Nadia Aufderheide be authorized to do a survey of the membership in order to prepare a CBHL profile for the purpose of increasing CBHL visibility.

A brief discussion was held on the subject of interaction between CBHL and the AABGA. We were reminded that Ina Vrugtman (Royal Botanical Gardens) is the official CBHL liaison to AABGA, and Ina indicated that she was happy to continue in that role. Other members were encouraged to act as informal CBHL liaison to those professional organizations with whom they or their employer institutions might be connected.

Elaine Inouye stated that she was not responsible for the duplicates appearing in the Library of Congress cataloging records.

Bernadette Callery announced the official opening of the New York Botanical Garden on-line catalog, known as CATALPA (CATALog for Library Public Access).

Victoria Jahn announced the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Plant Information Services at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

John Reed announced that Kew Gardens Librarian John Flanagan and Sylvia Fitzgerald now have e-mail addresses ([j.flanagan@vbgkew.org.uk](mailto:j.flanagan@vbgkew.org.uk) and [s.fitzgerald@vbgkew.org.uk](mailto:s.fitzgerald@vbgkew.org.uk)).

President McKiernan thanked hosts Virginia Gardner and Rebecca Eldridge for their hospitality, and concluded his tenure as President by turning the responsibility over to incoming President Jane Cole, who thanked Gerry on behalf of the membership. The meeting was then formally adjourned. --Respectfully submitted, Jane Gates, Secretary  
May 9, 1994

### CHARLES ROBERT LONG AWARD GIVEN TO BARBARA BARTON

The Charles Robert Long Award of Merit was officially presented to Barbara Barton at the CBHL banquet, Friday evening, April 15. Prior to that time, Ms. Barton had been notified of the honor and invited to attend the Annual Meeting, which she did. Her attendance gave members the opportunity to tell her in person of their appreciation of her work in compiling *Taylor's Guide to Specialty Nurseries* and *Gardening by Mail*, the latter now in its 4th edition. Both publications reflect Ms. Barton's "outstanding service in the field of botanical/horticultural literature." Established in 1987, the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit honors the memory of Charles Robert Long. At the time of his death, Bob was Assistant Vice President and Director of the Library and Plant Information Services at The New York Botanical Garden. Bob served as CBHL President in 1971, and as Chairman and Editor of the CBHL *Plant Bibliography* publication program from 1973 to 1986. An esteemed colleague, Bob died on August 11, 1986, at the age of forty-nine.

The CBHL membership chose to create this Award, the highest honor the organization bestows, because of Bob's commitment to professional development, his support of high library and bibliographic standards, his interest in the collaborative efforts of libraries, and his continued search for professionalism in librarianship.

The Award is administered by a CBHL Committee made up of 3 appointed members and 2 ex officio members: the 3 appointed members are past officers of CBHL, appointed to 5-year terms on a rotating schedule by the current President. The senior or longest appointed member of the committee acts as Chair. CBHL members currently serving on the Committee are: Joan DeFato, Chair (1990-1995) (completing then newly-elected Secretary Jane Gates' term from 1989-1990), Barbara Emerson (1991-1996), and Anita Karg (1994-1999) (appointed by President Jane Cole, May 1994). Past Committee members include Solange Gignac (1989-1994), Richard Isaacson (1987-1992), Jane Gates (1987-1989), and Ruth Schallert (1987-1989).

The two ex officio members of the Committee are the current CBHL President and the CBHL Secretary. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining the Committee records.

Given for "extraordinary merit," the Award consists of: an honorary life membership in CBHL, a framed award certificate, and whatever else is deemed appropriate, the last-named consisting of money or material gift(s), with each award being approximately equal in value to those given before. The CBHL Treasurer maintains a separate account to cover the award.

The Award has been given only four times, to: Elisabeth Woodburn (1988), Ian MacPhail (1990), Richard Isaacson (1992), and Barbara Barton (1994). Each was recognized as meeting one or more of the Award criteria, i.e., outstanding contributions and/or meritorious

service to CBHL, and/or outstanding publication or service in the fields of botanical/horticultural libraries or literature.

Members wishing to suggest candidates for consideration by the Long Award Committee are invited to contact any of the Committee members (see above). --Jane Gates, Secretary, CBHL and Member ex officio, Charles Robert Long Award Committee

### **CBHL RESOURCE SHARING CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE APRIL 13, 1994 MEETING**

The meeting in Santa Barbara was remarkably productive and signals the start of new growth for the Consortium. Formed to achieve certain goals that could not be accomplished alone, the Consortium is sponsored by the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries. The GAC (group access capability) went online last September and is one part of the Consortium. Its purpose is to facilitate sharing of resources via computer networking. There are fifteen full member libraries that have joined the consortium, sharing nearly three million books among them. They have made their collections available to each other on the OCLC PRISM service. Welcome to The Holden Arboretum, our newest member!

The highlights of our meeting for the Resource Sharing Consortium are as follows:

- \* It was recommended that we have OCLC do a customized ILL report for the GAC. CBHL will pay for this yearly report.
- \* The copyright issues are enormous and discussion was deferred to next year's meeting when we could invite a guest speaker to address copyright obligations. (Ron Gardner, OCLC, said if we produce a union list on CD-ROM or hard copy, CBHL would own it.)
- \* After much discussion it was decided that we really need to get up and rolling before making further decisions on policy and procedure. The hierarchical system will develop as we see how the GAC is used. It was suggested we review ILL policy at next year's meeting, especially preferential loan or photocopy fees to consortium members.
- \* There was question of whether it was necessary for selective users to contribute their holdings. It was felt that ALL consortium members should be encouraged to submit their holdings and would have up to a certain time frame (five years?) to either contribute their holdings or select the option to pay a higher membership fee. At this point, belonging to the Consortium requires institutional membership in CBHL. Prospective members would have their applications reviewed by the Consortium Committee for acceptance.
- \* Statement of Purpose will be devised by the Consortium Committee.

- \* The new CBHL brochure will include a section on the consortium.
- \* Funding is the single most important factor holding back potential members from joining the Consortium. Joanna Bristol, Chair of the Consortium Committee, was asked to write procedures for how to become a selective user. This should include strategy on how to position your library and how to write a proposal that non-library people can understand.
- \* OCLC will produce a CBHL Resource Sharing Consortium brochure. Nadia Aufderheide and Joanna Bristol will meet with Ron Gardner, OCLC Resource Sharing Services, to update him on the consortium and to help design the new promotional material.
- \* Promotional material for Selective Users will be produced and a packet of information will be mailed out to prospective Selective Users, telling them the steps to take to become members. OCLC may offer a limited window of time where the profile fee will be waived. It was voted that CBHL will pick up this fee (not to exceed \$25) for new members for 1994, depending on what OCLC can provide. This is an incentive for new members.
- \* The need to investigate and gather more information on what it takes to produce a CBHL Group Access union list was discussed and suggested as action to take for next year's meeting.
- \* Connie Wolf (Missouri Botanical Garden), Co-Chair of the Consortium Committee, will be going off the committee. Thank you, Connie, and all the Consortium Committee members--Jane Cole, Janet Evans, Nadia Aufderheide, John Reed (Bernadette Callery, alternate)--for your endless hours of time and effort in getting the consortium launched!  
--Joanna Bristol, Chair, Resource Sharing Consortium Committee

#### **Botanical & Horticultural Resource Sharing Group**

Bernice P. Bishop Museum Library  
Denver Botanic Gardens  
Hunt Institute for  
Botanical Documentation  
Missouri Botanical Garden  
National Agricultural Library  
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society  
Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

Cleveland Botanical Garden  
Holden Arboretum  
Lloyd Library & Museum  
Longwood Gardens  
Morton Arboretum  
New York Botanical Garden  
Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden  
Strybing Arboretum

## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

At the business meeting in Santa Barbara, a new standing committee was formed to oversee CBHL's publications. Here is the committee description as it appears in the current draft of the bylaws:

"The Publications Committee shall develop and annually review existing and proposed publications of the Council and recommend changes to the Board of Directors as necessary. The Publications Committee shall be chaired by the 2nd Vice President, with no fewer than two other members appointed by the President as needed including the Editor of the *Plant Bibliography* series and the Editor of the *CBHL Newsletter*."

The members of this new committee are: Charlotte "Chuck" Tancin (Chair), Victoria Jahn (*Newsletter* Editor), Walter Punch (*Plant Bibliography* Series Editor), Valerie Easton (University of Washington), Barbara Pitschel (Strybing Arboretum), Judy Warnement and Anne Rumsey. As discussed during the business meeting, Chuck as 2nd Vice-President will chair the committee this year, and then will remain on the committee next year while the new 2nd Vice-President takes over as Chair.

The committee met at Zack's bar following the April 15th banquet to discuss its first order of business, namely an immediate strategy for production of the Newsletter, previously edited by Bernadette Callery. John Reed had graciously offered to produce the July issue at NYBG. Vicki will take over the editorship beginning with the October 1994 issue, with NYBG willing to continue to reproduce and distribute the Newsletter from camera-ready copy. Anne will work closely with Vicki on production. Meanwhile, Judy and Barbara are devising a system for collecting and compiling member news.

Valerie has written a brief questionnaire, provided in this issue, for soliciting member input regarding the "new" *Newsletter*, and we invite all CBHL members to send their suggestions to the editor. The October issue will begin to reflect these changes. That issue will continue a newly-added column on preservation and conservation (Judy Reed), and introduce a column on the Internet and electronic resources (Gerry McKiernan). Features on committee activities, such as Joanna Bristol's GAC report, will appear regularly as well. Bernadette will continue to review books, and of course the newsletter will contain as much member and organizational news as can be collected. Additional suggestions have included letters to the editor, a question and answer column, reading lists, garden mystery reviews, job openings, announcements of upcoming meetings of other organizations of interest, items from the CBHL archives, and possibly even updated member directory information. So the new *Newsletter* will come out four times a year and average around 200 pages an issue. [I'm kidding. -- C.T.]

Look elsewhere in this July issue for current instructions on how to submit material for the *Newsletter*, i.e., what to send to whom, and by when. The instructions may change in the fall, but for now this will allow us to gather material for the October issue.

-- Charlotte Tancin, 2nd Vice-President

### **WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**

The October *Newsletter* needs your news and ideas by September 1st.

#### **How to send it:**

Files on 3.5" disks, WordPerfect preferred, or e-mail. Brief items may be sent on paper or by fax.

#### **Where to send it:**

News about you or your library: landmarks reached, staff changes, new projects underway, and any items of interest to others in CBHL.

Members east of the Mississippi should send items to:

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### CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION

I'd like to use this first Conservation/Preservation column informally to present some suggestions for how we might use it to best advantage for all of us in the future. For starters: **conservation/preservation**, although a very accurate term, is certainly overused! If you can think of an equally accurate but more engaging name for the column (TLC, for instance? I think that's what we'd all like to give our collections), please send me your ideas. [See the Publications Committee guidelines for sending suggestions, comments, and ideas for inclusion.] Following are some thoughts:

1. **TIPS**-short pieces of information and/or simple ideas we think might be useful and timely.
2. **REFERENCES**-new publications and journal citations in the field of conservation/preservation; perhaps reminders of older publications that remain useful.
3. **QUESTIONS**-from any and all of you. Brief answers in the column might prove interesting and useful to a number of CBHL members.

#### TIPS

Gaylord offers conservation help from a professional conservator. She is a colleague of mine and very dependable. She can be reached on Thursdays and Fridays at 1-800-428-3631. Within the text of Gaylord's catalogs for archival storage materials and conservation supplies you can find "Technical Tips", which are often useful pieces of information.



## REFERENCES

**Gaylord Preservation Pathfinder Pamphlets** - This useful series of pamphlets may be had free of charge by calling Gaylord's Customer Service number: 1-800-634-6307. Pamphlet No. 1 "An Introduction to Preservation" is a short bibliography; No. 2 is "Archival Storage of Paper"; No. 3, which has just been issued, is "Archival Storage of Photographic Materials".

## QUESTIONS

People continue to ask me about whether or not photocopying (Xerox) paper is acid-free (alkaline). The answer is that some is alkaline and some is not. It depends on whether or not the supplier from whom your institution purchases Xerox paper buys its paper from a paper mill that has converted to producing alkaline paper. More and more plants are converting, so more and more paper is alkaline (sometimes even your paper towels!). You can test your paper very simply yourself by purchasing a pH testing pen (one kind is called an Abbey pen). Directions for using it are right on the barrel of the pen. You can buy these pens for \$3.00 or \$4.00 from:

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--Judith Reed, Conservation Librarian, The New York Botanical Garden

## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

As you may be aware, your CBHL officers have a series of meetings planned during the year which all members are welcome to attend. If you have an agenda item, you are invited to bring it to our attention. You are also welcome to just listen in on the face-to-face meetings; this is difficult for the phone conferences.

### CBHL Board Meetings, 1994-1995:

Saturday, November 5, 9:00 a.m.: Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL  
Weekday, February, Telephone Conference: Phoenix, AZ  
Tuesday evening, May 16, before Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)  
Friday, May 19, after Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)

Action items should be brought to the attention of Jane Gates, CBHL Secretary, so they can be included on the Board Agenda. You may also contact any Board Member (see listing on back page).  
--Jane B. Cole, President

## REPORT ON ANNUAL SURVEY

Disappointingly, only 11 survey forms were completed by members attending the 1994 Annual Meeting. Those who did complete the responses were unanimous in agreement as to: 1) the meeting increased their knowledge of "library resources and information sharing" and "CBHL goals and activities", and 2) planning to attend future Annual Meetings.

Suggestions were made for topics for business meetings as well as for the meetings themselves. Approval of current direction was indicated by the use of the word "continue..." in more than one "suggestion for improving" the meetings. Overall comments ranged from favorable to enthusiastic, with only one or two negative observations. High marks and specific mentions were given to Marca Woodhams' talk on the Smithsonian.

Copies of the survey tabulation have been sent to Meeting hosts, CBHL Board members, and hosts for the 1995 meeting in Illinois. Any member wishing to receive a copy can do so by contacting Secretary Jane Gates. --Jane Gates, Secretary

## NEWS FROM MEMBERS

### **CBHL ARCHIVES – AN URGENT REQUEST FOR RECORDS APPROPRIATE FOR INCLUSION IN THE CBHL ARCHIVES.**

As mentioned in the Minutes of the CBHL Annual Meeting, the membership authorized an expenditure of funds for the organization of the CBHL Archives and the creation of a finding guide for them. The work will be carried out by a project archivist at The New York Botanical Garden in the summer and early fall of 1994. The Garden has served as the repository for CBHL archives since the founding of the organization. Over 17 linear feet of material are presently on deposit.

Before initiating this project it would be useful to have the records of **all past officers and committee chairs and members** assembled or at least accounted for. I request that any members who have served in an official capacity within CBHL (as an officer, or committee member) since the organization's founding in 1972 advise me of the existence of these records and, if possible, send them to me for incorporation in the CBHL archives. Please notify me as soon as possible, either by mail, telephone or e-mail, of the existence of records, and then send the files to me at your earliest convenience. Thank you. --John F. Reed

### **PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANSWERS GARDENING QUESTIONS ON THE INTERNET**

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library has an Internet address, and will answer gardening questions through electronic mail. This service is an extension of the library's

reference services and its Horticultural Hotline telephone service, which receives thousands of calls annually from Delaware Valley gardeners.

The Internet, a worldwide network of networks, links thousands of computers to millions of resources, and provides a framework for meeting the information requirements of users now and in the future. If you have Internet access in your home, school, or office, you can ask your gardening questions electronically by sending a message to PHS's Internet address: JEVANS@SHRSYS.HSLC.ORG. If you prefer a telephone call, call PHS's Horticultural Hotline 9:30-noon, Monday-Friday: (215) 022-8043. --Janet Evans

### **SYLVIA FITZGERALD VISITS HARVARD**

Sylvia Fitzgerald, Chief Librarian, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, visited the Harvard Botany Libraries from May 4-6. It was Sylvia's first visit to the Boston area, so she was given a tour of the city by Botany Librarian Judy Warnement. In addition to seeing the Botany Libraries, Sylvia had tours of the Museum of Comparative and Biological Laboratory Libraries, which were arranged by Jean Cargill, Reference/Archives Librarian. Technical Services Librarian Jill Thomas and Catalog Librarian Ela Ekiert demonstrated Harvard's online catalog, HOLLIS, and showed Sylvia how they have integrated catalog functions on PC workstations.

Sylvia also enjoyed an evening out with Gerry Kaye, Coordinator of Harvard's Environmental Sciences Committee. Sylvia's last day was spent in the Houghton Library, Harvard's splendid rare book library where more than 2,000 of the Botany Libraries books are on deposit, and also visiting the University Library Preservation Office. Prior to her departure, Sylvia returned to the Botany Libraries for a SURPRISE birthday party (data supplied slyly by John Flanagan via e-mail!) where she had the opportunity to visit with Herbarium friends and colleagues. --Judith Warnement

### **NYBG ANNOUNCES THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF CATALPA**

This spring the Library of The New York Botanical Garden unveiled its new on-line library catalog - CATALPA (it's CATALOG FOR LIBRARY PUBLIC ACCESS), the first element of the Garden's integrated on-line library system. The vendor for this system is Innovative Interfaces, Inc. CATALPA provides for its users new ways to search and peruse the Garden's extensive collections of over 250,000 volumes of books and journals. Using this catalog to navigate the Library's resources, readers can look for works by the standard author, title, subject approach traditionally found in card catalogs or they can try new approaches: browsing the collection by call number, a virtual scanning of the titles as they are found shelved in the stacks, or searching by keywords in the title. Never has access to the library been so convenient and user-friendly. The realization of CATALPA represents the culmination of an effort initiated in 1966 with the collection recataloging and augmented in 1978 with the contribution of NYBG Library's bibliographic records into OCLC. These

projects were completed in June 1992 and provided the platform for local computerization. The Garden is extending access to CATALPA to in-house networks this spring and will make it available on the Internet in the fall of 1994. Additional local databases concerning special collections including the historical and current nursery and seed catalog collections, the Garden's collection of field notebooks, and the Lord & Burnham Corporation Architectural Plan collection will also be made available via the Internet. The Garden is presently implementing the Acquisitions module of the system and will begin using the Serials module later this summer. Bernadette Callery, the Garden's Research Librarian and the project coordinator for the implementation of library automation, and Harry Chapman, the Garden's Technical Services Librarian, deserve special kudos for the successful implementation of CATALPA. --John F. Reed

### MILLER LIBRARY BENEFACTRESS DIES

Elisabeth Carey Miller, founder and major donor of the library that bears her name at the Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, died on March 14, at the age of 79. Mrs. Miller was a well-known horticulturist in the Northwest and recipient of 17 national gardening awards, including AHS's Liberty Hyde Bailey Award in 1988. Her own garden in north Seattle, famous for its Chinese plants, alpines, and rare plants, has been featured in America's Great Private Gardens by Stanley Schuyler, The Shade Garden published by Time-Life Books, and An American Woman's Garden by Rosemary Verey. Pendleton Miller endowed a horticultural library in his wife's name in 1984, and Betty Miller added to the endowment and doubled the size of the library. In her will she provided for a foundation to which the library will apply for funding. Elisabeth Miller had been a member of CBHL for many years. --Valerie Easton

### CBHL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS IN 1994

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Ellen R. Samuels, Southampton, NY  
Karen A. Saxby, Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, South Australia  
Margot Sheffner, Strybing Arboretum Society, San Francisco, CA

### BOOKS NOTED

Ballantyne, Janet. *Joy of gardening cookbook*, Pownal, VT, Storey Communications, 1994. Reissue of 1984 publication. ISBN 0-88266-355-0, \$17.95.

Clewis, Beth. *The gardener's index: where to find information about gardens and garden plants*. New York, Neal-Schuman, 1993. ISBN 1-55570-170-1, \$49.95.

Coffey, Timothy. *The history and folklore of North American wildflowers*. New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1994. ISBN 0-395-5159-9, \$14.95.

Cronquist, Arthur. *Asterales*. (Intermountain flora, vol. 5). Bronx, NY, New York Botanical Garden, 1994. ISBN 0-89327-375-9, \$75.00.

Cronquist, Arthur, et al. *The monocotyledons*. Bronx, NY, New York Botanical Garden, 1994 reissue of 1977 publication. ISBN 0-89327-386-4, \$40.00.

Glattstein, Judy. *Waterscaping: plants and ideas for natural and created water gardens*, Pownal, VT, Storey Communications, 1994. ISBN 0-88266-608-8, \$27.95; (paper) ISBN 0-88266-606-1, \$18.95.

Gradstein, S. Rob. *Lejeuneaceae: Ptychantheae, Brachiolejeuneae*. (Flora Neotropica 62). Bronx, NY, New York Botanical Garden, 1994. ISBN 0-89327-381-3, \$31.50.

*Guidelines for institutional database policies*. Washington, DC, Association of Systematics Collections, 1994. \$12.00. Order from ASC, 730 11th St., NW, Washington, DC 20001-4521.

Heriteau, Jacqueline and Charles Thomas. *Water gardens*. New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1994. ISBN 0-395-65633-8, \$35.00.

Mitchell, Henry. *The essential earthman*. New York, Houghton Mifflin, 1994. ISBN 0-395-68632-6, \$10.95.

Pleasant, Barbara. *The gardener's bug book: Earth-safe insect control*. Pownal, VT, Storey Communications, 1994. ISBN 0-88266-609-6, \$9.95.

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