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NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS FROM 1996-1997 PRESIDENT  
Charlotte Tancin

MARK THESE DATES! CBHL ANNUAL MEETING - MONTREAL, JUNE 4-6, 1997  
Post-meeting Field Trips: June 7, to Montreal or 7,8,9 to Quebec City

In Montreal on October 26th, the CBHL Board of Directors met with Celine Arseneault to discuss her plans for the Annual Meeting. The Meeting will be hosted by the library of the Montreal Botanical Garden and will focus on the theme:

*Marketing New Resources - Managing and Developing Multimedia Information*

Librarian Celine Arseneault has planned her program, in part, around these questions:

1.)As the millenium comes to a close we are engulfed by information which appears to flow more and more rapidly between and around us. What are the means by which botanical and horticultural libraries can advantageously position themselves?

2.)Can the management of multimedia and other types of documents, vital to their institution or their patrons, be an answer and can this management become a tool to marketing the expertise of the libraries and librarians?

Please plan to attend our Annual Meeting in Montreal in early June! Following three days of meeting sessions, attendees will have the option of taking a day-long sightseeing trip around Montreal, on June 7, or a three day tour to Quebec City and La Malbaie to visit Frank Cabot's garden, Les Quatre-Vents, on June 7, 8, 9.

Mark your calendars now to save these dates in early June; more information will be mailed in early January 1997.

Another meeting that may interest CBHL members:

The Society for the History of Natural History announces its 11th International Conference: "The Natural Bridge: The Transatlantic Exchange," to be held on April 27-29, 1997 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. For information contact Kathryn Morgan, Special Collections Department, Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903-2498; 804/924-3025; FAX 804/924-3183; knm2m@virginia.edu

Group Photo Available from the 1996 CBHL Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas:

Those who attended the post-meeting field trip in Fort Worth, April 13, will remember that an informal group photograph was taken in Granbury, Texas where we stopped for lunch on the bus tour to Texas bluebonnet country. Anyone who would like to have a 5 x 7 print of this photo, please contact Chuck Tancin at 412/268-7301 by November 30, 1996.

Preserving Botanical and Horticultural Literature:

At the annual meeting in Fort Worth last April, the ad hoc Documentation Strategy Committee met and discussed possibilities for projects aimed at identifying botanical and horticultural resources that should be preserved for the future. In the near term, two limited surveys are planned:

- one to identify non-book collections held by CBHL member libraries and
- the other to identify documentation projects or data files at CBHL member libraries.

These two surveys would assist us in locating and noting resources which might not be widely recognized as being located in CBHL libraries. They would also enable the committee to see how a first pass would work in terms of surveying the field for relevant collections and data files.

Another related early project that was discussed would involve identifying other surveys or research that have been done along these lines, such as surveys of manuscript collections. The intent is not to duplicate these efforts but to examine them, determine how they fit together, and identify gaps in the aggregate information available to us from these projects. Generally speaking, documentation strategy involves a large-scale, coordinated effort across the breadth of a disciplinary field to assemble a representative cumulative record of the research and work that has been done in that field, so that this record can be safeguarded for the future.

Committee members agree that a full-scale documentation strategy project would be far beyond the means of CBHL. Such a project would logically involve interested CBHL members as well as scientists, researchers, archivists, educators and other practitioners in the fields of botany and horticulture who would have an interest in locating and preserving important literature. Thus these initial projects would serve as preliminary work toward a larger and more broadly inclusive effort in which CBHL could play a part.

At this point we are testing the waters. An initial report will be made at the Annual Meeting in Montreal in June and further discussion will take place. Meanwhile, when the survey forms reach your office, please invest the brief amount of time it will require to answer our questions. Your responses will be an important contribution to this attempt at gathering information.

- Charlotte Tancin  
CBHL President  
1996-1997

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CBHL STANDING COMMITTEES

Charles Robert Long Award Committee

Chair: Anita Karg

Members: Connie Wolf, Virginia Jusko; *ex officio* Charlotte Tancin, Jane Gates

The Long Committee members are past-presidents of CBHL, on staggered terms, appointed by the current president. The committee chooses award recipients who have shown outstanding dedication to CBHL and have made major contributions in

the field of botanical or horticultural literature/information service and research.

The award was named in honor of past president Charles Robert Long of The New York Botanical Garden and has, in past years, been presented to: John Reed of The New York Botanical Garden, N.Y.; Barbara Barton of Tusker Press, CA; Richard Isaacson of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, MN; Ian McPhail of The Morton Arboretum, IL; and Elisabeth Woodburn(deceased) of Elisabeth Woodburn, Books, NJ. In addition to a plaque and a monetary award, the recipient is traditionally given a complimentary life membership in CBHL.

#### Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship Committee

1996-97 Chair: Charlotte Tancin

Members: Rita Hassert, Nadia Aufderheide, Janet Evans, Jane Gates and John Reed.

The Travel Fellowship was established in 1991 by CBHL with an initial grant from Virginia Gardner, VLT Gardner Botanical Books. It was created as a memorial honoring past members. Income from memorial gifts is granted to one applicant each year who requests assistance to attend the annual meeting. Memorial or other donations to the fund may be sent to John Reed, CBHL treasurer.

#### Nominating Committee

1996-97 Chair: Janet Evans

Members: Virginia Jusko and Joan DeFato

The chair is the immediate past-president of CBHL. Two additional members are appointed by the chair. The committee then selects two candidates for 2nd Vice-president of CBHL for election by members' mail ballot before the Annual Meeting. Results are announced at the Annual Meeting.

#### Publications Committee

1996-97 Chair: Rita Hassert

Members: Jane Cole, Susan Eubank, Valerie Easton, Stanley Johnston, Barbara Pitschel, John Reed, Judy Reed, Judy Warnement.

A membership recruitment brochure, membership directory, occasional plant bibliographies, and a quarterly newsletter are the current publications of CBHL managed by this committee.

#### Audit Committee

Co-chairs: Brad Lyon and Joanne Fuccello; *ex officio*, Donna Frind.

An audit of the records of the CBHL treasury is conducted each year. As the treasurer's secretary, though not a CBHL member, Donna Frind is an important part of the process.

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#### CBHL AD HOC COMMITTEES

#### Electronic Communications Committee

Chair: Bernadette Callery

Members: Janet Evans, Stanley Johnston, Enola Teeter

Current activities of this committee include an active CBHL online distribution list (similar to a Listserv) and a Web site (under construction). The distribution list members include: Mary Ellen Armentrout, Nadia Aufderheide, Bea Beck, Julia Blakely,

Joanna Bristol, Bill Burke, Bernadette Callery, Jean Cargill, Jane Cole, Sheila Conner, Larry Currie, Carol David, Janice Dodd, Carolyn Dodson, Valerie Easton, Ela Ekiert, Susan Eubank, Janet Evans, Peter Fraissinet, Susan Fugate, Jane Gates, Juliene Gorman, Laurie Hannah, Rita Hassert, Virginia (Henrichs)Jusko, Eileen Heering, Stanley Johnston, Anita Karg, Betsy Kruthoffer, David Lane, Carol Line, Barney Lipscomb, Laura Lipton, Jim Markham, Linda Oestry, Cathy Peters, Barbara Pitschel, John Reed, Judy Reed, Charlotte Tancin, Enola Teeter, Judith Warnement, Jim White, Jennie Williamson, Agnes Wolf, Connie Wolf, Marca Woodhams.

Others wishing to join the distribution list may contact Bernadette Callery at [bcallery@pgh.net](mailto:bcallery@pgh.net).

#### Procedures Committee

Chair: Jane Gates

Members: Charlotte Tancin, Janet Evans

This is a Board Committee to improve continuity of Board functions and assignments.

#### Computer Consortium Committee

Co-chairs: Laurie Hannah and Elizabeth Kruthoffer

Members: Nadia Aufderheide, Jane Cole, Janet Evans, John Reed, Joanna Bristol, and all Group Access Capability/OCLC members

The OCLC Interlibrary Loan GAC makes it possible to share resources among the BH#L group. Institutional CBHL members are welcome. Contact a co-chair for information.

#### Annual Meeting for 1997

1996-97 Chair: Nadia Aufderheide

Members: Celine Arseneault and *ex officio* Jane Gates

Subcommittee: Janet Evans will coordinate contributed papers

CBHL Annual Meetings are planned by the host with guidance from the First Vice-President. This year's theme is set, (see front page). Members who would like to contribute papers or presentations may contact Janet Evans.

#### Documentation Strategy Committee

Interim coordinator: Charlotte Tancin

Members: John Reed, Bernadette Callery, Susan Fraser, Judy Reed, David Lane, Marca Woodhams, Anita Karg, Judy Warnement.

The current report from this committee appears on page 2, "Preserving Botanical and Horticultural Literature." Contact the coordinator with questions or suggestions.

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CBHL MEMBER NEWS, compiled by Judith Warnement

#### Bill Burk, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Bill Burk sends sad news that may be of interest to many CBHL members concerning the death of William L. Hunt, a horticulturist, gardener, well known in those circles. Bill sends these comments about his former neighbor and special friend:

Many members who attended the 1987 annual meeting of CBHL, held in Chapel Hill, NC, remember horticulturist, garden writer, Bill Hunt who mingled with

conference attendees and who introduced the banquet speaker. William Lanier Hunt, age 90, "Dean of Southern Horticulture," died 19 October 1996 at his home in Chapel Hill after a short illness. Mr. Hunt, a 1931 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was a driving force behind the establishment of the North Carolina Botanical Garden (1966) whose governing board named him third recipient of the Flora Caroliniana Award, one week prior to his death.

Bill Hunt traveled throughout the South to present talks to professional and popular gardeners about ornamental plants. Distinguished as one of the first U.S. fellows of England's Royal Horticultural Society, Mr. Hunt sometimes found himself in company of queens and presidents. Bill's interests also included collecting horticultural books and growing cyclamens which he tested and grew on the woodland slopes below his residence. Memorial contributions may be sent directly to the NCBG, Box 3375, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3375.

On a brighter note, Bill Burk also reports that his article, "Emanuel D. Rudolph's role for *Biological Abstracts*," was recently published in *SIDA* 17(1): 243-249, 1996. This publication briefly outlines procedures at *Biological Abstracts* and summarizes Rudolph's role as a volunteer abstractor. From 1952-1977 Dr. Rudolph wrote 382 abstracts for seven serial publications of which two were Spanish language botanical journals.

Bill Burk was also an invited guest at the Centennial/Redication of the Franz Theodore Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island, Lake Erie, in Put-in-Bay on 24 August 1996. At the laboratory, the oldest freshwater biological field station and research center in the U.S., centennial events included talks by former directors and instructors (among others), presentations of special awards, dedication of a new gazebo and speakers' pavilion, and the burial of a time capsule to be examined at the lab's next centennial.

#### Judith Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts

The Arnold Arboretum kicked off a year long celebration of its 125th anniversary on October 18 with the grand opening of a new permanent exhibit entitled "Science in the Pleasure Ground." The centerpiece of the exhibit is a 15X8 foot scale model of the 265 acre Arboretum. The model includes vignettes from several eras including an archaeological dig, the 1938 hurricane, a 17th century sawmill on Bussey Brook, and a lilac display enjoyed by miniature visitors in turn-of-the-century horsedrawn buggies. Five additional exhibits explain the Arboretum's mission. They depict the botanical research, conservation of forest resources, the use of wood in the industrialization of America, and the history of American horticulture. Another exhibit features Martha Stewart talking about her favorite trees. The exhibit was funded by a gift from Harvard alumni Louis and Jody Appell of York, PA and a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Arnold Arboretum botanist, Jim Jarvie, invites anyone interested in the flora of Borneo to visit his WEB site. You will find a draft version of an interactive key to the tree and shrub genera of Borneo. The key includes 424 genera and uses 119 characters. Also there are descriptions generated by DELTA, which make htm pages for all taxa, and a lot of illustrations. Jim will greatly appreciate feedback on the content and the presentation before this becomes the first edition! Point your browser to < [django.harvard.edu/users/jjarvie/borneo.htm](http://django.harvard.edu/users/jjarvie/borneo.htm) > You can contact Jim directly at < [jjjarvie@oeb.harvard.edu](mailto:jjjarvie@oeb.harvard.edu) >.

#### Judith Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts

The New England Botanical Club held its Centennial Banquet on Friday, November 1, 1996, at the Harvard Faculty Club. Richard Howar, former director of the

Arnold Arboretum, presented a paper entitled "An Illustrated History of the New England Botanical Club."

The *Friends of Farlow* Annual Meeting was held on November 4, 1996. The speaker was Robert Edgar from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. His talk was entitled "Ecological Theater and the Evolutionary Play: Diatoms and Hominid Evolution in East Africa." An exhibit on diatoms featuring materials from the Farlow Reference Library and Herbarium will be on display at Harvard's Cabot Science Library through December.

John Flanagan, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, Great Britain

John announces that Kew has a new Archivist. Lesley Price started on August 20th, 1996. She has a Masters in Archive Administration and is in charge of the Archives containing the official papers of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the private papers of many eminent botanists and scientists. She is also in charge of the Registry which deals with the current official papers, thus combining new and old. Lesley can be contacted by e-mail: L.Price@rbgkew.org.uk or phone +44 181 332 5417; or fax +44 181 332 5278.

John adds that users should please remember that an appointment is essential to use the Archives and as much notice as possible is needed. Kew staff still get researchers from North America who arrive at the door and expect to gain access on the day: this is not granted.

New publications from RBG, Kew:

Richard Spruce (1817-1893): botanist and explorer/edited by M.R.D. Seaward and S.M.D. Fitzgerald. Kew: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1996. O 947643 94 X [Proceedings of the Linnean Society of London Annual Regional Meeting, York, 20-22 September 1993] GBpounds 28.75. This was just published on Sept. 24 and the volume is dedicated to Richard Evans Schultes, the noted Harvard Ethnobotanist.

International Compositae Conference (1st:1994:Kew) : proceedings/editor-in-chief D.J.N.Hind. 2 vols. Kew: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1996. 1 900347 00 8 [set] Vol.1:systematics( 9784p.);Vol 2:biology and utilization (689p.). GBpounds 75.00 the set. -This was published 20 September and is our biggest publication.

Kew is in the final stages of reaching an agreement with Pamela Burns-Balogh [Balogh Scientific Books, Champaign, IL] for sale and distribution in North America of RBG Kew titles. Pam will be stockholding so that delivery will be speeded up. We advise e-mailing her at <peburnsx@prairienet.org> for the latest on availability. Otherwise, RBG Kew publications are sold by RBG Kew Enterprises Ltd, Mail Order Department, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB, UK; Fax +44 181 332 6161.

Celine Arseneault, Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Ontario

Celine is interested in the uses of multi-media in the botanical and horticultural library. She would like to know if anyone does this and what their experiences are. The use of CDs is of particular interest. Please contact Celine at the Montreal Botanical Garden, 4101 Sherbrooke Est, Montreal, Quebec, H7P 4J6 Canada, or call 514/872-1440.

Betsy Kruthoffer, Lloyd Library, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Betsy reports that the University of Cincinnati is getting ready to load the Lloyd Library OCLC tapes onto their Innovative system and they will soon be searchable on OhioLink as a result.

On October 6 a reception was held for Jeanne Rose, an author of herbal and

aromatherapy books, to honor the donation of her entire book collection to the Lloyd Library.

Betsy visited the staff of the Harvard University Botany Libraries on a recent trip to Boston.

Mary Walker, New England Wildflower Society, Concord, Massachusetts

Mary reports that the Lawrence Mewcomb Library at the New England Wildflower Society has very recently been given a state-of-the-art new computer with Windows95, the Internet and other bells & whistles. The staff is learning how to transfer various files from a very old DOS system.

Since the staff are all volunteers and don't work every day, the transition will take some time, according to Mary. NEWFS now has a web page <<http://www.ultranet.com/~newfs/newfs.html>> and the e-mail address is <[newfs@ma.ultranet.com](mailto:newfs@ma.ultranet.com)>. The home page will include a statement about the library supplied by Mary.

On a personal note, Mary reports that she contributes a Plants in Bloom feature every so often to the Concord, Massachusetts Web Page. She does the text, with lots of book references, and the webmaster takes the pictures with a digital camera. Please look them up at <<http://www.concordma.com>> and select "special features."

Busy Mary is also about to send in a three part article on the Vegetation of Anguilla to *Anguilla Life Magazine*, a quarterly published on the Island of Anguilla. She worked on the articles all summer. They are the result of her lengthy winter vacations on Anguilla. Mary started an Anguilla Flora Project in 1993. This winter she will set up a herbarium for them and train a group to mount specimens etc. She has created an extensive database of the Anguilla Flora of 508 species and counting. Mary asks that if anyone has duplicate West Indian floras, the Anguilla National Trust would be happy to have them. The Island of Anguilla has next to no botanical research facilities. Contact Mary at <[Marymw@aol.com](mailto:Marymw@aol.com)>.

David Lane, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire

David calls our attention to a timely feature in the October/November (1996) issue of *The Plantsman*, a trade journal produced by the New Hampshire Plant Growers Association. He wrote the cover article on pages 25-27 entitled: "Carnivorous Plants: Just In Time For Halloween."

Shelly Olsen, Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Shelly reports the Frederik Meijer Gardens is nearing completion of its WEB page. Shelly, the Gardens' librarian, will be responsible for updates and revisions. Contact Shelly for more information at her new email address: <[fmged@voyager.net](mailto:fmged@voyager.net)>.

Jane Gates, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland

Jane reminds us not to miss T.H. Watkins' article about Banks in the November 1996 [v.190(5)] issue of *National Geographic*. Jane adds that the photos by Gary Wolinsky are "great."

Liz de Keyser, European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group, Kew, U.K.

Minutes from the May 1996 meeting of EBHL appeared in their September newsletter. The meeting, held on May 9-10 at the Goteborg University Library, covered conservation policies including "preservation versus usage" and databases

for old books including "identifying copies of rare books."

Speakers were Lars Bjorck, Paper Conservator from the Royal Library, Sweden; Johanna Fries, Bookbinder from the Royal Library; Victor van Beijnum, Managing Director of IDC, Leiden; Kerstin Dahl, Lund University Library; Roger Mills, Head of the Library & Information Service, Dept. of Plant Sciences & Oxford Forestry Institute, University of Oxford; and Malcolm Beasley, Head of the Botany Library, The Natural History Museum, London.

The group also discussed its future. Liz de Keyser, from the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew, announced that Kew will continue to fund the newsletter for another year. A motion was introduced to include zoological collections, but it was agreed that the focus should remain on botany. Liz distributed a mailing list and Ingrid Skoglundh suggested that EBHL should set up a homepage via the Internet. Roger Mills volunteered to set one up on a server at Oxford. A first attempt with some basic facts is available at <<http://www.ub.gu.se/Gb/news/newsb.htm>>.

Cees Lut invited EBHL to hold its next meeting at the Riksherbarium Hortus Botanicus, Leiden. The dates are set for April 24-25, 1997.

-J.W.

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#### RECENT TITLES IN BOTANICAL AND HORTICULTURAL LITERATURE

GARDEN DESIGN -reviews by Valerie Easton, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, University of Washington, Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle

Kingsbury, Noel. The New Perennial Garden. New York: Henry Holt, 1996. While books on perennials abound, few talk about how to combine perennials with other planting to create a naturalistic garden. Kingsbury advocates planting schemes that work with nature and take advantage of existing garden conditions rather than fighting against them. Plentiful and artful color photographs show a mix of mostly perennials, along with some ornamental grasses, groundcovers and shrubs, in lush, informal and well blended sweeps of color. Here is confirmation that dry gardens can be excitingly varied, and damp heavy soils can be planted with more than gunnera and ligularia.

How to design, plant, and establish plant communities in tune with nature; weed and pest control; growing from seed; and planning for year-round interest are just a few of the topics covered. Especially useful are chapters on how to deal with such difficult garden situations as deep shade, hot sun, and seaside winds. Extensive plant lists are included for each topic. And Kingsbury promises that the payoff for keeping the garden's natural environment in mind while planning and planting is: less maintenance, less watering, and less fertilizing.

Druse, Ken. The Collector's Garden: Designing with Extraordinary Plants. New York: Clarkson Potter, 1996. Not only does Druse show us photos of some of the most gorgeous private gardens all over North America, he also answers the questions that come to mind in viewing such photos.

We learn, for instance, that many of the best-known gardeners share plants and information; that five years ago, Dan Hinkley of Heronswood Nursery, Kingston, couldn't find a local retail nursery that would stock his unusual plants; and that even the tiniest of gardens can artistically house a vast array of plants. Jerry Flintoff's 1/5 acre in suburban Seattle is described by Druse as "nearly beyond description...a garden which might have the most concentrated collection of botanicals anywhere."



As the author takes us on a tour of these gardens, we read about the gardener's successes and failures as well as their favorite plants and where to find them.

Elliott, Brent. The Country House Garden: From the Archives of Country Life 1897-1939. London: Mitchell Beazley, 1995. We missed them - the truly great decades of garden design, and there is no question that gardening on this scale is truly over. The haughty magnificence of these estate gardens was chronicled in *Country Life*, however, and reproduced here in an oversized format including stunning black and white photography. From the frontispiece of a live peacock standing on the rim of a lichen covered urn placed along the central axis of a formal garden, to an entire chapter on topiary variation, these grand and stately gardens seem as remote from today's more modest plots as do Inca ruins rising out of a steamy jungle.

The scale of the gardens, the stone, the water and hedges are breathtaking. Although homey isn't the word that comes to mind, you can see that people lived in these grand houses, often calling them cottages, and loved these gardens. It shows, despite the grandeur. Arts and crafts designs, rock and woodland gardens, and styles such as neo Georgian and interwar baroque are amazingly varied and elaborate. All surround huge and elegant houses, set within the British countryside. You may succumb, as you read, to a longing for elegant white dresses, picture hats, and tea on the lawn on a perfect, Joycian summer afternoon.

-V.E.

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#### THE INTERNET: WORLD WIDE WEB SITES

Some Botanical and Horticultural Databases, Herbs, and Christmas Trees on the Web  
by Stanley Johnston, Curator of Rare Books, The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio.

#### BOTANY

Useful databases are set up by James L. Reveal in a series of pages linked to Vascular Plant Family Nomenclature at

<[http://www.inform.umd.edu:8080/EdRes/Colleges/LFSC/life-sciences/.plant\\_biology/fam/revfam.html](http://www.inform.umd.edu:8080/EdRes/Colleges/LFSC/life-sciences/.plant_biology/fam/revfam.html)> which set out to provide bibliographical information on all validly published family names and listings of validly published order and superorder names based on generic names. It includes the latest news on family nomenclature and a short essay on suprageneric nomenclature.

For those interested in keeping abreast of botanical fields via newsgroups there is a list of Botany Related Usenet Newsgroups at <<http://www.ou.edu/cas/botany-micro/iaspr/usetnet.shtml>>

#### HORTICULTURE

A truly impressive database is The Plant Tracker at <<http://www.axis-net.com/pfaf/>> which features articles on 7000 plants which are accessible via common name, botanical name, specific or general medical, edible or other uses of the plant, British hardiness zones, type of soil, required pH level, partiality to sun or shade, etc. or any combination. This will bring up a list of plants meeting the entered criteria and selecting one of these in turn leads to an article on the specific plant which includes a value rating, its habit, range, habitat, uses, known problems, special characteristics, and information on its cultivation and propagation. The information was assembled by a group based in Cornwall (England) named Plants

For A Future <<http://www.liv.ac.uk/%7Emorris/pfaf/index.html>> whose home page details their work and provides on-line access to the summer edition of their catalog of useful plants, horticultural leaflets, and checklists.

Florabundance <<http://homearts.com/affil/gardb/main/planc1.htm>> is a gardening encyclopedia from the Hearst Corporation which allows access to plants by common or Latin name, or by a combination of category (annual, perennial) with flower color, light needed, bloom time, and American hardiness zone. The query will bring up a plant or list of plants. Individual articles include all the information needed and even access to a sound byte pronouncing the Latin name.

There are literally too many pages devoted to specific plants to attempt to note them all, but occasionally one will stand out for the usefulness of the information on it or some other unique feature. One of the useful ones is The Online Guide to Growing Dahlias <<http://sashimi.wwwa.com/~jjf/dahlia.html>> which provides text taken from the American Dahlia Society's *Guide to Growing and Caring for Dahlias*, 1993, and from the Puget Sound Dahlia Society's *Dahlias: a Monthly Guide*. The site also includes a discussion of the dahlia classification system, tips for exhibiting dahlias, and a bulletin board for dahlia growers.

#### HERBS

There is a small herbal database called the Ithaca Garden Herb Search at <<http://www.fcinet.com/garden/herbfinder.html>> which embraces 400 herbs and is searchable by height, width, sun/shade requirements, hardiness, color and usage, as well as name.

A couple of herb related pages worth looking at are Kathie's Herb Page <<http://mutl.muscanet.com/~kschmitt>> and Algy's Herb Page <<http://www.algy.com/herb/herb.html>> Kathy Schmitt of Iowa's page is a charming monthly on-line newsletter including herbal crafts and remedies. Algy's page is much more extensive with recipes, herb articles, a number of bulletin boards, and links to herb catalogs, but not as charming.

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

Finally, with our department stores already decked out for the holidays, it seems only appropriate to close this month's column with a look at a page set up by the National Christmas Tree Association <<http://execpc.com/~ncta>> . The site provides discussions of all the trees used as Christmas trees in the United States, the care of both live and cut trees, the folklore behind the tradition, and even a list of contact persons by states who can be contacted to provide you with the location of the nearest Christmas tree grower. -S.J.

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#### LIBRARY CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION

by Judith Reed, Conservation Librarian, The New York Botanical Garden Library, Bronx, NY.

#### TIPS

Many governmental grants for funding for conservation treatment require that the applicant institution have documentation of having had a conservation survey of its collections. Funding is still available for Conservation Assessment Program (CAP) surveys through the Institute for Museum Services (IMS) and administered by the

National Institute for Conservation (NIC). The next deadline is December 6, 1996. For information and application forms contact:

Kelly Chisholm, Coordinator  
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National Institute for Conservation  
3299 K Street NW, Suite 602  
Washington, DC 20007-4415

Tel: 202/625-1495 Fax: 202/625-1485

## REFERENCES

Conservation Book Repair: a training manual by Artemis BonaDea illustrated by Alexandra Prentiss. Juneau: Alaska State Library, Alaska Dept. of Education, 1995. \$25 from Alaska State Library, Box 110571, Juneau, AK 99811.

Ms BonaDea was a conservation technician at the Alaska State Library although she has since left the library and is in private practice. The manual is intended for use following training workshops in preservation or can be used by people who do not have access to such workshops. The publication is clear, concise, useful and generally conservative in its approach.

## QUESTIONS

Should I use pH neutral ( pH 7) or alkaline buffered ( above pH 7) preservation envelopes to store library materials?

Since acidity is one of the primary causes of the break down of library materials, conservators have generally recommended use of buffered materials. This so called alkaline reserve protects materials against less than ideal environmental conditions. An additional fringe benefit allows the alkalinity to migrate to the acidic materials being stored in the envelopes. However, this is a two way street since the acidity of the materials will also migrate to the envelope over a period of time. Ideally envelopes would be replaced periodically.

In recent years conservators of photographic materials have been observing and carrying out tests on the use of alkaline buffered envelopes, or sleeves, to store photographic materials. These photographic materials are inherently acidic as a result of their processing. There seems to be fairly clear evidence that high alkaline levels have a deleterious effect on photographic materials, which includes the blueprints and photostats you may have in your collections. Current recommendations are to use pH neutral envelopes to store your photographic materials.

You will find both alkaline buffered and pH neutral envelopes available in conservation materials supply catalogs.\* Plastic sleeves can also be used to store photographic materials. Conservation quality plastic storage materials will be discussed in the upcoming column.

-J.A.R.

\*CBHL Newsletter #61, pp.24, 25; #62, p.12.

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CBHL MEMBER NEWS, compiled by Barbara Pitschel

Connie Wolf, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri

Connie invites you to visit the Missouri Botanical Garden Library homepage at <<http://www.mobot.org/mobot/molib/>>. You can also get there by going to <<http://www.mobot.org>> and then clicking on Library. For now, only keyword searching is available. They expect to have more searching options available within a few months. Connie would like feedback from you as to how you like the page!

Connie is open to talking or corresponding with anyone interested in homepage development. She will share what she learned at the Institute on Digital Library Development, which was cosponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the University of California, Berkeley, during summer 1996.

The Missouri Botanical Garden had capacity attendance at the 43rd symposium in St. Louis which addressed Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Susan C. Eubank, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado

The Denver Botanic Gardens Helen Fowler Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Gayle Bradbeer as Associate Librarian. Gayle previously worked part-time at the library and has most recently served as a reference librarian at the Colorado School of Mines. Susan Eubank, Head Librarian, and Gayle are looking forward to a long and fruitful association.

Susan also reports that they are pleased with the recent library purchase of automation software. She selected EOS International's (formerly Datatrek) Professional Series, which is a microcomputer-based, MARC-record compatible system. The last catalog card was made on September 28 and they are hoping to have the new system up and running online at the end of the year.

Jane Cole, Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, Arizona

Jane's colleague at the Desert Botanical Garden, Dr. Edward F. (Ted) Anderson, has just published a new edition of his book, *Peyote: The Divine Cactus*. Ted is a senior research botanist at the Garden, his special areas of expertise being the succulent plant family Cactaceae (recent book: *Threatened Cacti of Mexico* published by Kew) and research in ethnobotany (recent book: *Plants and People of the Golden Triangle* published by Timber Press). He first published *Peyote* in the 1970s. The little peyote cactus plant, *Lophophora williamsii*, has a long history of use by members of the Native American Church, but was discovered by other groups and is now illegal to grow in many states. The book is available for \$19.95 (paper) or \$50 (hardcover) from the publisher, University of Arizona Press, Tucson.

Jane's grandson, Bill Nielsen, a sixth grade student at Martin Luther King, Jr. Laboratory School in Evanston, Illinois, recently completed a report on the Cook County Forest Preserve District, its origin, and its importance in the Chicago area. Bill Nielsen was assisted in his research by Virginia Jusko, Head Librarian, Chicago Botanic Garden Library, Glencoe, Illinois.

Laura Lipton, University of Washington Arboretum, Seattle, Washington

The Elisabeth C. Miller Horticultural Library has received a grant from a private donor and an equal match from the Miller Charitable Foundation to create a public use multimedia station. The reference station will contain AGRICOLA indexes plus gardening CD-ROMS donated by Microsoft Corporation and Sunset, Inc.

The library also has a new booklist on "Edible Landscaping." To obtain a copy, email Laura Lipton at <[lipton@u.washington.edu](mailto:lipton@u.washington.edu)> or call 206/543-0415.

Janice Dodd, Berry Botanic Garden, Portland, Oregon

Janice reports that she finally has an assistant, Diane Bland, who works 15 hours a week answering telephones and specifically helping Janice. Janice is hoping that this new arrangement will give her more time to work on the library.

Barbara Barton, Gardening by Mail, Tusker Press, Sebastapol, California

Barbara reports that *Gardening by Mail* will soon be available on the Internet through Virtual Garden. On October 16 she predicted that it would be accessible within two to three weeks, so you may be able to see it by our publication time. The address is <<http://vg.com>>.

She also has news of a new PLANT FINDER REFERENCE LIBRARY CD-ROM. It includes 25,000 seed varieties and their UK suppliers, 800 wholesale nurseries, 100 cultivar registrars, and other database features. A demonstration CD is available from Eric Gagg at <[100546.2574@compuserve.com](mailto:100546.2574@compuserve.com)>. Cost, according to Barbara, is in the range of about \$65.

Norma Kobzina, Biosciences Library, University of California, Berkeley, California

An \$850,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities is helping the University of California at Berkeley and eight other land-grant university libraries to participate in a cooperative effort to identify and preserve the historical literature pertaining to U.S. agricultural development and rural life. The U.C. Berkeley Biosciences and Natural Resources Library is responsible for the California portion of the project, which covers state-level literature from 1820-1945. U.C. Berkeley is working with the National Agricultural Library in this cooperative preservation effort. The historic literature of the states will be identified and then ranked by panels of scholars.

At Berkeley the preservation work will not begin until additional funds are available, but funding has been provided for one year to identify the relevant serials and monographs from land-grant and local libraries in California. Mann Library at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, is coordinating and managing the effort under Project Director Sam Demas and Project Manager Wallace C. Olsen.

Norma, librarian at the Biosciences and Natural Resources Library, will be working with librarians and researchers at other institutions in California, including Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, as well as U.C. Davis, and the California State Library, to identify and evaluate materials. The focus will be on rural life, along with agricultural disciplines important in California, namely enology and viticulture, conservation and sustainable development, biological control, forestry, and plant and soil science. Significant material from early groups of settlers in California will be identified. Along with the Native Americans of California, there were various groups of settlers who came to the state, bringing their agricultural heritage with them. Among these are the Spanish missionaries, followed by the Mexican, Japanese, Chinese, Russian, as well as other cultures moving West into California from other places in the United States.

Many of the publications to be examined are from the U.C. Berkeley College of Agriculture established in 1868, the first land-grant college in California. A portion of the California land-grant agricultural publications has been preserved through a previous microfilming project. These include the *Bulletins, Circulars, Hilgardia, Giannini Foundation Papers*, and some of the papers of the School of Forestry at U.C. At Berkeley, the project will improve access to approximately 864 titles in 2,160 volumes, or the most important 17% of the estimated universe of materials in need of preservation.

Other university libraries participating in the project are from Auburn University, Alabama; University of Connecticut, Storrs; Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.; University of Florida, Gainesville; University of Nebraska, Lincoln;

Pennsylvania State University; Texas A & M; and the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Adam Schiff, California Academy of Sciences Library, San Francisco, California

Adam reports that the CAS Library May-June 1996 list of selected new acquisitions is available on the Web at:

<<http://CAS/calacademy.org/~library/newacq/mayjune96.html>>. He hopes to have the July-September list up soon.

Barbara M. Pitschel, Helen Crocker Russell Library, Strybing Arboretum Society, San Francisco, California

Strybing Arboretum Society librarians Barbara Pitschel and Brian Lym are thrilled to announce that a web site for the Botanical Gardens is here! The site was designed and produced by library volunteer Teresa Meikle, formerly a librarian at the California Academy of Sciences Library, presently on the reference staff of Sandoz-Agro. Because of Teresa's special love of biological and horticultural libraries, the home page has a thorough link to a Helen Crocker Russell Library page, which, in turn, offers extremely useful links to horticultural resources, Internet search tools, and library catalogs.

The Strybing page will be hosted by Missouri Botanical Garden as a part of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) list of member gardens and facilities. The address is <<http://www.mobot.org/aabga/member.pages.strybing>> Check out the nice links that Teresa put in from the library page. Please send feedback to Barbara at <[bpchrl@ix.netcom.com](mailto:bpchrl@ix.netcom.com)>.

Strybing has a new phone system and the library, including Barbara Pitschel and Brian Lym, has a new phone number: 415/661-1316, although the old one will continue to work. The important thing to remember is that, as soon as the phone is picked up by the central switchboard, no matter which number you dialed, you can punch in extension 303. This will bypass the rather interminable voicemail and will put you directly at the library. If the library is open and we are not already on the phone, we will answer in person. If we are on the phone with someone else, or if the library is closed, you will be connected to the library voicemail, at which time you can immediately hit the starr key twice, bypass our message, and begin speaking. During open hours we strive to return calls promptly.

Other news from Strybing:

The Helen Crocker Russell Library's first annual benefit on October 1, to help support the library's acquisition fund, was a great success. Proceeds from contributions and purchase of \$25 tickets exceeded the modest goal of \$2,000. The gross income was \$4,637, netting \$3,762 after expenses. Expenses included printing and mailing of nearly 700 invitations (on cards already on hand), a wonderful harpist, a young caterer to keep the tables stocked and tidy, carbonated water, and paper goods. Some of the income from board members had been specifically designated to cover some of these expenses. Another board member donated all the wine.

Library committee chair, Anne Reisman, and other board members on the planning committee were extremely helpful with planning and preparations. Delicious food was prepared and contributed by committee members, volunteer docents, and library staff. Six authors signed copies of their books, which grossed nearly \$1,000 in support of the Strybing bookstore. It was a delightful party, enjoyed by the 85 or 90 participants (many people donated even though they were unable to attend), and everyone is looking forward to celebrating the library's 25th

anniversary at the 1997 benefit party. Head Librarian Barbara Pitschel would be glad to supply details to any CBHL library wanting to try a similar event.

Strybing Arboretum Society has recently chosen a new executive director, Charlotte Cagan, who was formerly president of Berkshire Botanical Garden in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Besides botanical garden background, Charlotte has had experience in city government with the creation and administration of numerous public/private partnerships, which closely mirrors the situation at Strybing.

Associate Librarian Brian Lym is continuing to coordinate and expand the library story times, held two Sunday mornings each month. With the help and advice of Valarie Revels, a library volunteer with extensive experience in children's education, Brian has scheduled the first bilingual (Spanish/English) story time for January 1997. Ideas are limited only by time and money!

#### Rebecca Eldridge, University of California, Santa Barbara, California

Becky is pretty much out of the botanical loop now that she is no longer at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Library, but she sends greetings to you all. She regretted not going to the Fort Worth Annual Meeting and is thinking of joining us in Montreal in 1997. We miss her and hope to see her again soon!

#### Bea Beck, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California

Bea had an article "The World's 10 Best Gardening Books" published in the premier, July/August 1995, issue of *Gardening How To*. (We need to check it out to learn Bea's recommendations!)

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden has an inside web page that can be reached at <[www.cgs.edu/inst/rsa](http://www.cgs.edu/inst/rsa)>.

Bea is leaving on November 15 for two weeks in Scotland. She plans to take most of her Thanksgiving fixings with her to introduce her friends to this American holiday. And, yes, turkey is available in Scotland. Bea will also be giving a talk at the Mitchell Library in Glasgow about the Scots and their influence in colonial America.

Bea is currently teaching three nights a week with nearly 100 students.

#### Joan DeFato, Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Arcadia, California

A chosen few of the staff of the Arboretum of Los Angeles County, including librarian Joan DeFato, were given Internet access as of the first week in October. The connection is so new that, so far, Joan has email, but not much else and she can't always get through. Her new email address is <[jdefato@co.la.ca.us](mailto:jdefato@co.la.ca.us)> Joan plans to have Bea Beck give her a crash course on favorite library connections, but she has a sneaking suspicion that she'll get a crash course in genealogy sites as well.

The Arboretum's Plant Sciences library has been open on Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm since the middle of August. Joan and Jim Bauml, staff botanist, take turns staffing. As a reward (?) there is now a photocopier in the library, so, after more than 23 years, they don't have to tote materials to another building for copying. When Joan first came to the library, she was not even authorized to use the photocopy machine!

As a home project, Joan, who is also a member of the Pacific Horticultural Foundation board, helped to put together the 20 year index to *Pacific Horticulture*, which has just been published. Joan says she had the easier assignment because someone else did the subject indexing.

On a personal note, Joan was a victim of that great Los Angeles disease, car theft. When her car was found, it wasn't worth finding, so she is now the owner of a new car.

-B.M.P.

## ADDITIONAL NEWS/INFORMATION

Julia Morton, author of the 1,400 page encyclopedia The Atlas of Medicinal Plants of Middle America, died Tuesday, September 10, 1996 in Miami, Florida, as a result of injuries received in an auto accident. She was 84. She was president of the Florida State Horticultural Society, on the board of Fairchild Tropical Garden, and was in the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame. She was a founding member of the Rare Fruit Council International and the Florida National Parks and Monuments Association. A description of the importance of her work appears in the obituary on pages 8 and 9 of the *Society for Economic Botany Newsletter*, Fall 1996.

Recent publications by CBHL members include:

Callery, Bernadette G. "Collecting Collections: Building the Library of The New York Botanical Garden." *Brittonia* 47(1) 44-47, January/March 1995.

Abstract: "The history of the collections in the Library of The New York Botanical Garden includes the acquisition of previously accumulated collections as well as individual items acquired in the normal course of collection development. Particularly during the first 50 years of the institution, collections of library materials were acquired along with herbaria specimens, and, occasionally, collections of living plants, assembled by an individual as part of his or her personal research interests. While curatorial practice dictates that such an assemblage of research materials be separated when shifted from individual to institutional curatorship, the knowledge of the whole of the collection as received may fill in the background pattern of institutional collection development. A chronological table of these collections is appended, including reference to any extended discussion or listing."

Fraser, Susan. "Collectors' Field Notebooks at The New York Botanical Garden Library." *Brittonia* 48(3) 308-317, July-September 1996.

Abstract: "The Archives of The New York Botanical Garden is currently home to more than 600 volumes of plant collectors' field notebooks. In many cases, these notebooks belonged to former NYBG staff members or their associates and collaborators at other institutions. An accounting of these, arranged alphabetically by collector, is presented. For each volume, or range of volumes for each collector, the title of the notebook (if any) is given, along with the location(s) of the fieldwork, the dates, and the range of collection numbers."

Jane Gates, Secretary, reports that the regular mid-year meeting of the CBHL Board of Directors was held in Montreal, Quebec, on Saturday, October 26, 1996.

Attending the meeting were Charlotte Tancin, President; Janet Evans, Past-president; Nadia Aufderheide, 1st Vice-president; Rita Hassert, 2nd Vice-president; John Reed, Treasurer; Jane Gates, Secretary; and Celine Arseneault, Annual Meeting.

The 1997 Annual Meeting was the main item on the day-long meeting agenda (an update on those plans is on page 1). Board members who are liaison to standing and ad hoc committees gave brief reports, as did the treasurer. The secretary read a letter that was received from Yao Bi-jun, (new address: EANCRMTC, c/o Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences, 20 Nanxincun, Xiangshan, Beijing 100093, China). Yao's gift of a copy of "China's Biosphere Reserves," a special issue of the Chinese National Committee for Man and the Biosphere (MAB) program, will be circulated and shared at the Annual Meeting in Montreal.

Members wishing to submit items for Board discussion are invited to do so prior to the next Board meeting, a telephone conference scheduled for February, 1997. Two Board meetings also will be scheduled in Montreal at the June Meeting.



NOTICE

Degree candidate is seeking work in a research setting which will incorporate experience in both the natural and information sciences. She has a Bachelor's degree from the University of the South, will have a Masters in Library and Information Sciences in December 1996, has experience in special libraries, botany, horticulture, agriculture, and is currently an assistant curator for the A.C. Moore Herbarium, University of South Carolina. Please contact by mail: Jennie Williamson, 207 Southwood Drive, Columbia, SC 29205; phone 803/254-0746; jane@sc.edu

NOTICE

The Harvard University Botany Libraries anticipates the opening of the position of Reference/Archives Librarian in December of 1996. Please contact Judy Warnement ( email: warnemen@oeb.harvard.edu ; Botany Libraries, Harvard University, 22 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138) for additional information.

IN MEMORIAM: 1908-1996

"Erika Ruth Middlemann, born Hinrichsen, was one of South African horticulture's most famous names. Fleeing from Hitler's Germany in 1935, she settled in the Cape, finding fulfillment in, amongst many other interests, her love of South Africa's flora and classical music.

"Her early initiative in developing the use of *Protea* species in its many varieties, first for gardens and then for natural, dried, ornamental purposes, has given both enjoyment and work to many people. She was the first person to export dried proteas and a founding member of SAPPEX (South African Protea Producers and Exporters). Her name will always be associated with the spreading of knowledge and cultivation of South Africa's protea flowers in many parts of the world.

"As a benefactor of the Botanical Society of South Africa, Ruth's association with the Society has been a long and happy one.

"After a massive stroke, Ruth died peacefully on 15 June in her 88th year. She is sadly missed by her husband, Walter, son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Marijke, and grandsons, Richard and Nicolaas."

-Veld and Flora, 82(3)p. 68, September 1996

NOTICE

Have any great new books or journals crossed your desk recently that you'd like to share with fellow CBHL members? Please write a few lines or a review and send it to Valerie Easton for the CBHL Newsletter column "Recent Titles In Botanical and Horticultural Literature." Or e-mail her your suggestions and ideas at <veast@u.washington.edu>.

NOTICE

The Association of Systematics Collections (ASC) has developed a database, the Taxonomic Resources and Expertise Directory (TRED). TRED is designed to contain information about individual systematists and taxonomists (and their databases) needed by those seeking taxonomic expertise. It will be available for searching on the Internet. If you have not provided data for the TRED, it is not too late. Please call up the ASC web site <<http://www.ascoll.org/SURVEY/>> for information and a copy of the survey and then send the completed Collections survey and TRED forms to: The Association of Systematics Collections, 1725 K St.NW Suite 601, Washington, DC 20006-1401; 202/835-9050; Fax 202/835-7334; Email: asc@ascoll.org

-E.Hoagland, ASC director

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4-6 June 1997: Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA  
Celine Arseneault, Director of the Library  
*Marketing New Resources: Managing and Developing Multimedia Information*  
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(10-12 June 1998): Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA  
Judith Warnement, Librarian, The Botany Libraries  
CBHL President-elect Nadia Aufderheide, The Holden Arboretum

(Mid-May 1999) : University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA  
Carolyn Dodson, UNM General Library  
CBHL Vice-President Rita Hassert, The Morton Arboretum

May 2000; 2001; 2002: Future hosts and sites will be discussed at the 1997 Meeting.  
Invitations from CBHL members who would like to host a meeting are welcome.  
Please report your interest at the Annual Meeting or to a Board member.

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