



**CBHL ANNUAL MEETING - WASHINGTON
MAY 3 - 5, 2000**

FROM: Susan Fugate and Jane Gates, National Agricultural Library, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Maryland

We are really looking forward to spending the first week of May with you in Washington, D.C. NAL's public service area renovation is nearly complete. Tour guides and program leaders from the behind-the-scene visits to Library of Congress, Archives II, Smithsonian, NAL, and the National Arboretum are anxious to share their resources and expertise while meeting some new colleagues.

Two additions to our plans are a breakfast sponsored by SydneyPlus to talk about their integrated library systems and an enthusiastic commitment from the University of Virginia to add Special Collections to the Monticello trip!

The weather in May is among Washington's finest: comfortably warm, occasionally rainy. A light sweater or jacket will be plenty for any evening chill. An umbrella is a must!

For DC information, one website is *Washington Post Online*, Travel Visitor's Guide. <<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/travel/visitorsguide.htm>> which includes lists of museums with a calendar of events, restaurants, 4-day weather forecast, metro maps, and many other links.

We have 81 registrations as of April 5 and expect a few more, so plan to see friends from the past and a few new faces! Watch the CBHL 2000 Annual Meeting Website for new details and links in the coming weeks: <<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/cbhl>>

Call or send an email if you have questions or concerns. See you in May!

(Working with Jane and Susan are the Local Arrangements Committee of Marca Woodhams, Smithsonian Institution, Horticulture Library; Ruth Shallert, Smithsonian Institution, Botany Branch Library; Ann McIntire, U.S. National Arboretum; and Jayne MacLean, National Agricultural Library.)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

THE OTHER END OF THE RAINBOW

You recall after the CBHL 1999 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, I described an unforgettable rainbow arching over dark Sandia Mountains. I saw this as a portent of things to come.

Well, here we are, at the other end of the rainbow, about to start a new annual meeting in a new millennium. When you go to Washington I don't think you'll find any pots of gold or characters from *The Wizard of Oz!*

Instead, I hope you'll see a tremendous opportunity to make progress in our overarching goal of building the botanical and horticultural library community. We want to build a stronger voice for the importance of collecting, preserving, and making accessible the accumulated knowledge about plants for present and future generations.

See you there.

David

David M. Lane, CBHL President 1999-2000, University of New Hampshire, Biological Sciences Library, Durham, New Hampshire

ON THE WEB: CBHL Field Trips, Darwin, and Some Specialized Plant Sites by Stan Johnston, Rare Book Curator, The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio

As we did in last year's pre-Annual Meeting issue, we begin the column with the web sites of some attractions which will be viewed by those members staying over on Saturday May 6 for post meeting field trips. Monticello and the Michie Tavern are respectively treated at <www.monticello.org> and <www.michietavern.com>. For those going to Richmond, information on the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden will be found at <www.lewisginter.org>, and that for Agecroft Hall and Virginia House will be found at <www.agecrofthall.com> and <www.vahistorical.org/vahouse.htm>. Those going to Annapolis can learn about William Paca House at <www.annapolis.org/paca.htm>.

John Flanagan, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, suggested we might be interested in *AboutDarwin.com* <www.aboutDarwin.com> dealing with the life and times of Charles Darwin. The main page features information on what Darwin was doing during the current month in different years of his life. Other pages include timelines of periods in Darwin's life, a bibliography of old books on Darwin including modern editions of his works, a list with brief descriptions of people Darwin knew, and links to Darwin sites that have online versions of Darwin's books.

In connection with a May 2002 seminar "The Nature Conservancy Invasive Plants" a site has been put up dealing with André Michaux <www.michaux.org>, with details of this French plant explorer's life and discoveries as well as information on the seminar. It also includes several links, including one giving the text of U.S. commentator Charles Kuralt's 1994 talk on Michaux at <grandfather.com/museum/michaux/CKmichaux.htm>.

Looking briefly at some specialized plant sites, the ginkgo is the subject of *Introduction to the Ginkgoales* <www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/seedplants/ginkgoales/ginkgo.html>, a product of the University of California at Berkeley Biology 1B class,

including information on fossils, life habits, ecology, systematics, etc. A much more extensive site on the same subject is *Ginkgo biloba* <www.xs4all.ne/~kwanten> which covers the above topics in more detail and adds information on the location of notable trees and stands of the trees worldwide, a section on uses of ginkgo trees, a page dealing with ginkgo trees as bonsai, and numerous links.

Robinia pseudoacacia L. <www.pegacity.it/parco/robinia/index.htm> is an Italian page still being developed which deals with this native North American plant which has become popular as a street tree in Italy.

The California Rare Fruit Growers, Inc. <www.crfg.org> besides providing information on the organization, includes descriptions of 250 rare and unusual edible fruits (although the detail of the description varies and none are illustrated), a fruit culture data list with information on light and soil requirements, book reviews, sources of plants and seeds, and links. It also provides an index to *Fruit Gardener* magazine and a section called "Fruit Facts" which provides a more detailed account of a more limited number of fruits accompanied by line illustrations.

The *Northern Nut Growers Association* <www.icserv.com/nnga/index.html> provides information on the society, links to sources of nut tree articles which may be purchased, e-mail and mail addresses of experts on specific trees who will answer questions from the public, news concerning nut trees, and links.

A more troublesome group of plants is treated in *The Nature Conservancy Invasive Species Page* <tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/>, which includes highly detailed downloadable "Species Management Abstracts" organized by species or common name, national weed alerts, weed control methods, and links.

This issue finds a diverse group of reference resources beginning with *Search Engine Showdown* <searchengineshowdown.com>, featuring a dizzying array of tables

comparing different aspects of the various web searching sites. *Highwire Press* <highwire.stanford.edu> is a site of the full-text science archives of Stanford University scientific publications, providing some free access to contents, summaries, and articles (most of the latter in non-current issues). Online definitions of scientific terms are available from the Academic Press *Dictionary of Science and Technology* <www.harcourt.com/dictionary/>. Cornell University's *Encyclopedia of Grafting* <instruct1.cit.cornell.edu/courses/hort400/grafage/Glossary.htm> provides online access to grafting techniques.

Next we come to two highly different databases, *Paldat: Palynological Database* <paldat.botanik.univie.ac.at/> is a somewhat limited database of the pollen of a number of plants developed by the Department of Ultrastructure Research and Palynology at the Institute of Biology of the University of Vienna. It includes micro-photographs and literature citations and may not cover enough plants or provide enough information on enough aspects of pollen to be useful to all those interested in the subject. By contrast, the *Trickle Irrigation Calculator* <www.cadvision.com/rolld/indexdrip.htm> provides a utilitarian set of calculators for the design of a trickle irrigation system.

Although dealing with more than just vegetables, *The Boston Cooking School Cook Book* by Fannie Merritt Farmer <Bartleby.com/87> in the original 1918 edition will be of some interest. In a similar vein, *The Cultivated Gardener* <www.cultivatedgardener.com> will be of interest to fans of the U.S. radio show with its comments on gardening, interesting plant facts, recipes, and other information.

Our final stop is the *National Agriculture Hall of Fame* <AgHallOfFame.com>, an institution in Bonner Springs, Kansas, which has enshrined 35 individuals to date. The site includes information on their Farming Museum and Farm Town, USA, a reconstructed farm village.

-S.J. 3/2000

CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION by Judith Reed, The LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York

TIPS

Many of us are glad to have glue sticks in a handy place on our desks, but you should remember that they are acceptable only for use in office procedures, not for any library preservation procedures. First, the adhesive will lose its adhesive properties fairly quickly; thus labels will fall off. In addition, most of the adhesives leave residues that are difficult to remove, attract dirt, and migrate to neighboring materials.

REFERENCES

Preservation of Library & Archival Materials: A Manual /edited by Sherelyn Ogden, Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover, MA, 1999.

Those of you with sharp eyes and good memories will think I am repeating myself, but this is really to inform you that this title is now available as a CD-ROM, online, and as hard copy. All three formats are available from the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1494. My only reservation about the CD-ROM format is that, for some of the procedures described in the text, it is inconvenient to turn to the computer screen for the next step. A hard-copy is much more practical. However, for much of the text, I suspect users will be perfectly satisfied with the CD. See my annotations about parts of this publication in issue #73 of the *CBHL Newsletter*.

Halon Alternatives Research Corporation:
<http://www.harc.org>

As a follow-up to the information I provided about fire-suppression systems in issue #75 of the *CBHL Newsletter*, I would suggest looking at this website. The beginning statement on their Home Page reads: "HARC is a non-profit trade association formed in 1989 to promote the development and approval of environmentally acceptable halon

alternatives. HARC serves as a facilitating organization and information clearing house on issues related to halon replacement, halon recycling, and halon regulations." Some information they make available:

-- The Ozone Layer & Halons--I admit having some qualms when I first noted their (mis)spelling of occurs (ocures), but it got better after that.

-- What's New--The most current information seems to be December 1999.

-- Halon Alternatives, Manufacturers and Equipment Vendors.

-- HARC Membership Information--At \$900/year, it's a bit pricey, but I don't think any of us need to be members, since we can still access their website.

-- Alternative Links--Links to websites that contain information on halon alternatives, fire protection, or ozone depletion--I suspect this would be the most useful section for CBHL members. The list includes businesses that provide suppression systems, U.N.Environment Program, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Fire Protection Association, etc., as well as "Stratospheric Ozone and Human Health."

UPDATE

I recently read some new information regarding plastic films. It seems that low-density polyethylene and polypropylene may develop a cloudy white bloom over time. This should not be a particular problem, as this material is inert. High-density polyethylene does not exhibit this problem, but it is translucent, rather than transparent. The biggest concern is that you be sure NOT to use cellulose acetate film.

QUESTIONS

Pens and pencils--tools of communication, tools of destruction. Everyone using libraries, whether staff, patrons, or "casual walk-throughs," carry with them, or have at their fingertips, a myriad of writing tools. We couldn't do our work or research without

them (even hardened computer users usually come attached to a writing tool!). But these wonderful implements do have hazards.

PENCILS--most conservators are great supporters of pencils, with only a few words of caution. Don't place the paper on which you are taking notes on top of the book page. The imprint of the words you write down will be impressed on the page. The problem will be intensified with a hard lead pencil.

INK-FILLED PENS-- I would not want to see any ink stains on library materials and some inks are permanent. Most library users would not be writing on books, but there is still the potential of getting ink on the pages, the greatest risk being when a person puts a new ink cartridge into the pen.

BALLPOINT PENS--removal of ballpoint pen ink stains requires major conservation treatment, costly and not always successful.

FELT-TIP PENS--these pens probably cause the greatest damage. Most contain inks with solvents that migrate, not only to the next page, but through page after page, and even through polyester film, seemingly for an infinite amount of time. Artists who have used this medium have caused enormous problems for art conservators. It is almost impossible to isolate materials with these inks from neighboring materials. How much worse if the markings are on a page of a book. An additional problem (even if the make of the pen is known) is the fact that manufacturers of these inks will not reveal their chemical make-up, making it difficult to determine the treatment for ink removal.

To avoid problems, most rare book librarians allow only pencils to be used by their patrons. I highly recommend this precaution and would even suggest having a good supply of pencils on hand to provide to users who do not carry pencils with them. Also keep a pencil sharpener in a handy location. These measures seem to me to be a small cost in order to avoid the great cost of attempting to remove these inks, often unsuccessfully.

-J.A.R. 3/2000

BOARD NEWS by Chuck Tancin, CBHL Secretary

The CBHL Board met by telephone conference on March 1, 2000. The Board decided that some CBHL documents should be put on the CBHL website for access only by member password. By Board Resolution the principal address of CBHL is now established as the **Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation**, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890.

As of February 29 CBHL's assets total \$29,459.47. The Board discussed the current budget and continuing cash flow concerns.

All preparations for the Washington Annual Meeting are progressing nicely. CBHL will have an informal opening session with announcements on Tuesday evening May 2 from 6:30-7:00 pm. Tours and site visits will begin on Wednesday morning May 3.

The CBHL Board of Directors plans to meet on Monday evening at or near the pre-meeting hotel, the Sheraton College Park.

The CBHL Strategic Planning Committee will meet Tuesday afternoon, May 2 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm at the Latham Hotel and again, all day, on Sunday, May 7, at the U.S. National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland.

The Board received reports by Board Liaison from the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit Committee; the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship Award Committee; the Nominating Committee; the Computer Consortium Committee; the Public Relations Committee; the Book Award Committee; the Electronic Communications Committee; the Publications Committee; Resources Assessment for Preservation and Access Committee (RAPAC); the Strategic Planning Committee; and the Committee on Committees. All of these will report to CBHL members in Washington at the CBHL Annual Meeting, May 3-5.

The European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (EBHL) invitation for a CBHL member to attend their May 12 meeting was noted.

Reports of plans for future CBHL Annual Meetings include: 2001 in Denver, 2002 in San

Francisco, 2003 in New York City, 2004 in Pittsburgh, and either 2005 or 2006 in Philadelphia (under discussion).

The Board discussed CBHL dues structure and a possible increase. Some of the dues' issues include attracting new members, the transition to electronic communications, and making dues and dues structure a part of strategic planning. Implementation of the strategic plan will require a new committee which uses some members -- for continuity -- from the current committee.

A discussion between Peter Hatch, head gardener at Monticello, and Susan Fugate, CBHL 2nd vice-president, resulted in the decision to make the Southern Garden History Society a one year institutional member.

-C.T.3/2000

Note: A fuller version of this Board Report can be requested from Chuck Tancin at Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Nominations

The slate of candidates for the 2000 CBHL Board of Directors' election is:

For Treasurer: (Permanent Board position)

Mary Ellen Armentrout, Librarian, Cleveland Botanical Garden Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

Doug Holland, Archivist, Missouri Botanical Garden Library, St. Louis, Missouri.

For 2nd Vice President: (4-year Board term)

Susan Fraser, Head, Information Services and Archivist, The LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

Barbara M. Pitschel, Head Librarian, Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, San Francisco, California.

Members should have received a ballot in a March mailing. If a ballot did not arrive, please contact Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin at Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS FROM INDIA

Reported by Achal Madhavan, Vedams Books International, 12A/11 W.E.Area, Post Box 2674 New Delhi 110005 India
<www.vedamsbooks.com/newbot.htm>
All prices are net, inclusive of registered airmail postage and packing.

Dictionary of Nepalese Plant Names/Keshab Shrestha. Kathmandu, 1998, xviii, 267 p., \$40 (soft cover). Details # 15573.

Environmental Hazards : Plants and People/Muhammad Iqbal, Prem Shankar Srivastava, and Tariq Omar Siddiqi. New Delhi, 2000, xii, 404 p., figs, tables, \$45 ISBN 81-239-0644-7. Details # 15580.

A Field Guide to the Common Trees and Shrubs of Sri Lanka/Mark S. Ashton, Savitri Gunatilleke, Neela de Zoysa, M.D. Dassanayake, Nimal Gunatilleke and Siril Wijesundera. Colombo, 1997, 430 p., figs., photos, \$60 ISBN 955-9114-08-5.

Flora of Great Nicobar Island/B.K. Sinha. Calcutta, 1999, 525 p., col. photographs, maps, \$55. Details # 15634.

Floristic Diversity and Conservation Strategies in India, Vol. III : In the Context of States and Union Territories/edited by V. Mudgal and P.K. Hajra. Calcutta, 1999, 1067-1621 p., Col. Plates, tables, \$70. Details # 15637.

Four Seasons Gardening in India/Aruna Ludra. Delhi, 2000, 149 p., col. photographs. \$15 . ISBN 81-7536-186-7.Details # 15620.

Neem : A Wonder Tree/edited by B.N. Gupta and K.K. Sharma. Dehra Dun, 1998, 168 p., plates, \$15 . Details # 15565.

Palms of Kerala/C. Renuka. Peechi, 1999, 75 p., col. plates, \$20 (pbk) . ISBN 81-85041-19-9. Details # 15563.

Some Beautiful Indian Climbers and Shrubs/N.L. Bor and M.B. Raizada. Reprint of revised second edition. Mumbai, 1999, 321 p., line drawings, plates, \$26 . ISBN 019562163-8.Details # 15533.

MEMBERS' NEWS March 2000

East compiled by Judith A. Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts
West compiled by Barbara M. Pitschel, Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, San Francisco, California.

FROM: Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, Hunt Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Chuck announces the publication of the Index to Scientific Names of Organisms Cited in the Linnaean Dissertations Together with a Synoptic Bibliography of the Dissertations and a Concordance for Selected Editions. Robert W. Kiger, Charlotte A. Tancin, and Gavin D. Bridson. Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, 1999. . iii, 300 pp.; 6 figs. Cloth bound, \$40.00. ISBN 0-913196-67-3. More info available at: <<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/HIBD/HI-Pub-7.html>>.

FROM: James J. White, Hunt Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Jim invites all to the Hunt Institute exhibit, "Watercolors from the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society." Forty-six watercolors by members of the Chelsea Physic Garden Florilegium Society in London will be on display. Each artwork illustrates one of the plants named or introduced by Philip Miller, Gardener of the Physic Garden for almost 50 years during the 18th century.

The list of 20th century artists exhibited includes Helen Allen, Martin Allen, Mariella Baldwin, Gillian Barlow, Valerie Bolas, Valerie Bradburn, Alison Brown, Andrew Brown, Jane Callender, Sally Crosthwaite, Si-n Dawson, Pauline Dean, Ainslie Ensom, Kate Evans, Diana Everett, Marilyn Francis, Angie Girling, Sarah Gould, Yvonne Hammond, Ianthe King, Margaret King, Monica McAllen, Barbara McLean, Shirley Ann Nunn, Wendy Alexandra Page, Juliet Percy, Masako Sasaki, Patricia Stewart-Richardson, Judi Stone, Margaret Stones, Judy Wilson.

The exhibition will be displayed from 24

April 2000 through 28 July 2000 on the 5th floor of The Hunt Library building at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The exhibition is open to the public free of charge. Further information from the Hunt at 412/268-2434.

FROM: Janet Evans, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Janet reports that McLean Library staff of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society will offer a creative new service to help gardeners cope with the frustration of frequent Internet changes and disappearing web sites. The McLean staff will help email subscribers stay on top of these changes by issuing the THE WIREDGARDENER, a FREE monthly e-mail alert service in which subscribers will receive capsule reviews of newly discovered gardening and greening websites, new books and videos in the PHS Library, news of gardening and greening events at PHS and the Philadelphia area.

Here's how to subscribe to this exciting e-mail service: 1.Send an e-mail message to LISTSERV@HSLC.ORG; 2.Leave the "subject" line blank; 3. In the body of the message, type: SUBSCRIBE WIREDGARDENER yourfirstname (space)yourlastname. Questions? Contact Janet Evans, Library Manager, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 215/988-8779 or <jevans@pennhort.org>

FROM: Judith Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge and Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

Judy reports that the Harvard Botany Libraries' website, <www.herbaria.harvard.edu/libraries>, was featured in the March issue of *Harvard University Library Notes for Library Staff*. The site was redesigned by Lisa DeCesare, Harvard Reference Librarian and Archivist. You can read the article at: <http://hul.harvard.edu/publications/library_notes/HULN1293.pdf>

FROM: Stanley Johnston, Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio.

On August 15, 1999, CBHL member Fred Janson passed away in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Born in Heibelberg, Germany, he and his wife, Walda, emigrated to Canada in 1951 where he became production manager for Neilson's Ice cream in Toronto.

After retiring at the age of 55, Mr. Janson was able to devote himself to his passion for growing, collecting and perfecting apples in his Pomona Orchards at Rockton, Ontario. He was co-founder, with Milo Gibson, of NAPEX, North American Plant Explorers, Inc. An avid book collector from youth, Mr. Janson also founded the Pomona Book Exchange specializing in pomological literature including his own publications.

After twenty years of research and writing, his monumental study of antiquarian fruit literature, *Pomona's Harvest*, was published by Timber Press in 1996. He is survived by his wife, Walda, four children and seven grandchildren.

For those of you who might be new to CBHL, *Pomona's Harvest* is one of the most detailed books ever written on the history of fruit books. Fred's widow is currently selling off his pomological library in sections. You might want to contact her to be placed on the list of those receiving catalogues. Walda Janson may be reached at 905/333-8708.

FROM: Kathy Fescemyer, Penn State University, Pennsylvania.

Kathy reports in as a new CBHL member. She is currently a librarian in Plant Sciences at the Penn State University Library, where she has been employed since last October. Kathy plans to attend her first CBHL Conference in May. Her work at Penn State is with the faculty, staff and students in Horticulture, Agronomy, Plant Pathology and those in the Biology Department working with plants.

Kathy came from the University of Oklahoma where she was Science Reference Librarian from 1997 to 1999. Previously she was at Clemson University as the Agricultural Reference Librarian. Her 1987 M.S. in Library and Information Science is from the University of Illinois where she worked as a

graduate student at the Agriculture Library. Before becoming a librarian she was an entomologist and received an M.S. in entomology from Louisiana State University.

FROM: The Kampong of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, 4013 Douglas Road, Coconut Grove, Florida.

The David Fairchild Medal was awarded in February to Sir Ghillean Prance and Lady Anne Prance. Sir Ghillean and Lady Anne received the award in honor of their courageous exploration of the Amazon River of South America, where they searched for and saved many endangered plants that benefit humankind. The award, which includes a medal and a \$5000 cash prize, was presented by Dr. Paul Alan Cox, director of the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), at a black tie award dinner. The dinner, with more than 125 guests in attendance, was in the historic Florida home of Dr. David Fairchild, one of the world's leading plant explorers and botanists and author of many articles and books about plants and gardens.

The David Fairchild Medal is given annually to a person or persons "employing ingenious conveyances and curious itineraries to traverse areas both remote and inaccessible throughout the world" in search of rare plants. The citation for Sir Ghillean and Lady Prance says that "The Prances have been willing to endure any hardship, while living in extremely primitive conditions for many years, to discover new species of rare plants. Lady Prance has extended their life-long search for new medicinal plants to improving the health of indigenous people throughout the world."

Note from the editor: Some CBHL members may remember a study trip to England in October 1989 when we visited the Royal Botanic Garden, Kew. Sir Ghillean Prance, then Director of Kew, greeted us, welcomed us, and later entertained us at a private and very elegant luncheon on the grounds of the Royal Botanic Garden. Our host librarians for that gathering were CBHL member librarians Ms. Sylvia Fitzgerald and Mr. John Flanagan.

Sir Ghillean Prance is currently President of the Linnean Society of London and Lady Anne Prance is current chair of IMPACT, a British

charity which seeks to improve nutrition and health for people living in poverty in Brazil, Bangladesh, the Philippine Islands, and other places around the world.

FROM: Kathy Allen, University of Minnesota, McGrath Library, St. Paul, Minnesota

Kathy announces the birth of her first child on January 21, a daughter named Adina Marie. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, was 21 inches long, and has a head full of hair. (Kathy also has two stepsons, ages 8 and 23.) Kathy's husband, John, and Adina will be accompanying her to Washington in May, where her CBHL friends & colleagues will get to meet them.

FROM: Richard Isaacson, University of Minnesota, Andersen Horticultural Library, Chanhassen, Minnesota

This year Richard saw publication of: *Leon C. Snyder's Trees and Shrubs for Northern Gardens*, revised edition by Richard T. Isaacson, Chanhassen, MN, Andersen Horticultural Library, 2000. 320 p., illus., \$54.95 hardbound, \$29.95 paperback. The book is distributed by and available from University of Minnesota Press. Richard says it was only four years of work, but entirely his concept, layout, and design. He comments that it is rare to be able to do what you want with a horticultural book. The work includes many favorite quotes from horticultural/natural history writers and illustrations from the Andersen Horticultural Library collection.

The year has also seen publication of the fifth edition of *Andersen Horticultural Library's Source List of Plants and Seeds*, Chanhassen, MN: Andersen Horticultural Library, 2000. The book, which was compiled by library staff and edited by Richard costs \$39.95 and is available only directly from the Library. It provides sources for 70,000 plants from more than 500 North American nurseries.

FROM: Connie Wolf, Missouri Botanical Garden Library, St. Louis, Missouri

Connie enjoyed a trip to France, Germany, Switzerland, and England accompanying

biographer Michael Long in his search for research materials on Professor George Engelmann.

FROM: Jennier Orf, Desert Botanical Garden, Richter Library, Phoenix, Arizona

Jennifer has replaced Dianne Bean as the librarian at the Desert Botanical Garden. Jennifer says that Dianne has been terrific about answering her many questions and that the CBHL email distribution list has been a real asset as well.

FROM: Sue Jensen, Alaska Botanical Garden, Anchorage, Alaska

The Anchorage Botanical Garden received an Alaska State Recreational Trails grant of \$5466 to create a brochure along with plant signage for their Lowenfels Nature Trail.

The Garden's Board of Directors has five new members working with them on a revision to the Master Plan for the Garden.

Sue also attached the Alaska Botanical Garden's event calendar for the year 2000. Although it is too lengthy to reprint in the *CBHL Newsletter*, if you are planning a visit to Anchorage, you might want to include a summertime public garden event. Email <garden@alaska.net> for details.

FROM: Valerie Easton, University of Washington, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Seattle, Washington

Heronswood Nursery in Kingston, Washington held a Hellebore Open House, which included lectures, garden touring, and a plant sale (of course!) on February 26 to benefit the Elisabeth C. Miller Library. Library staff and volunteers were on hand to help out and at the end of the day found they had raised \$3000 for new books.

By May a good part of the Miller Library catalog should be online, with its own distinct icon, as part of the University of Washington Library catalog. The Library has a new public terminal up and running where patrons can search the catalog from home, and for the first time students in other

departments on the University of Washington campus and using other University of Washington libraries have access to the Miller Library's holdings. Brian Thompson negotiated this deal with the University library system over many lengthy meetings as an ideal way for this horticultural library to finally get automated. The catalog can also be accessed through the Miller Library web page: <depts.washington.edu/hortlib>.

The staff of the Miller Library has just completed their first publication, a full color, 32 page booklet highlighting the treasures of the Library's rare book collection, entitled *Nature is Visible, Art Concealed: a Selection of Rare and Old Books from the Collections of the Elisabeth C. Miller Library*. Val sends many thanks to the Miller Charitable Foundation for funding this project. Unfortunately the library spent twice what the Foundation donated for the publication, which was a learning experience for all. Brian Thompson and Val Easton will bring copies of *Nature is Visible* to the meeting in Washington; if you just can't wait, email them at <hortlib@u.washington.edu> and they'll send one to you.

FROM: Janice Dodd, Berry Botanic Garden, Portland, Oregon

Staff members at the Berry Garden have finally finished moving office space around. Janice's office is now in the library, i.e. the living room, and the entire dining room-living room "L," including the front foyer, is dedicated library space. The vertical file has a new home in a used but very functional horizontal file and Janice's Wednesday volunteer has been entering the card catalog into the "Right On" catalog module on a fairly regular basis. Janice even managed to squeeze a library truck out of the budget for in-process items. Her Friday volunteers continue to work on both the Rae Berry and Berry Botanic Garden archives and Janice is tackling the disposal of old garden records to make some room for archival storage. Plans are to launch a scanning project soon with the hope of further on-site paper reduction.

Janice's title is now Administrative Director/Librarian. Although her time is

still only 25% library she is managing to make some progress. The long-term planning process has been completed with a slightly revised mission that includes more of a focus on native plants, which down the road will mean a Northwest Reference Center for Native Plant Information. She will keep us posted on developments. Accounting and membership still take up most of her time, but she keeps hoping, and she is happy to report that she will be joining us in Washington this year.

FROM: Barbara Pitschel, Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, Helen Crocker Russell Library, San Francisco, California

Barbara is delighted to report the very exciting piece of news that she has just hired her first full-time assistant librarian. Kathleen Fisher comes to Strybing with an MLIS and ten years of experience at San Francisco's Mercy High School. During her tenure there she moved the library from an entirely manual environment to web-accessible OPAC with 25-terminals for the students. Kathleen has combined her library career with her interest in horticulture, taking community college classes and interning at the Golden Gate Park Conservatory. She will have an opportunity to meld these two interests and to lead the Strybing library toward automation when she begins work there in June after completing her school year contract.

When CBHL visits San Francisco in 2002, you will get to see the new Library Terrace Garden, which is due to be dedicated on April 13. The garden was built in memory of Sally Heumann, for many years a Strybing board member and president, plant sale chair, strong library supporter, and Library Committee chair. Many of you met Sally when she attended a couple of CBHL annual meetings in the 1980s. The dedication will be accompanied by an exhibition of watercolors by Mary Comber Miles, artist in residence at VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Vancouver, BC. Sales of art will benefit the Terrace Garden as well as the library. This comfortable seating garden, designed by landscape architect John Northmore Roberts, features a fascinating wall of old Spanish monastery stones brought over in 1931 by William

Randolph Hearst and abandoned in Golden Gate Park and a stone fountain crafted by master stonemason Edwin Hamilton. The children's alcove looks out on the new garden. As well as being a wonderful outdoor space, the Terrace Garden's door can be opened sometimes in good weather to permit holding special story readings and orientations during library hours without disrupting the reading room. It will also be a great addition to the annual library benefit and other library events.

On a personal note, Barbara Pitschel and her husband, Roland, were the recipients of an award from the Trust for Public Land for their nearly 30 years of volunteer park stewardship of a hilltop near their home where they have been leading work parties to help preserve and restore the indigenous grassland vegetation.

FROM: Connie Buxton, Ganna Walska Lotusland, Santa Barbara, California

Connie alerts us that Lotusland is planning to host its first conference in June. Plans are still being completed at newsletter deadline, so contact Connie at 1-805/969-3767 x227 if you would like to receive the details.

FROM: Joan DeFato, The Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Plant Sciences Library, Arcadia, California

Joan has decided to join genealogy expert Bea Beck, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California for a week of research in April in Salt Lake City, Utah. Joan will be looking for records of her relatives from the early 1800s in eastern Tennessee.

FROM: Gayle Bradbeer, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado

Susan Eubank, DBG, called to say Elizabeth May arrived last night, March 30, at 8:30 p.m. She weighs in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. and is 20 inches long. All is well and they are resting after a long day. Susan sounds great and the family sounds well and happy.

-B.P.3/2000

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Compiled by Rita Hassert, Sterling Morton Library, Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois

May 3-6, 2000. Beltsville, Maryland. The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL) Annual Meeting.

<<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/cbhl>>

May 10-12, 2000. Botanical Garden and Museum, Berlin-Dahlem, Germany. European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL) Annual Meeting.

<<http://www.ub.gu.se/Gb/ebhl/home.htm>>

May 14-15, 2000. Baltimore, Maryland. Association of Systematics Collection (ASC) Annual Meeting. "Information, Technology and Partnerships—Natural History Collections in the New Millennium." A national conference for all stakeholders in natural history institutions. <<http://www.ascoll.org>>

June 25-30, 2000. Asheville, North Carolina. World Botanic Gardens Congress. The American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) Annual Conference will be integrated with the Center for Plant Conservation (CPC) Annual Meeting, and the 6th International Botanic Gardens Conservation Congress (BGCC). <<http://www.ncarboretum.org/congress2000/congress.htm>>

July 6-12, 2000. Chicago. American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference.

<<http://www.ala.org>>

August 6-10, 2000. Portland, Oregon. Botanical Society of America (BSA) Annual Meeting. <<http://www.botany.org>>

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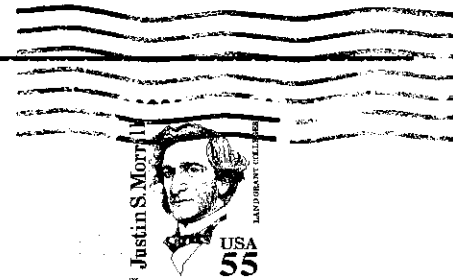
British Jungle Explorers Awarded Prestigious Medal in Miami

MIAMI, FL (February 1, 2000) - The David Fairchild Medal, world's most prestigious prize for plant exploration, was recently awarded to Sir Ghillean Prance and Lady Anne Prance of England. The photograph shown here, of Sir Ghillean and Lady Anne, was taken at the dinner in their honor at The Kampong, U.S. National Tropical Botanical Garden, Coconut Grove, Florida. The Medal is accompanied by a \$5,000 cash prize and was presented by Dr. Paul Alan Cox, director of the U.S. National Tropical Botanical Garden. - Complete story page 8, inside -



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