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"Dear Friends and Colleagues,
You may think that you know why I've got this big grin, after all, receiving the Long Award is a Big Deal! However, this is cropped from a photograph that Marca Woodhams took before the dinner and presentation, at the reception at the U.S. National Arboretum. The smile is because I was so happy that 1) it wasn't raining, 2) the buses were on time, and 3) you (at least a bunch of you) came for the 32nd Annual Meeting. My cup was full then, but receiving the Charles Robert Long Award later that evening made it runneth over indeed.

"To receive such an honor from peers is without precedent in my professional life, and a unique occasion in my personal experience. I value CBHL for what you've taught me, for the wonderful gardens and libraries we've visited, and for the people I've met throughout the years. From my first meeting in Denver in 1978 it's been wonderfully different and differently wonderful every year. Diverse, enriching, empowering.

"I wish each of you continued success in your careers, happiness in your choices, and always the blessing of good health. Long may CBHL live! and as long as I live, I'll remember Bob Long -- and treasure the honor that you have given me. Thank you.

"With appreciation and affection,
Jane Gates."



From: Kathy Allen, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

"I've had many inquiries about my family's condition from fellow CBHLer's who were at the annual meeting and I just wanted to let everyone know that they're all right. The baby is here on my lap trying to help me type--with her nose!

"John & baby Adina had just left to join us at the banquet when their car was broadsided on the driver's side by an SUV. The side of the car was pushed into the middle, right up to Adina's car seat (which, thank God, we had decided to move from the side to the middle of the back seat). She had lots of little cuts all over her head & legs from flying glass & a big bruise on the side of her head. She was kept overnight at Children's Hospital, had x-rays & a CT scan, & was pronounced fine. John was battered & bruised & couldn't laugh for a week without great pain, but was x-rayed when we returned & is also fine. Marca's* husband, Jim, was kind enough to take me to the hospital just when dinner was being served. Thank you Jim! And thanks to the many who have expressed concern and to those who have quietly been waiting to hear."

*Marca Woodhams, Smithsonian Institution.

From the President

After the effervescence of all the meetings and the excitement of all the visits, workshops and presentations at our recent annual meeting in Washington, D.C., I returned home full of enthusiasm upon assuming the presidency of this wonderful and dynamic organization, the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL).

Although I must admit to being a bit frightened when faced with the myriad new challenges our profession and our organization will have to address in the coming year. After a three-year cycle of looking at "The Past, the Present and the Future" I think we are ready to go forward into the already existent future.

No big bug -- just a virus or two I gather -- infected us in the Y2K, but we can't deny the importance and omnipresence of information in our society. That is a challenge in itself, observing how our job and the materials we are dealing with are changing and evolving.

Preservation and the sharing and accessibility of resources are core values that were discussed in the recent work of the Strategic Planning Committee. This process is helping us define what this organization is and should be at the beginning of this new century.

The strategic plan that will be finally outlined in the upcoming year will also challenge us to meet new expectations. What are the things that need to be done? And we show creativity about how we will do them.

Another challenge awaiting us as an organization is not only staying where we are and knowing where we want to be, but also how we want to grow and with whom. Meeting with many of our partners from the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) and from the American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) next summer in Denver will be a step toward asserting ourselves as the leader organization we claim we want to be in the world of botanical and horticultural information.

Adding one member at a time, including another professional or anyone interested in our field to our meetings, involving one member in a committee -- these are all actions that we will have to take collectively when implementing the strategic plan, but that we can initiate immediately on an individual level.

Look at yourself: Are you active? Why not? What are your expectations from our organization if you are not taking part in its shaping and activities?

Look around you at your institution or at other institutions with which you are dealing professionally. Have they heard about us? Would they be interested in becoming members?

Like any professional organization, CBHL is all about people -- people who cooperate, who volunteer, who take up new challenges.

Are you ready?

Celine Arseneault
CBHL President 2000-2001, Botanist/Librarian
Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec.

What's New on the CBHL Website by Charlotte
'Chuck' Tancin, webmaster.

A number of additions were recently made to the CBHL website:

<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/cbhl/>

In the public webpages there's new information on the Annual Literature Award, the GAC InterLibrary Loan Policy, Jane Gates' receipt of the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit, and the full text of five papers from the CBHL part of the IBC symposium. In the members-only section, you can find a revised draft of the strategic plan, minutes from recent Board meetings, and the Annual Meeting evaluation report from 2000. We also hope to add some photos from the Washington, D.C. Annual Meeting.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Council on Botanical & Horticultural Libraries, Inc. in Washington, D.C. and Beltsville, Maryland on May 3 - 5, 2000.

The 1st session of the CBHL Business Meeting was convened May 3, 2000 at the Smithsonian Ripley Center, Washington, D.C. President David Lane opened the meeting and officers were introduced. The meeting hosts were introduced and thanked to applause. Suzi Tegtmeyer, Paul Evans Fruit Science Library, Southern Missouri State University, Mountain Grove, Missouri was appointed 'Parliamentarian' for this business meeting.

The minutes from the 1999 business meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico were approved as published in the July 1999 Newsletter.

First-time attendees were introduced: Beth Deger, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas; Kathy Fescemyer, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Stephen Sinon, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York; Charles Williams and Lydia Williams, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, North Carolina; Michele Meyers, Herb Society of America, Kirtland, Ohio; Kenneth Hayward, Quail Botanical Gardens, Encinitas, California; Debra Rodensky, Walt Disney World Horticulture Resource Center, Lake Buena Vista, Florida; Helen Page, Australian Garden History Society, Williamstown, Victoria; Judy Wanner, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario; Marina Princz, VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver, British Columbia; Dianne Ford, Niche Gardens Nursery, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Donna Herendeen, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

Past officers were recognized and so were past annual meeting hosts.

The first Annual Literature Award was announced. Kathy Allen, committee chair, reported that it was a tough choice, but the winner was *Native American Ethnobotany* by Dr. Daniel Moerman. The publisher, Timber Press, was also recognized and Dr. Moerman read a letter from Timber Press thanking the author and CBHL. It was also announced that CBHL President David Lane has generously donated \$1000 to endow the award.

Board and committee reports were postponed in favor of news and announcements from members. The session was closed.

The 2nd session of the CBHL Business Meeting was convened May 4, 2000 at the National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD, opening with the President's gavel and then the Secretary's report.

Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, reported that 96 ballots had been received for the election of officers and that the votes were tallied and verified by the Treasurer and the results reported to Rita Hassert, Chair, Nominating Committee. 43 proxies were also received. The *Board Procedure Manual* was updated in April 2000, replacement pages are being distributed, and the entire *Manual* along with the *Meeting Manual* is now accessible on the CBHL website for members only with password protection.

Finally, she reported that in the past year the Board had passed four resolutions which she read for the record:

RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) designates the principal address of the organization to be changed to the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890, effective January 1, 2000. (Approved by e-mail vote in October 1999 and affirmed by voice resolution on March 1, 2000.)

RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. accepts, with gratitude, the donation of \$1050.00 from David Lane for the establishment of the CBHL Annual Literature Award. The Board directs the Treasurer to purchase a \$1000 Certificate of Deposit, thereby establishing an endowment, the annual proceeds of which are to be used to support the Award. The Board further directs the Treasurer to deposit the remaining \$50 in an operating account for the purpose of paying for expenses associated with the Award for the year 2000. (Approved by e-mail vote in April 2000.)

RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. authorizes an expenditure, not to exceed \$100, to register a domain name for the CBHL Website for a 2-year period. It further authorizes CBHL member Brenda Oakley of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to handle this registration in the name of

The Council and it instructs the Treasurer to reimburse Brenda Oakley for the cost of the registration. (Approved by e-mail vote in April 2000.)

RESOLVED, The Board of Directors of CBHL instructs the Secretary to prepare and submit, after review and approval of the Board, a summary of the minutes of all Board meetings to be published, as submitted, in the Newsletter. The Board furthermore instructs the Secretary to post the complete minutes on the CBHL web site "Members Only" section. Any member wishing to receive a hard copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Board and unable to access and print them from the Web, may request a copy from the Secretary. (Approved 6:15 p.m. by voice vote, May 2, 2000.)
The report was approved.

John F. Reed, The New York Botanical Garden, then gave the Treasurer's report. Last year the membership voted to cap the Founders Fund account at \$12,500 and the Charles Robert Long Award account at \$8500. This has been done with Certificates of Deposit in the approved amount purchased in the name of CBHL. A \$1000 Certificate of Deposit for the Annual Literature Award and a \$4000 Certificate of Deposit holding operating funds have also been purchased. The end of year balance was reported as \$30,579.32.

He explained the financial statement and the coming year's proposed budget. He noted that we budget for what we anticipate will be needed and expressed concern that our operating costs are not carried by our earned income. CBHL should not become dependent on the annual meetings for income. John then answered questions asked from the floor and the report was approved.

Susan Fugate, National Agricultural Library, gave the 2nd Vice-President's report. Current membership numbers in 2000 are as follows: Individual members: 75 current, 7 new; Institutional members: 70 current (with 118 representatives), 6 new (with 11 representatives); Retiree members: 20 current, 1 new; Student members: 4 current, 2 new; Total persons: 217 current, 21 new, 72 not yet renewed.

Celine Arseneault, Montreal Botanical Garden, gave the 1st Vice-President's report. As Board liaison to this year's Annual Meeting hosts, she noted that the

hosts did not require much assistance from the Board after the November Board meeting and they did a wonderful job. Also, as Board liaison to and member of the Annual Literature Award Committee, she asked attendees to applaud Kathy Allen's work.

David Lane, University of New Hampshire, gave the President's report, using overhead transparencies to illustrate his remarks about work done cooperatively and collaboratively by meeting hosts, the Board, committees and individuals to enable CBHL to achieve its goals.

Rita Hassert, The Morton Arboretum, gave the Past President's report, noting that her 4 years on the Board went by quickly and that it was a pleasure to serve and encouraging CBHL members to consider serving on the Board or on Committees.

The Board reports were followed by more news and announcements ending the second session.

The 3rd session of the CBHL Business Meeting was convened May 4, 2000 at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Beltsville, MD and began with a strategic planning discussion. David Lane, CBHL president, opened the meeting session.

Strategic Planning: Committee chair Chuck Tancin gave an overview of progress to date, and an introduction to the April 2000 draft plan. The mission and core values statements were approved by the membership.

Then Don Wheeler, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York moderated the ensuing discussion about the draft. Of the 5 goals in the draft all but goal 5 were passed, some with minor modifications. A new goal focusing on access to collections and resources was added, with its wording still to be resolved. The additional discussion about methods outlined for achieving goals led to further modifications. The decision was made to drop the third level of detail given in the draft.

The **vision** statement was approved at the May 1999 business meeting:

The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) is the leading professional organization in the field of botanical and horticultural information services.

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The **mission** statement was approved at the May 2000 business meeting:

The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.(CBHL) believes in the critical importance of collecting, preserving, and making accessible the accumulated knowledge about plants for present and future generations. Therefore, CBHL provides an organizational framework and an active forum for institutions and individuals concerned with fostering the advancement of botanical and horticultural information and information services.

The **core values** statement was approved at the May 2000 business meeting:

The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.(CBHL) is committed to:

- the collection, preservaton and dissemination of botanical and horticultural information
- an open and flexible organizational environment
- an active and diverse membership
- communication, cooperation and collaboration
- professionalism
- leadership

These **five goals** were passed at the May 2000 business meeting:

- Goal 1.Encourage and facilitate resource sharing.
- Goal 2.Promote long-term preservation of botanical and horticultural informational materials and resources.
- Goal 3.Promote access to botanical and horticultural informational materials and resources.
- Goal 4.Advance the professional development of members.
- Goal 5.Facilitate the administration of CBHL.

Chuck Tancin thanked the participants, and said that now the committee would be able to use their input to revise the draft plan in the upcoming May 7th planning meeting.

This discussion was followed by committee reports, given by the committee chairs unless otherwise noted.

Annual Literature Award: Kathy Allen, University of Minnesota/St. Paul, reported that the first award winner was chosen from among 17 works nominated by 7 individuals.

She named the committee members: Celine Arseneault; Valerie Easton, University of Washington; Patricia Jonas, Brooklyn Botanic Garden; Carol Line, University of California graduate student; Bradford Lyon, Elisabeth Woodburn, Books; and David Lane who was Board liaison for the first year, now replaced by Celine Arseneault.

Brad Lyon's copies of the nominated works for this year, along with Celine's copy of *Gentry's Rio Mayo Plants* (one of the nominees), are being donated to CBHL to raffle off to annual meeting attendees; Brad has offered to donate her copies next year for another raffle.

The logo developed for the award will be given to the publisher for Public Relations use and Celine and Pat Jonas will work with the Public Relations Committee to develop and distribute a press release. Titles to nominate for next year's award can be submitted to the committee; a list will be posted on the CBHL website.

Audit:Co-chair Brad Lyon reported that CBHL's financial records are in good order.

Charles Robert Long Award of Merit and Computer Consortium Committees: Deferred.

Electronic Communications: Stanley Johnston, Holden Arboretum, reported that currently the committee's two main activities are maintenance of an online distribution list and a website. The former, maintained by Bernadette Callery, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has 105 members with 21 new and 9 dropped out in the past year. From July 1999 through April 2000, there were 453 messages sent, an average of 45/month. The list is working well at this point.

The purpose of the website is both for internal CBHL communication and to promote CBHL and its member organizations and libraries to others. The website is maintained by Chuck Tancin. In the next year or so Janet Evans, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, will take over as webmaster. Updates to the current site should be sent to Chuck; suggestions for revising the site should be sent to Janet. Also, Brenda Oakley, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, was authorized by the Board to purchase a domain name cbhl.net for the next two years.

Founders Fund Travel Fellowship: Chuck Tancin reported that one application was received by the deadline and the travel fellowship was awarded to Michele Meyers, Herb Society of America, Kirtland, Ohio. One additional application was received after the deadline.

Membership: Gayle Bradbeer, Denver Botanic Gardens, Chair of the Committee was absent so the report was given by Celine Arseneault. The committee recommends posting the *CBHL Membership Directory* on the members-only section of the website for one year as an experiment; Celine volunteered to do the work. Stan Johnston interjected an objection, saying that the Electronic Communications Committee is opposed to this for privacy reasons. David Lane asked to turn the issue over to the Committee on Committees for discussion the next day.

The Membership Committee is setting up a process to orient new members, including new contacts from member organizations. Members may contact Janice Dodd, Berry Botanic Garden; Brad Lyon; Akram Pari, Lloyd Library and Museum; Debra Rodensky, Walt Disney World; or Celine if interested in helping with this. Also, the committee will follow up on non-renewals.

Nominating: Rita Hassert named the committee members for 1999-2000. They are Mindy Bodenhamer, Birmingham Botanical Gardens; Laurie Hannah, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden; Richard Isaacson, Andersen Horticultural Library; Carol Line, U.California Graduate school student; and Judy Reed, New York Botanical Garden. Rita then announced the results of the election: Barbara Pitschel, Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, is the new 2nd Vice-President and Mary Ellen Armentrout, Cleveland Botanical Garden, is the Treasurer Elect. Rita thanked all four of the candidates for running for office.

The committee reports were followed by more news and announcements, ending the third session.

The 4th session of the CBHL Business Meeting was convened May 5, 2000 at the U.S. National Arboretum, Washington, D.C. and committee reports were resumed.

Public Relations: Rita Hassert reported that in March the committee sent 325 letters to

potential members. A smaller mailing was sent to booksellers and publishers. There has been positive response to both mailings.

Other activities under consideration:

-- If CBHL members are attending other professional meetings, they could request CBHL brochures from Gayle Bradbeer to take along.

-- Press releases will be sent out about the Annual Literature Award, and it will be posted on the CBHL website.

-- Celine Arseneault plans to write an article for the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) Newsletter in view of the upcoming Annual Meeting; there has been some interest in a special botanical/horticultural libraries' issue in *The Public Garden*, the quarterly of AABGA.

-- CBHL members are asked to link from their institutional websites to the CBHL website.

-- A seal will be made to put on library copies of each publication that wins the Annual Literature Award.

Publications: Barbara Pitschel acknowledged the work of Jane Cole and Gayle Bradbeer, both absent from this year's meeting. This large committee is responsible for three things: the *Newsletter*, the *Membership Directory* and the *Membership Brochure*. There is some collaboration with other committees, facilitated by the Committee on Committees.

Rita Hassert will coordinate work on a new *Membership Brochure*, aiming to have it ready by November 2000 so that it can be mailed with membership renewal notices.

The *Membership Directory* is published every year after the Annual Meeting. Gayle Bradbeer will work on this and will include institutional indexes with multiple entries and cross-references as needed and geographic indexes, with proofreading assistance from committee members.

Valerie Easton, University of Washington, is stepping down as book review editor. Rita Hassert will be responsible for horticulture reviews; Kathy Allen for botanical reviews; Nancy McCray, Chicago Botanic Garden, for juvenile titles; and Stanley Johnston for historical and bibliographical works. Barbara Pitschel is stepping down as news editor from the West, and Valerie Easton and Brian Thompson, University of Washington,

will take over that job. Judy Warnement, Harvard University, will continue editing news from the East.

Jane Cole was thanked in absentia for her work as Newsletter editor, to applause. The next Newsletter deadline is June 15, 2000. The cost of the printed newsletter is \$600-\$1200 per issue. A show of hands indicating preference of paper or electronic format yielded an approximately 50/50 vote. The idea of producing the Newsletter by photocopying rather than printing was raised, but Judith Reed noted that photocopy is not as permanent as printed copy.

There is discussion of having advertisements in the Newsletter and also of adding more graphics. Some members might be available to assist Jane Cole in this area. It was also suggested that all WEB Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) be printed in bold type. Selected discussions from the online distribution list may be published in the Newsletter. Additional ideas for the Publications Committee are welcome. Any budget implications must be submitted to the Board in time for the fall Board meeting. Finally, Barbara asked anyone interested in co-chairing the committee to contact her.*

[* In response to the call for a co-chair, Judy Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, volunteered and has been accepted as the new Publications Committee chair, freeing Barbara for her new Board responsibilities.]

Resource Assessment for Preservation and Access (RAPAC): Don Wheeler, New York Botanical Garden, gave an overview of the committee's activities since its formation four years ago. The committee exists to explore means of preserving collections and providing access to them. In August 1999 CBHL sponsored a symposium and posters at the XVI International Botanical Congress and five of the papers are currently posted on the CBHL website. Chuck Tancin will write a two to three page article introducing the papers and will try to get the article and URL for the papers published. A press release will also be prepared and distributed. RAPAC has discussed further activity to promote preservation internationally.

The committee has been working on a survey

of non-book collection material in CBHL libraries. They are now working on getting as many CBHL members as possible to respond to the survey. One goal of this project is the production of a guide to CBHL non-book collections. A follow-up survey will be conducted next and will include a glossary to ensure accurate reporting.

Computer Consortium: Laurie Hannah reported on the use of the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Group Access Capability (GAC) for InterLibrary Loan noting that CBHL promotes free lending when possible within the constraints of institutional guidelines and restrictions. When sending OCLC loan requests to GAC members the requester should type in "CBHL GAC" in the "Affiliation" space on the loan form, and under "Borrowing notes" should add "We reciprocate with CBHL libraries."

Laurie Hannah, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California, and Akram Pari, Lloyd Library, Cincinnati, Ohio, co-chairs, will continue to work with the committee by e-mail. A small directory of GAC members was compiled, including information on collections, and will be posted on the CBHL website for members-only access. Also, yearly statistics will be available for 2000.

The committee has decided to evolve into a resource sharing committee which will help to fulfill the first goal of the strategic plan. Don Wheeler and Laurie will discuss the proposed BIOSIS (Biological Abstracts, Incorporated) consortium mentioned during news and announcements. Laurie noted that she would like the committee to be more proactive than just an access group.

Mary Ellen Armentrout promoted the LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing) group which provides free lending and borrowing among numerous libraries and suggested this might be a way to expand the current GAC function.

Committee on Committees: David Lane reported that this new committee, which includes all committee chairs, discussed five action items: 1) Setting up guidelines to schedule committee meetings in the future; 2) the role of this committee in implementing the action plan that will emerge from the strategic planning process; 3) revision of the membership brochure, which

will be coordinated by Rita Hassert;
4) provision of the membership directory in print and/or online, about which David will coordinate discussion in the coming year;
and 5) discussion of how new committees come into being.

Also, at this committee's meeting it was agreed that the digital library committee suggested by Connie Wolf will be pursued as part of the existing RAPAC.

Charles Robert Long Award of Merit: Deferred until the Friday banquet. Please see page 9.

Following the committee reports, there were reports on future annual meetings.

2001 - Denver Botanic Gardens in cooperation with the American Association of Botanical Gardens & Arboreta (AABGA), Denver, Colorado.

Susan Eubank reported that the CBHL meeting will be held July 11-15, 2001 as a joint meeting with the AABGA and the American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) with over 1000 total participants. She handed out a sheet to elicit input on topics for meeting programming, particularly topics that would appeal to a wide audience. She and Gayle Bradbeer are still discussing how much joint activity we will have with the other groups and noted that many pre- and post-conference tours are planned, most with AABGA. Wednesday of that week will be the day for our concurrent program sessions with the other groups.

2002 - Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, San Francisco, California.

Barbara Pitschel reported that the meeting will be held during the week of April 7, 2002 and will likely focus on topics such as marketing, outreach, and access. She has numerous ideas for tours.

2003 - The New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and the Horticultural Society of New York, New York.

John Reed reported that the meeting will be held in May 2003. There has been one planning meeting held so far and the hosts are interested in ideas for programming.

2004 - Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Chuck Tancin had no report but noted that she and her colleagues are looking forward to welcoming CBHL members to Pittsburgh in 2004.

2005 - The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Janet Evans reported that the meeting will be held sometime between April and June. A letter of invitation will be forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS:

Charlotte Tancin reported that CBHL member Anne Lubrecht is representing CBHL at the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL) annual meeting in Berlin next week. Appreciation was expressed for Anne's willingness to attend the EBHL meeting and for EBHL's extending the opportunity for a CBHL member to attend and to have the registration fee waived. CBHL extended a similar offer to EBHL, but this year we have no one from the group attending our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) John Reed proposed a dues increase, citing the need for more operating funds. He noted that if we raise the dues \$10 across the board, it would increase the operating budget approximately \$2000 per year and for every additional \$5 increase, we would see a \$1000 increase in operating funds.

David Lane asked John for a recommendation, and John recommended a dues increase of \$15 across the board, which would improve our situation for the next several years. After discussion John then suggested the following dues increase:

- \$10 for individuals to \$55/year
- \$20 for institutions to \$105/year
- \$10 for students & retirees to \$35/year

This increase would generate approximately \$2900/year.

Nadia Aufderheide, The Holden Arboretum, and Chuck Tancin both noted that the strategic plan will likely result in development of one or more new membership categories, but that a dues increase could be implemented now. A vote was taken and the dues increase was approved.

2) Jane Cole had sent a new business item to David Lane, president, prior to the meeting,

regarding memorials for members who have died and who were important contributors in the field of botanical or horticultural literature in the past 30 years since CBHL was founded. Jane wondered whether someone might volunteer to compile a brief listing of who these people are/were in the context of CBHL. Chuck Tancin added that we should be careful about judging the relative importance of anyone's contributions, but that it's a good idea to increase everyone's awareness and especially that of new members. There was a call for volunteers and Suzi Teghtmeyer volunteered to take on this project, to applause.

3)The CBHL archives are housed at The New York Botanical Garden and a finding aid is available on the CBHL website. However, until now there has been no one to assume responsibility for ongoing processing of this collection. A call was issued for anyone in the New York area who might have an interest in working with the archives, and Susan Fraser, New York Botanical Garden, volunteered, to applause.

Following the old and new business, thanks were given to our meeting hosts, and small gifts of \$100 checks were accepted by Susan Fugate for the National Agricultural Library, Marca Woodhams for the Smithsonian Institution, and Ann McIntire for the U. S. National Arboretum. The hosts and their staff received a standing ovation.

Meeting attendees also applauded Suzi Teghtmeyer for her services as Parliamentarian in the past few days. David Lane's gavel, a gift from Rita Hassert, was given to incoming President Celine Arseneault, who said that David would be a tough act to follow. Celine then asked the new Board members, Barbara Pitschel and Mary Ellen Armentrout, to join the Board. She expressed our collective gratitude for these new energies and there was applause from all for Rita as she left the Board. The gavel was brought down, and the meeting came to an end.

Minutes submitted by Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin
CBHL Secretary, June 16, 2000.

The Charles Robert Long Award of Merit committee announcement came during the banquet on Friday May 5 at the U.S.National Arboretum. The Award of Merit was presented to Jane Potter Gates, U.S.

National Agricultural Library, to a thunderous ovation. Connie Wolf, Missouri Botanical Garden, presented the Award and thanked the committee.

Here is the text read by Connie as the award was conferred:

"This Award is presented in remembrance of Charles Robert Long, New York Botanical Garden Librarian and longtime CBHL member, who was committed to the advancement of botanical libraries and literature.

"Jane, we present this award in honor of your outstanding contribution and meritorious service to CBHL and the field of botanical and horticultural libraries and literature.

"You served CBHL through active participation as President, Secretary for eleven years, productive Chair and member of many committees, Annual Meeting Host, mentor, and good friend.

"You served the entire field of botanical and horticultural libraries through CBHL participation; your work at the Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens and the U.S.National Agricultural Library; and your contributions to the publication of the *CBHL Nursery and Seed Catalogs: A Directory of Collections*, 1985 (Revised 1990).

"The members of CBHL recognize and applaud your many contributions to the success of CBHL and Botanical Librarianship. As a token of our recognition, we present you with this Mattioli print and are making a contribution to the Sustainable Agricultural Research and Education Program (SAREP) in your name."

Annual Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, May 2, Preconference Workshop, National Agricultural Library, Preservation:

reported by Brenda Oakley, Head, Science Library, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York.

It's hard to cover preservation in four hours, but Judith Reed, Conservation Librarian at The LuEsther T. Mertz Library, New York Botanical Garden, made an impressive stab at it in an information-packed presentation. Judy is part of the resident CBHL brain trust and she has a wealth of experience in this area.

Having a solid, up-to-date conservation survey and disaster plan in place and implementing preservation in a phased approach over time was the significant advice I personally took away from this talk. Judy's approach is clearly based upon many years of experience, research, and documentation in the field. Most of us feel daunted by the task of doing any type of survey of our collections, but it is a really smart approach that can save time and heartache down the road. While broad surveys clearly aren't for every situation, it is recommended to begin any overall program with a survey. Many grant agencies require a survey before consideration for funding.

It occurred to me during the presentation that the survey is also a great focusing tool. It requires a rather methodical top-down approach, which is an exercise most of us probably do continually in our heads. Extremely valuable stuff to get down on paper and organize into a plan. Documenting your collections' condition, handling, and environment -- what better way to feel directed and in control of projects which can be overwhelming! We all know that having this information gathered and ready to flip open at a moment's notice is a way to impress -- or remind -- administrators when you get the unexpected opportunity.

Disaster plans are similar in that their preparation requires knowing facts that we truly need to know whether we're ever hit with a tornado or not. The information in both documents will prove invaluable for successors. So, think about an overall approach before getting bogged down or seduced into collection-level or item-specific treatments. Once a survey is in place, the phased approach to conservation unfolds more logically and naturally. No need to mention your own stress reduction. Phasing projects also fits well with most institutional budgeting requirements.

Judy shared many terrific suggestions and insights about daily operations. Just a few examples:

Take photos of your environment - it is a great way to document existing conditions and change. Include them in surveys.

Get to know your building, its mechanics, and your building engineer.

Use local conservators when possible; the relationship and continuity are valuable.

Test HVAC vents for debris by taping a thin polyester filter over the vent. Sooty results make a great show-and-tell if you need to prove the point.

Question supply vendors on what they mean by 'archival'; like 'organic' the term is often misused in marketing.

Photographs should not be stored in buffered containers, but rather in pH neutral containers. Around photographs, buffering agents can have damaging effects.

Digitization still isn't preservation; stay tuned for higher standards and developments.

If you haven't yet seen Judy's paper "Why Should We Maintain Original Source Material; What Are The Alternatives?" presented at the XVI International Botanical Congress (IBC) in St. Louis last year, it is on the CBHL home page

<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/re ed.html>

along with other CBHL papers from IBC.

Tuesday, May 2, Preconference workshop, National Agricultural Library, Reference Resources:

reported by Rita Hassert, Sterling Morton Library, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois.

CBHL pre-conference meeting attendees who signed up for the Workshop on Reference and Information Resources were delighted with dynamic presentations by Dr. James Reveal, Botany Professor Emeritus, University of Maryland, College Park and Dr. Dan Nicolson, Botany Curator, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Botany/horticulture web accessible sites and print resources were described and reviewed by our two intrepid leaders.

Dr. Reveal's presentation highlighted a variety of web-based botany reference sources. Beginning at www.inform.umd.edu/PBIO/FindIT/brrl.html

our group was led through a vast array of web sites featuring botanical and biological information. Poisonous plants, a carnivorous plant database, and resources on plant diseases were included. The web sites draw

together a vast array of resources and are well worth a look and a bookmark for future reference.

Dr. Nicolson's presentation focused on print resources in botany. He described a number of botanical indexes, directories, dictionaries and guides. *Index Londinensis*, *Index Kewensis*, Mabberley's *The Plant Book* and Rickett's *Wild Flowers of the United States* were among the works presented. At the end of the session Dr. Nicolson encouraged attendees to share information on additional resources.

Some familiar resources were presented in this workshop, but one of the pleasures was the discovery of a new or seldom-used web site or book!

Tuesday, May 2, 6pm "Get Acquainted Book Bazaar and Reception" at the Latham Hotel

reported by Brian Thompson, Center For Urban Horticulture, Seattle, Washington.

The first general event of the 2000 CBHL conference was the Book Bazaar and Reception held Tuesday night in the ballroom at the Latham Hotel. A delightful evening, it gave everyone a chance to greet and catch-up with their friends and meet new colleagues while nibbling on various pastas and veggies and sipping a favorite drink from the bar.

The event was sponsored by CBHL member booksellers and publishers. Around the perimeter of the room were many tempting offerings of new publications, antiquarian books and useful search tools.

Susan Fugate, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD and Pamela Andre' welcomed us all, and introduced our Washington, D.C. host librarians. Also on hand for a round of applause were representatives from Washington D.C. Accommodations who assisted our hosts with hotel arrangements.

All in all it was a fun time and a great way to set the tone of the conference.

Bookseller/publisher sponsors of the event were CBHL members Richard Isaacson, Andersen Horticultural Library at Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen, MN; Eugene Vigil, Antiquariat Botanicum, Beltsville, MD; Rick Blanchette, Ball Publishing, Batavia, IL; Joanne Fuccello and Bradford Lyon, Elisabeth

Woodburn Books, Hopewell, NJ; Sally Williams, Garden Literature Press, Boston, MA; Todd Bludeau, IDC Publishers Inc., New York, NY; Robert Fraker & Lillian Fraker, Savoy Books, Lanesboro, MA; and Keith Crotz, American Botanist, Chillicothe, IL.

Publications Committee reported by Barbara Pitschel, chair, Strybing Arboretum Society Library, San Francisco, California.

The CBHL Publications Committee met on Tuesday, May 2, from 8 to 9 pm. A report of its activities appears in the minutes of the business meeting.

The most important new news is that, since I have joined the Board, I have stepped down from chairing this committee. Judy Warnement, whom you all know as members' news east reporter and host of the wonderful 1998 CBHL annual meeting at Harvard, is the new committee chair and she is already doing a great job.

Wednesday, May 3, Library of Congress, 9 am tour

reported by Judith Reed, LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

On Wednesday, May 3, members of CBHL toured both the Jefferson and the Madison Buildings of the Library of Congress. Very able and informative guides led us through the Jefferson Building, generally considered to be the most beautiful public building in America. Among the many facts revealed during the tour we learned that all fifty artists whose work decorates the building were Americans; the oldest artifact is a Sumerian tablet; the largest is the Audubon folio; the smallest is the 1/25" high book of Old King Cole; the most precious is a 3-volume vellum-bound copy of the Gutenberg Bible. We were told about the statues surrounding the dome of the main reading room (which we are all entitled to use). In parting our guide pointed out the murals just outside the reading room. Above the door is a scene representing "Ideal Government"; to the left is "Corrupt Legislation"; to the right is "Good Administration."

Our tour of the Madison Building included a visit to the Preservation Directorate facilities and a presentation about the National Digital Library (NDL). After the

Director of the Preservation Unit had welcomed us, we were taken to both the paper and book conservation studios, where staff described the work they carry out. The presenter for the National Digital Library used a large screen to describe and illustrate what kinds of information can be found and how to move around to find the information one was seeking. Although time did not allow for many questions, all of the presenters urged us to contact them with queries in the future.

Speaker: Hugh Phibbs, National Gallery of Art, spoke about, and showed

examples of, unusual support constructions and designs for book displays and exhibits in libraries and gardens.

May 3, Smithsonian Institution

visit reported by Barbara M. Pitschel, head librarian, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, San Francisco, California.

Wednesday, May 3, was an unbelievably event-filled day at the CBHL annual meeting. During the morning, our group visited the Library of Congress, including presentations from two conservation curators and a tour of the gloriously-renovated public areas. In the afternoon, information-packed tours of two gardens, an orchid exhibition, and two libraries preceded a lovely outdoor reception in the Enid Haupt Garden.

Nancy Bechtol, Chief of the Horticulture Services Division of the Smithsonian Institution hosted the reception and provided the staff who were tour guides to the Smithsonian gardens and libraries.

Tours of two of the Smithsonian's 19 branch libraries, the Botany and Horticulture Libraries, were conducted by their librarians - Ruth Schallert, Botany Branch and Marca Woodhams, Horticulture Branch - both of whom are active CBHL members and hosts for the Annual Meeting.

The Smithsonian Botany Library opened during the winter of 1964-65, and Ruth has been the librarian in charge since December 1966. The library was formed when several smaller collections were put together. It now numbers 42,000 volumes and regularly serves about 25 curators, 25 support staff, and a changing population of botanists. The

library is open to the public by appointment and handles a heavy interlibrary loan traffic at no charge. Ruth runs the library virtually alone, with only part-time help from a library technician. The catalog has been online for some time, but was moved to a new Windows-based system, **Horizon**, in April. The visit was too brief to allow our librarians to explore the library as much as we would have liked. I think most of us hope for a longer in-depth return visit.

The Horticulture Library, run by Marca Woodhams, supports the Smithsonian's Horticulture Services Division. Recent activities have been: researching historical parterre design, providing historic Christmas decoration ideas, supporting children's education for three early enrichment centers, and helping with a bug fest. An important project of the Division and the Library is the Archives of American Gardens*, a collection of about 60,000 photographic images and records documenting historic and contemporary American gardens. These archives include about 3000 glass lantern slides and 30,000 35mm slides from the Garden Club of America collection, as well as other collections from the work of many regional landscape architects and horticulturists. Besides conserving these resources, the library is developing finding aids.

*[Note: CBHL members may remember this collection from Marca's paper at the 1994 CBHL Annual Meeting, Santa Barbara.]

Information on the Smithsonian Institution Libraries is available on the Internet at www.sil.si.edu.

The library branches, 12 of which deal with natural history subjects, are merged in a single catalog on SIRIS (the Smithsonian Institution Research Information System) at www.siris.si.edu.

Wednesday, May 3, 4:00 pm

Smithsonian Ripley Center Program

reported by Joan DeFato, librarian, The Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Arcadia, California.

I was assigned the welcoming remarks by Nancy Gwinn, Director of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, and Pamela Andre, Director of the National Agricultural

Library, on Wednesday at the Smithsonian Ripley Center at 4:00.

Unfortunately my group was the last to finish its tour and the remarks were already in progress when I arrived. Undaunted, I whipped out my notebook and went to work.

Nancy Gwinn was saying that there is a long history of cooperation between the Smithsonian and the National Agricultural Library. Putting this meeting together made the bonds even closer through the work of the organizers. She must have mentioned being in charge of 19 small libraries because Andre referred to one big library.

Andre, in welcoming us for the second time, said that having seen the whole agenda for the meeting she was astonished at the networking ability and incredible partnership, developed in only 30 years, that allowed us to put together a rich and varied program visiting so many institutions within a short time. Federal libraries are having to cooperate more with other sectors and our example could show them the way.

The running joke was that Andre had greeted us the day before at the book bazaar and reception and greeted us a third time when we arrived at NAL the next day. At a later event, she stood up and greeted us again, unscheduled, saying that by then she knew we expected a greeting from her.

Another running thread was Elizabeth, Susan Eubank's daughter. Though only a month old, she solemnly studied everything. During the course of the meeting, a lot of "grandmas" and "aunts" took their turns carrying and cuddling her. She was the youngest attendee, just ahead of Adina Allen, Kathy Allen's daughter, who was three months old.

Of course, Bea Beck, Rancho Santa Ana, was answering questions, including one from Pam Andre, about hunting for ancestors. Bea even found a statue of one of hers. She knew that there was a statue of her Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon in Washington, but she didn't know where. While we were looking through books on Washington in Barnes and Noble, I found one that said the statue was at the intersection of Connecticut and N Street and sure enough, there he is. It seems there originally was a Presbyterian church by him. The church moved, but it takes an Act of Congress to move a statue and he was left

behind. Maybe Bea should give a talk on genealogical techniques in relation to biography.

Isabel Cunningham, in her talk at lunch on Thursday, mentioned finding the correct names of two sisters by looking at probate records.

I don't remember the number, but we had quite a few first-timers at the meeting and that is gratifying.

Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 pm

Smithsonian Enid Haupt Garden,

reported by Sally Williams, Garden Literature Press, Boston, Massachusetts.

It would be difficult to imagine more perfect weather or setting for an outdoor reception than the early evening gathering in the Enid Haupt Garden at the Smithsonian. The sky was clear, the temperature wonderfully comfortable after a hot day, the hors d'oeuvres imaginative and tasty -- especially the crab cakes -- all of which combined to make guests relaxed and convivial and most grateful to the sponsor, Todd Bludeau, IDC Publishers, Inc., Bronx, New York for their part in making it a very pleasing party.

The Resources Assessment, Preservation and Access Committee (RAPAC) Latham Hotel, Georgetown, Wednesday evening, May 3, reported

by Don Wheeler, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

Committee members present were: Susan Fraser, Doug Holland, Stanley Johnson, John Reed, Judy Reed, Chuck Tancin, Judy Warnement, Connie Wolf and Don Wheeler.

The items of business discussed dealt with the publication of the papers presented at the symposium on the preservation of botanical literature during the XVI International Botanical Congress (IBC) in St. Louis the previous summer. We also discussed the responses to the non-book survey that Susan and Stan had sent out to the members in March of 1999. Don Wheeler had prepared a list of the members who had not responded as well as a general summary of those who had. John Reed did a quick comparison of the list of annual meeting attendees currently in Washington against the list of non-respondents and it was

decided at the meeting to make a concerted attempt to gather completed surveys from them before we left Washington. The next day Don Wheeler made a general announcement that the members of RAPAC would be approaching those members of CBHL who had not completed the surveys and that they would have surveys in hand and would ask them to fill the surveys out before Friday.

We also agreed to do the following:

1. Chuck will draft a short article of 2-3 pages that will describe the IBC symposium topic (Preservation of Bot Lit) that was presented at St. Louis last summer. It will include the URL (Uniform Resource Locator) to the full text papers posted to the CBHL website. She will submit that paper to RAPAC for review by early June. The final revision will be submitted to a selection of botanical journals for publication (probably *Taxon*, *SIDA* and the *Annals of the Missouri Botanical Garden*: Connie and Doug were going to check on the potential of that venue). Chuck also agreed to write a short press release about the symposium and the papers presented which she will submit to RAPAC for review before sending it on to various journals and electronic lists.

I assume that the press release will be done by early June also. The committee did not identify which other journals and electronic lists the press release would be sent to, so please give that some thought and share with the group. We did talk about *American Libraries* as one venue.

2. Susan and I agreed to contact by mail or email those institutions that have not returned the *Non Book Survey* and to request that they to do so before June. That means we will have to contact them in the next week to 10 days. Those who continue to be "delinquent" will be contacted by telephone by a RAPAC member. Susan and I will have to compile a list of names to contact and the committee will sort out who will be responsible for contacting whom. Only one committee member should contact each institution. We agreed that the results of the survey should be received and compiled by the end of the summer (early September).

3. Doug agreed to update the institutional list I handed out at the meeting with the names of the current representatives based on the CBHL annual meeting attendees list.

4. Susan, Stanley and Chuck agreed to

begin reviewing the survey that Susan has written for archival collections in order to prepare a model for subsequent surveys for all collections. It can be modified, but yet continue to be consistent and standardized.

5. Susan agreed to send out her survey for Archival collections. This survey will be more detailed and specific to archival materials. This survey is planned to go out in September and the results returned and compiled by early 2001 (late January, early February).

6. Susan and Doug agreed to compile a glossary of terms to send out with the Archival collections survey to help the respondents complete the survey in a form that will be consistent with other forms. This glossary would be the basis for terms used in upcoming surveys as well.

7. John agreed to compile a standardized description of statistical measures for upcoming surveys and their compilation so that everyone is measuring the same thing in the same way.

8. Judy Warnement agreed to send John a composite form devised by Harvard University Libraries for reports to all of the associations, etc. It is based on an ARL (American Research Libraries) form. She will also send Susan the URL for Harvard's visual collections survey project (VIA). FYI....
www.peabody.harvard.edu/vrtg/

The actual VIA database is available at:
hplus.harvard.edu/alpha/via.html

9. Someone, as yet undecided, has to work on a model for compiling the survey results that will be consistent and provide useful information. This should begin before the results of Susan's survey start coming in early next year.

It should be noted here that we are already behind our own schedule.

Thursday, May 4, 11:00 am U.S. National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland, reported by Shelly Emmons, Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The tour of the National Agricultural Library on May 4 gave us all a glimpse of the treasures in this library. As we toured the exhibits on Native American Agriculture in the Chesapeake Region, reproductions of Mark Catesby's "The Natural History of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama

Islands" and the wonderful special collections, we learned about the history of the library, its AGRICOLA database and the six different information centers within the library. It was an informative whirlwind tour, tempting us all to come back for future visits.

Thursday, May 4 Luncheon Speaker at the National Wildlife Visitor Center:

Isabel Cunningham, who also spoke at the 1982 CBHL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., spoke about plant collectors. She is the author of *Frank N. Meyer, Plant Hunter in Asia*; Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press, 1984.

May 5 Sydney Plus breakfast and Mike Quinn presentation

reported by Enola Jane Teeter, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

Mike Quinn of Sydney Plus International hosted a full breakfast buffet on Friday between 7:00 am and 8:00 am at the Latham Hotel in the Washington-Jefferson room.

The hotel restaurant has a Five-Star rating so you can imagine what a fine spread was enjoyed by the 37 members who attended this breakfast presentation.

Due to the "I Love You" virus, Mike had difficulty setting up his presentation on his laptop. He was able to demonstrate Longwood Gardens' proposed slide cataloging template and to show various digitized slides of Longwood as he discussed Sydney Plus International's capability for customizing their software to fit the project. Mike was finally able to connect to the Internet via Vancouver since all servers in the D.C./Virginia area were shut down due to the virus. He then showed us Brooklyn Botanic Garden's historic photograph collection.

Friday, May 5, 9-10 am, Latham Hotel, Computer Consortium Committee Meeting

report by Laurie Hannah, librarian, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California.

The Computer Consortium Committee met at the recent annual CBHL meeting in Washington. The OCLC Group Access Capability (GAC) now has 21 members, most of whom are active. We have a directory that will soon be posted to the CBHL website. OCLC InterLibrary Loan

statistics are available and if anyone did not get them at the meeting, please let me know and I will mail you a copy.

The following items were discussed:

Updates to our ILL Policy --

1. So that libraries won't be charged for loans, please put the words "CBHL GAC" in the affiliation field on the OCLC form. It is also a good idea to indicate on your library's borrowing notes page, that you lend for free to CBHL libraries. That is also a place where you can indicate how many free pages you can photocopy per request, if you have an institutional limit.

2. The National Agricultural Library (NAL) has indicated that they are no longer a library of last resort. In other words, they would like to be listed in the lender string along with any other libraries that have a title. Thank you NAL!!

Realizing that our original task has been completed, our committee decided to broaden its goals to incorporate other resource sharing issues within CBHL in an effort to help accomplish Goal 1 of CBHL's new strategic plan and to attract new committee members. We are asking for approval from the Board to change our name to the Resource Sharing Committee (or something similar) to reflect our new charge. We will be working closely with RAPAC as their charge encompasses some of the same issues.

Friday, May 5, 11:00 am U.S. National Arboretum: Reference and Resource Sharing Session

reported by Kathy Fescemyer, Life Sciences Librarian, Life Sciences Library, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania. <kaf12@psu.edu>

The Reference and Resource Sharing session was the first session held at the U.S. National Arboretum. Five members presented five very different sources. I have added a few pieces of information such as websites, ISSN or ISBN, etc. to make it easier to locate additional information on these resources.

Barbara M. Pitschel from the Strybing

Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, San Francisco, CA presented a new journal, the *Japanese Journal of Gardening*, published by ROTH Tei-en. The journal was started January 1998 and publishes 6 issues per year at \$35 per year. Its URL is

www.alcasoft.com/roth/

Val Easton of Elisabeth C. Miller Library, University of Washington, Seattle, WA showed another new periodical *New Eden: The New Contemporary Gardens Magazine*, which is published by IPC Magazines. It began publishing 1999 and puts out 6 issues per year. The prices vary by geographic location. It costs \$56.00 for a subscription in the United States. For more information consult its Web site at

www.neweden.co.uk

Kathy Fescemyer from the Life Sciences Library at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA shared a new book, *Wildflowers of the Eastern United States*. The authors are Wilbur H. Duncan and Marion B. Duncan from the University of Georgia. The University of Georgia Press published the book in 1999 with an ISBN of 0-8203-2107-9.

Helen Page from the Australian Garden History Society, Williamstown, Victoria, New South Wales, Australia described a new book entitled, *Kindred Spirits: A Botanical Correspondence*. Anne Latreille and Jean Galbraith wrote the book. The Australian Garden History Society published it in 1999. Its ISBN is 1-864980-64-8.

Bea Beck from the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, California recommended a new web site, AddALL at

www.addall.com

AddALL is a book search and price comparison site that searches 41 online booksellers. These booksellers have both current and out of print resources.

Several members talked about works in progress and gave updates about members who were unable to attend.

To conclude, a book drawing was held from books donated by Brad Lyon, Elisabeth Woodburn, Books; and by Celine Arseneault, Montreal Botanical Gardens. Barney L. Lipscomb from the Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, TX was the

first winner and he picked the *Garden Plants of China* by Peter Valder. This session ended with many happy new book owners.

Friday, May 5, 12:30 pm Dr. Tom Elias, Director of the U.S. National Arboretum

reported by Judith A. Warnement, librarian, Harvard University Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Thomas Elias, Ph.D., Director of the U. S. National Arboretum, offered an informative lunchtime lecture on bonsai. He thanked librarians for collecting, preserving, and helping researchers like him and credited his success to the librarians who have assisted him in his research.

Dr. Elias said that his interest in bonsai developed over time through the influence of colleagues. Some years ago he read a paper that claimed that bonsai were introduced into the United States in 1906. He questioned the date and his investigation resulted in a paper that has now been expanded into a soon-to-be-released book on bonsai and related art forms. His book explores when and how the West learned about bonsai and how the interest grew and spread.

Bonsai is a tree or trees in a pot, but more. It is an art form because it is stylized, pruned and clipped into particular shapes. It started in China and spread to Korea before arriving in Japan. Dr. Elias speculates that ship captains took bonsai from Japan to Hawaii as gifts and they spread from there. The styles and forms have changed over time. For example, early bonsai were commonly planted in deep pots and exposed roots were popular; most contemporary bonsai have shallow roots and are in shallow pots. Dr. Elias pointed out variations among several bonsai on display in the room.

Dr. Elias said that his assumptions about bonsai changed as he learned more about their history. Originally scenes were made with various plants to create a miniature landscape. In its earliest days, bonsai were collected by the wealthy ruling classes, but by the 1920's they became widely available. He pointed out that they can be grown anywhere, indoors or out, and explained the importance of scale between the bonsai relative to its setting.

Illustrations from various books were exhibited to show the prevalence of bonsai in Japanese landscapes. Among the titles cited were Alfred Koehn's *Japanese Tray Landscapes* (Peking: Lotus Court Publications, 1937) and *Nedzumi no yomeiri*, a Japanese fairy tale series (Tokyo: Kobunsha, 1885).

He showed many of his "beauties" including a variety of wood block prints depicting 18th century bonsai, stone and sand arrangements, his favorite image created by Yoshi Toshi in 1877, "Beauty with Bonsai."

After Japan opened to the West, several nurseries were established to export bonsai as well as other plants. The introduction of catalogs as well as an exhibit of bonsai at the International Exhibition at Philadelphia in 1876 sparked an explosive interest in bonsai and other plant introductions from Asia that lasted until 1920. By then, the problem of new pest introductions was apparent and resulted in the enactment of plant quarantine laws.

Bonsai continue to play an important role in east/west relations. President Clinton received two beautiful specimens from the head of the Japanese Bonsai Society during his 1998 trip to Japan. The beautiful spruce and maple specimens are now part of the U. S. National Arboretum's bonsai collection. In February 2000, several bonsai from the Arboretum were moved to prominent locations in the White House to honor Japan's Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi. President Clinton presented him with a spectacular 300 year-old California juniper. www.bonsai-nbf.org/nbf/obuchigift.htm

Dr. Elias made a general appeal to collect gray literature on bonsai and to collect and preserve seed and nursery catalogs. He is particularly interested in Boehmer auction catalogs. He also noted that Asian materials are under-represented in American libraries. Dr. Elias answered several questions following his interesting talk.

Friday, May 5, 5:00 pm Banquet at the U.S. National Arboretum

reported by Rosemarie Papayonopolus, Planting Fields Arboretum Library, Oyster Bay, New York.

On Friday, May 5, 2000 the National Arboretum was the host for our banquet. At about 5:30 PM, fully a half hour before we

were expected, the caterers were greeted by the onslaught of our large group. Outside, where we had been enjoying a reception near the pool, building storm clouds caused our hosts to urge a retreat to the dining room.

Each table was set up with a different, exquisite bouquet. The dinner was delicious and the company was fine. Everything was well organized and things seemed to run smoothly thanks to well-run efforts of the National Arboretum staff and their caterers. National Arboretum staff members Nancy Luria and Jim Adams, Curator of the National Herb Garden, were seated at our table. Jim was kind enough to give us some historical background on Washington.

It seems that no building in the Capitol area is allowed to be higher than 10 stories so that they don't detract from the Washington Monument. This was a boon to the nearby busy airport which is now much larger than it was when the Monument was built.

The meeting was opened by CBHL vice-president Susan Fugate, National Agricultural Library. Honored guests were Mr. Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, USDA, and Mrs. Evelyn Rominger; and Phyllis Johnson, Beltsville Area Director, Agricultural Research Service. Ann MacIntyre acknowledged the efforts of the National Arboretum Staff, the Smithsonian Libraries group, and also acknowledged Pamela Q. J. André, Director of the National Agricultural Library, - our meeting host.

CBHL President David Lane, University of New Hampshire, gave a committee report after which Connie Wolf, Missouri Botanical Garden, presented the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit to Jane Gates, who graciously accepted. Jane especially thanked Jayne MacLean, 1999 Awardee, her mentor and supervisor; John Reed, 1997 Awardee, for his inspiration; and all the CBHL members.

Dr. Thomas Elias, director of the National Arboretum, introduced our speaker, Dr. Barbara Sarudi, Deputy Director of the Maryland Humanities Council. Her recent book is *Gardens and Gardening in the Chesapeake, 1700-1805* and covers the Maryland/Chesapeake area.

What followed was a fascinating account of what historians found when they recorded what people left in their houses. The

Maryland Historical Society recorded the inventories (what people left in their houses) to find out about the history of cultural development in the 18th century. Dr. Sarudi decided to find out how people styled their external environments (after they became successful enough to afford such an extravagance). The garden art forms from this period are now called Colonial Revival Gardens.

To further her studies Dr. Sarudi went back to school to get her degree in history (history of gardens). She got information from many sources including Elizabeth Woodburn (books on historic gardens), and the National Agricultural Library (18th century works about gardens). She read and transcribed a colonial diary to learn about gardens. This was developed into a Master's thesis and led to her looking at many gardens in books which were extant in the 18th century in the Virginia-Maryland area.

We were shown a map of Baltimore (1897 Charles Varle map) which was published in 1902. Dr. Sarudi found, through careful study and comparison, that the gardens were depicted accurately. We were shown slides of Baltimore and Maryland and learned some new terms. A "prospect" was the view from one's house; a "country seat" was the summer house of a wealthy person.

Beginning in the 19th century, gardens began to again have flowers. An important house was placed on the high point of a person's property with rows of trees leading to the house to show how important the person was. It was interesting that even portraits managed to show the all-important garden landscape in the background.

This talk showed the evolution of gardens from subsistence to pleasure gardens. The lecture was fascinating because of the wonderful humor with which it was presented. Good speaker, good food, good company!

Moonlight Tour of the Bonsai and Penjing Gardens at the National Arboretum

reported by Suzi Teghtmeyer, Paul Evans Library of Fruit Science, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

We spent our last afternoon together at the National Arboretum, enjoying the Arboretum and all of its offerings. Alas, the banquet ran long and consequently our "moonlit tour"

of the bonsai and penjing gardens resulted in a mad dash with a literal running commentary by U.S. National Arboretum Director and bonsai aficionado Dr. Thomas Elias. All the same it was an awe-inspiring tour of living artwork cultivated by long-term love and care, not only for one's self, but for generations.

The Arboretum's collection began in the early 1970s. Great care was taken to sculpt the entire garden to emulate bonsai and penjing pavilions of the orient. The complex consists of meandering paths, suiseki, tokonomo, open-air buildings of displays, and its own library. Many species of woody plants, deciduous and evergreen, can be sculpted. Interestingly, the pot is just as important to the work as the plant. The two must complement each other to achieve harmony. The Garden is also home to the bonsais given to the US from Japan.

For more information on the official specifications of the Garden, visit the informative website:

www.arsgrin.gov/ars/Beltsville/na/col lectn/bonsai.html

I'm closing with another artform of the Orient, *haiku*: a 5-7-5 syllable poem conveying a sense of nature with a reference to the seasons.

Driven by Time's night,
Enter the realm of Bonsai,
Tension ebbs, new Spring.

Saturday, May 6, Post Conference Tour of Monticello, lunch at Michie Tavern, and a visit to the University of Virginia Library Special Collections

reported by Judith Warnement, Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Twenty-five CBHL members boarded a bus at 6:45 a.m. for the two-plus hour drive to Monticello.

The group was introduced to Thomas Jefferson's gardens by docent Pamela Henson-Desmond. She pointed out that his house and gardens were unusual for his day in many ways. While most great houses were situated near waterways, Jefferson built his on a site he knew and loved from his boyhood. The site was on top of a hill and fairly far from the river. Jefferson admired the view and believed that the climate was more

healthful. His hilltop only lacked a convenient source of water, a problem that plagued Jefferson throughout his years at Monticello.

The flower garden or "pleasure ground" was located just outside the house, but was not of traditional design. The current gardens, recreated from notes made by Jefferson between 1807 and 1809, have two elements: twenty oval flowerbeds around the house and the "Roundabout" flower border that defines the West Lawn.

The diversity of flower species represents the scope of his interests. Many commonly cultivated flowers grow alongside curiosities like the winter cherry and the blackberry lily. The beds are planted so they are in continuous bloom from early spring through fall.

The tour continued on to the vegetable and fruit gardens. These functioned not only as a source of food for Jefferson, his family, staff and guests, but also as a laboratory where he experimented with 250 varieties of more than seventy different species of vegetables. His eight-acre "Fruiterie" was unique because it included Old World standards as well as Virginia natives. Jefferson had no peer in documenting and publishing information about his garden and it revealed a great deal about the character of early American gardens as well as his own scientific and creative sensibility.

After the garden tour, some members of our party roamed the grounds, including the graveyard, and gift shops. Others toured the eleven-room house, and were dazzled by the many innovations and inventions that Jefferson devised.

After a hearty Virginia lunch at the historic Michie Tavern, the group bussed on to the University of Virginia's Alderman Library Special Collections department.

Heather Moore, Head of Public Services, welcomed us to the library and shared with us many beautiful botanicals. She also pointed out that a few of the exhibit cases contained items on rhododendrons. They were on display because the Middle Atlantic Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society had met there earlier in the week. A fantastic exhibit of pop-up books was being

installed and captured the interest of the group. An online version of the exhibit will be available on the library's website:

www.lib.virginia.edu/exhibits/popup/

Tour of Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and Private Gardens of Richmond on May 6, 2000

reported by Patricia Jonas, Director of Library Services, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York.

Great hosts make great parties. CBHL member Patricia Parks, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, along with everyone she enlisted for our tour, were such dazzlingly good hosts we couldn't even grumble about the day's blisteringly hot temperatures. The morning was spent at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden where the enthusiasm of the staff for this exciting, relatively new garden in Richmond, Virginia, was soon shared by all of us.

We were extremely fortunate to have Holly Shimizu, the Managing Director and an inspiring teacher, lead us through some of her favorite gardens within the Garden's evolving landscape plans and Patty Parks, of course, to guide us through the Garden's wonderful library. Our lunch outside under the trees was a tour-de-force. The food was so astoundingly good some of us had to be torn away to get to the bus for the next stop: a pair of ancient English manor houses that were torn down and reconstructed piece-by-piece on the banks of the James River. Both of these grand houses have gardens designed by Charles Gillette.

At Agecroft Hall, Gillette's elaborate, formal, and romantic English gardens complement 15th century buildings. The Sunken Garden modeled on the pond garden at Hampton Court, and Tradescant Garden are planted with species collected by the elder and younger Tradescants. The Tudor herb garden and Turf Maze were some of the highlights.

At Virginia House, Gillette built a formal series of intimate terraced gardens opening on an expansive vista over rolling green hills facing the James River. The collection of old roses and the Lutyens-Jekyll style watercourse got everyone's attention here.

Patty kept us moving because we had one more stop: the city of Richmond's historic cemetery. Using every bit of skill and derring-do, our bus driver got us up to the summit for a great view of Richmond and the River. Patty couldn't resist the opportunity to feed us again and no one declined her offer of either pecan or sweet potato pie, or both.

The day ended with most of us nodding off in the bus on the way back to the Latham Hotel. We disembarked in high spirits with our souvenir coleus plants from the horticulture department at Lewis Ginter and with thanks to our guides and hosts for an incomparable day.

CBHL Annual Meeting Evaluations

Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, CBHL Secretary

Chuck has received 31 meeting evaluation forms from the people who attended the Washington, D.C. Annual Meeting. If you attended the meeting but haven't sent in your evaluation, please do. If you need a copy of the form, request one from Chuck at <ct0u@andrew.cmu.edu>

MEMBER NEWS

compiled by Judith Warnement, Harvard University Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Brian Thompson, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington; and others.

1. Annual Meeting News and Announcements

From: Charles Williams, Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, North Carolina.

A new nature trail at the Garden will be named for Andre Michaux. A May 2002 Andre Michaux Symposium is planned.

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

Two new horticulture publications are available from the library.

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

PHS's new service, "The WiredGardener," available by email subscription, currently has 640 subscribers.

From: Suzi Teghtmeyer, Paul Evans Fruit Science Library, Southern Missouri State University, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

As head librarian she is making headway on retrospective conversion of the collection and is also cataloging original documents. She appreciates all the support she gets from her friends in CBHL.

From: Kathy Allen, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota.

There is an exhibition at Dumbarton Oaks, May 1- July 10, 2000 "Ancient Botany from byzantium to the West" with a catalog available.

During her professional development leave last summer Kathy evaluated two dozen CD-ROMs and 50 websites using 24 criteria. The results are available on *Plant Information Online*: plantinfo.umn.edu

Kathy's daughter Adina Marie Allen, three months old, and Susan Eubank's daughter, Elizabeth, five weeks old, both attended the Annual Meeting in Washington. Elizabeth's mother is librarian at Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado.

From: Don Wheeler, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

Don is exploring the possibility of starting a consortium for buying and sharing costly electronic subscriptions such as *Biological Abstracts*. So far he has commitments from The New York Botanical Garden and Brooklyn Botanic Garden, but is looking for more.

From: Celine Arseneault, Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec.

Plant Information Online, the web service

developed by CBHL members Richard Isaacson and Kathy Allen from records in the Andersen Horticultural Library, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, is new and improved and recently received the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA) Excellence Award: plantinfo.umn.edu

Montreal Botanical Garden is opening a new native American garden, *First Nations of Canada*. The Henry Cabot exhibit Celine announced last year was planned as a traveling show, but has changed and will soon be partially available on the Montreal Botanical Garden website:

www.ville.montreal.qc.ca./jardin/en/biblio/biblio.htm

**From: Mary Ellen Armentrout,
Cleveland Botanical Garden,
Cleveland, Ohio.**

Mary Ellen's book about the U.S. Carnegie Libraries will be published next year. She reports that the Cleveland Botanical Garden is now adding a glass house to contain flora and fauna of Madagascar.

**From: Judith Reed, LuEsther T. Mertz
Library, The New York Botanical
Garden, Bronx, New York.**

Judy led a pre-conference workshop on Tuesday, May 2, and announced that she could make handouts from that workshop available to everyone at the Annual Meeting, not just the workshop participants.

**From: Sally Williams, Garden
Literature Press, Boston,
Massachusetts.**

The latest edition of *Garden Literature Index* is now available. Contact Sally at <gardenlit@aol.com> for information.

**From: Jane Gates, National
Agricultural Library, Beltsville,
Maryland.**

Jane announced a library job opening at the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA).

**From: Dan Nicolson, Smithsonian
Institution, Washington, D.C.**

As a presenter at the pre-conference workshop on reference resources, Dr. Nicolson adds a title to his list: *A Guide to Information Sources in the Botanical Sciences* 2nd edition, Davis and Smith, 1996.

**From: Doug Holland, Missouri
Botanical Garden, St. Louis,
Missouri.**

When he asked for a show of hands, the group indicated there would be two CBHL members at the June AABGA Annual Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina.

The *Frontier Botany* exhibit that was prepared for the XVI International Botanical Congress (IBC) in St. Louis last August will be on the Web and the original exhibit is now a traveling show.

**From: John Reed, LuEsther T. Mertz
Library, New York Botanical Garden,
Bronx, New York.**

Window and roof renovations have delayed the library move to a new building for another year. Grants include the two year National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) grant project to develop the botanical science archives which is progressing under the supervision of CBHL member Susan Fraser, New York Botanical Garden; an Institute of Museum Library Services (IMLS) grant is allowing the LuEsther T. Mertz Library to finish a rehousing project for their botanical art collection.

Jennifer Hain, CBHL member Judith Strong's niece, will begin work as a Kress conservation intern in August 2000.

**From: Barney Lipscomb, Botanical
Research Institute of Texas, Fort
Worth, Texas.**

Barney appreciated everyone's concern about the March tornado in their area. The damage to the city was nearby, but missed BRIT.

CBHL member Bill Burk, University of North

Carolina's John N. Couch Biology Library, Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Ronald Stuckey, Ohio State University professor emeritus, are working on the *Emanuel D. Rudolph Studies in the History of Botany* to be published by BRIT and dedicated to Joseph and Nesta Ewan.

From: Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CBHL past president Anita Karg, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, retired from her position there in December 1999.

The Linnaean collections survey announced last year is still in process. Also, the Hunt Institute has recently published Rogers McVaugh's *Botanical Results of the Sesse and Mocino Expedition: 1787-1803* for \$40.00; available with Torner CD for \$75.

From: Marina Princz, VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Marina brings greetings from Barbara Fox, former librarian at VanDusen.

From: Don Wheeler, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

Don's survey of non-book collections in CBHL libraries returned only 25% so he let everyone know he would be trying to get some more responses during the Annual Meeting.

From: Enola Jane Teeter, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

Work on the online public access catalog (OPAC) at Longwood is progressing with most of the monographs and journals done, but Enola has a search underway for a good color slide module. The first library intern begins in June and a new secretary will catalog the slides. A pilot study to digitize some of the slides is also underway.

From: Patricia Jonas, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York.

The hanging boxes that Hugh Phibbs spoke about at the annual meeting session in the National Gallery of Art interested Pat, so she got the specifications from him. Pat promises to post that information to our webmaster for the CBHL website.

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

Connie encourages CBHL to support digital library programs. Missouri Botanical Garden is building a digital lab and digitized herbarium specimens can be viewed on their website. A grant proposal to digitize books is in the works and she would like to cite digital access as a goal of CBHL. She suggests a committee on digital library issues.

Missouri Botanical Garden supports site visits for serious inquiries -- contact Connie for information. Mrs. Mellon's grant makes this possible.

2. Member News, continued:

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

Connie sends greetings from the Senckenberg Herbarium in Frankfurt, Germany: "Our trip to do research for the George Engelmann biography and attend meetings on digital libraries is a success as well as quite interesting. One of the many things I am learning is that librarians, archivists, and botanists are wonderful, helpful people worldwide!"

From: Anne Lubrecht, Lubrecht & Cramer Ltd., Port Jervis, New York.

Anne sends a report on the 7th Berlin European Botanical & Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL) meeting held May 11-12, 2000 at the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany.

A few days before the meeting Anne met with Peter Hirsch, the Berlin librarian and

organizer of the excellent meeting. He permitted her to make copies of her talk, which she gave to the secretary and the new president. Peter Hirsch chaired the meeting and attendees introduced themselves by giving their name, affiliation, and country. It was quite a League of Nations!

Dr. Werner Greuter, Director of the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum, Berlin-Dahlem, gave the opening speech saying that botany spearheads the libraries. They do active research, have a publications program, offer botanical exhibits, and so on. Their library was rebuilt after having been burned.

Professor Dr. W. W. Lack continued with a talk entitled "The Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum, Berlin-Dahlem and Its Library: Past, Present, Future." He mentioned some important dates and facts about the institution. It was an institute in 1679 and was a provincial garden for 120 years. In 1800 it began to grow academically under Friedrich Wilhelm Engler and the garden was moved out of town and to a 43-hectare site.

The library was all but destroyed during World War II with only 100 books remaining. In September 1945 it became part of what was the American sector until 1989. The conservatories were rebuilt and the Americans also helped preserve the Garden's four new fields. The phanerogams and mosses are not quite complete. It is the only Botanical Museum and serves as the main library for Central Europe. The library maintains 2,215 journals dating from 1530 to the present.

The library staff would like to database the journal holdings and have better access to the Internet. There is constant pressure on the collection because of lending single copies and the need to fill in gaps on a limited budget.

Also on the meeting agenda was the International Botanical Congress (IBC) to be held in Vienna in 2005. Anne reported that CBHL had a display at the IBC in St. Louis and suggested that EBHL might want to have a members' booth similar to that Koeltz and

Lubrecht & Cramer display. She added that the posters were great, but too far away.

A vote was taken to perhaps have two members cross meetings. Several EBHL members plan to attend CBHL's meeting in Denver July 2001.

Brussels, Belgium will host the next EBHL meeting and dates will be announced. A new directory will be published in 2001 and every two years to follow.

Thanks were expressed to Sven Koeltz, Koeltz Scientific Books, Koenigstein, for his generous contribution toward the banquet. Anne reports "Good wine, good food, a beautiful setting and above all, wonderful people. It was a congenial group."

Twenty-seven delegates registered for the Berlin meeting with twelve others sending regrets.

On a humorous note, Anne showed Ohio State University Professor Ron Stuckey's photo folder of the IBC meeting in St. Louis to someone at breakfast. She missed it later only to learn, when it was finally returned, that it was passed around at the conference. Anne also reported that while visiting the Botanical Garden in Osnabrück she lost her rain hat. The next day she retraced her steps and met a guard who took her to meet the Technical Director of the Garden. The Director gave her literature and told her about the Garden's involvement in the Hannover Expo. The Garden is also connected with the University (Universität Osnabrück), as is the garden in Berlin and in Oldenburg. Anne did not recover her rain hat, but considered the trip well worth the effort.

From: Duncan McClusky, CAES Tifton Campus Library, University of Georgia, Tifton, Georgia.

Duncan recently related his interest in plants to his involvement in the Kiwanis. On Saturday, June 10, 2000, various members from the Philadelphia Kiwanis and University of Pennsylvania Circle K club joined forces to plant three Liberty Elms provided by Duncan at the Schuylkill Center.

From: Pamela Burns-Balogh, Balogh Scientific Books, Champaign, Illinois.

Emily Washburn has joined the Balogh Scientific Books staff as head of marketing. Emily holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois and will be responsible for all the Balogh catalogs, newsletters, and flyers. This summer Emily will be working on a new botanical garden and a CD-ROM catalog. Pam also announces the arrival of two staff kittens, "Peek-a-Boo" and "Keebler." She will supply photos on request.

From: John Flanagan, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

John announces that Craig Brough has joined the library staff as enquiries librarian. Craig worked for Middlesex University, N.E. England, prior to his March arrival.

John also alerts us that the library at Kew has received *The Banksias*, vol. III, 2000 so be on the lookout for your copy.

From: Geraldine Kaye, Arlington, Massachusetts.

CBHL's only two term past-president, Gerry Kaye, recently returned from a trip to New Zealand where she and David met daughter Sarah who was just returning from six months work in the American bases in Antarctica, South Pole. The adventurous Kayes spent two of their three weeks touring the less populated and somewhat wilder areas of the South Island. Gerry focused on learning the plants and wildlife native to the area and picked up a smattering of "Kiwi" English as well as a few words in native Maori. If you are planning a visit and want some advice contact Gerry at: <gkaye@ibm.net>.

From: Jane Gates, National Agricultural Library, USDA, Beltsville, Maryland.

NAL now has 278 files and images from the *Curtis Botanical Magazine*. There is also a new look and a new feature to this database.

www.nal.usda.gov/curtis

You can search for your favorite file using keywords, but ALL SEARCHES MUST BE IN LOWER CASE! For example, when searching Irises, try these approaches: 533, this is for the plate; "mexican f," use parenthesis to narrow search to minimum hits; africa, peru, or virginia, this is to search a region where the plant is grown. For the Lilies: uvularia, for the species; "volume 23," for the volume you want; 1806 for the year. Have fun!

From: Alvetta Pindell, Information Research Services Branch, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland.

"Jane Gates retired as of Friday, June 30, 2000. This ends her 11 years 4 months of experience and contributions to NAL. Under her leadership... the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center has grown and is one of the National Agricultural Library's most successful information centers. Jane Gates' talents and dedication to service will be greatly missed."

From: Brian Thompson, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Valerie Easton has changed her position to a 9-month appointment to allow her to devote more time to writing. She will be away from the library from mid-June through mid-September. In June Tracy Wilson will begin working on her Master's in Library and Information Science as part of the University of Washington's new evening program which allows her to continue to work nearly full-time at the library.

The annual auction by the Northwest Horticultural Society on May 7th was a great success and a lot of fun, despite the fact that both Valerie Easton and Brian Thompson were just back from the CBHL Washington, D.C. Annual Meeting. Funds raised benefit the Elisabeth C. Miller Library endowment.

From: Janice Dodd, Berry Botanic Garden, Portland, Oregon.

One of those good news, bad news kind of deals. Molly Grothaus passed away suddenly last month. She was one of three women who spearheaded the effort to save Rae Berry's garden in 1977. Just a couple of years later she urged the board of directors to include plant conservation as a major program and got the seed bank up and running. During the next twenty years she continued volunteering in numerous capacities and for the last five years was part of the Friday ladies who have been helping me organize archival materials in the library. She has won numerous horticultural awards and was one of the gardeners featured in "Earth on Her Hands." We are still having trouble believing she is gone and will miss her terribly.

On a brighter note... This past March, the Berry Botanic Garden received the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Award for Threatened, Endangered, & Sensitive Species Management. This joint USFS and BLM award recognizes a partner or partner organization for significant and outstanding contributions to Threatened, Endangered, & Sensitive species conservation. Toot Toot!!!

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

We welcomed full-time assistant librarian Kathleen Fisher on her official start date of June 11. Kathleen can be reached at <katfisher@strybing.org>. One of her first jobs will be to acquire and set up a public-access CD-ROM to be used primarily by patrons interested in garden design and plant selection. This new work station has been made possible by a \$4000 donation from the family of one of our board members.

The entire Strybing Arboretum Society staff was permitted to convene an interview panel to provide input into the process of selecting a new executive director. Michael McKechnie, our new leader, appears to be

well qualified, inclusive and respectful of staff, and inspiring.

We have just learned that the book around which we were building this year's library benefit is experiencing publication delays. We had planned the August fundraiser to celebrate CBHL member botanist Dr. Elizabeth McClintock's *Trees of Golden Gate Park* to be published by Heyday Press. Our event was to include an exhibition and sale of some of the original art from the book, a book signing by the author, artists, editor, etc., as well as other highlights. We have decided to move the benefit to October and we will build it around our exhibit and sale of the art from Jack Kramer's *Women of Flowers*. The McClintock event will be rescheduled after the book is published, probably sometime in 2001.

The master plan implementation committee has determined that the library's new underground stack space should be included in Phase I of the project. This is, however, still several years away and space problems won't wait. We are preparing to open our mezzanine to the public, move many of our periodicals up there, and rearrange space to fit our supplies. We are currently seeking a wall or two in some nearby building on which we could mount shelves to hold our used book sale titles. Space needs of all staff are currently being studied and evaluated. Our library is full so a chance to grab a small chunk of wall space is paramount. If we can't find a place then we will need to discontinue these lucrative book sales.

From: Larry Currie, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California.

The California Academy of Sciences is in final negotiations with renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano to design the \$227 million restoration of the Academy's building in Golden Gate Park. If the deal works out this will be the first San Francisco project by Piano, famous for his inventive use of form, materials, and new technology, and his humanist approach to building.

The Academy has also just completed an inventory of its Lillian Hohfeld Library of Botany. The library houses approximately 12,000 monographs and more than 600 serial titles. The inventory of the botany library is part of a comprehensive effort to inventory the Academy Library's entire collection of more than 185,000 monographs.

From: Bea Beck, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California.

On Saturday evening, June 10, there was a service awards dinner, etc., where awards were given for five, ten, fifteen, and twenty years. I have now been at the garden for thirty years, since June 1, 1970, and the following was framed and awarded: "The certificate is hereby awarded to Beatrice M. Beck. In recognition's of 30 years of dedicated service as Librarian at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. A white-flowered cultivar of *Rosa minutifolia* will be named and registered as *Rosa minutifolia* 'Pure Bea' in your honor.

"A memo states that the 'Small-leaved Rose' occurs in southern California, San Diego County, particularly on Otay Mesa, into northern Baja California. An albino form of this species has been observed in Baja California, but has not been brought into cultivation. Dylan Hannon and Bart O'Brien will be collecting the white-flowered form in Baja California and propagating it at RSABG. We look forward to this new cultivar of rose named in your honor and hope this expresses our gratitude for your many years of service as Librarian at RSABG which is greatly appreciated."

From: Nancy McCray, Assistant Librarian, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois.

Nancy resigned her position at Chicago BG as of Saturday, May 27. She states that her stay there was made easier because of her membership in CBHL and the availability of the expertise from our members... "when I got stuck. Many thanks to all of you....

"I may try to join next year and attend the

conference in Denver. One of my daughters lives there. I also suggested to Ginger (Virginia [Henrichs] Jusko, CBHL past president) that we make the conference together."

From: Diane [Rhodes] Moore, Arizona State University, Noble Science Library Reference Librarian, Tempe, Arizona.

"...At the CBHL meeting...Learned lots and gardens were lovely. At the preconference workshop, Dr. Reveal showed my *ASU Noble Library, Botany Library Resources* website and included it in his own site -- I was so excited I almost fell out of my chair -- he didn't know I was there, til I talked to him after the workshop. Actually, I need to update it, so that has given me a boost to get that done this summer...too much to do..."

Diane's ASU website for Botany Library Resources is:
www.asu.edu/lib/noble/biology/is_bot-1.htm

She also has created a comprehensive Internet Plant Science Resources listing:
www.asu.edu/lib/noble/biology/is_bot-i.htm

Diane announces with joy that she and Dr. Carleton Moore, ASU geology department, were joined in marriage in ASU's Danforth Chapel, Tempe, Arizona on April 23, 2000.

From: John Flanagan, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey.

"I am not sure how Iain and Anne Prance would respond to the 'British jungle explorers' tagline on the back cover of the latest Newsletter! I have thought of putting in a 'See from' reference in our Authority file to refer people from Rainforests to that term too, but will have to wait til one Christmas Eve mischief I think."

From: Kenneth Hayward, Quail Botanical Gardens, Encinitas, California.

"Greetings. I attended the Publications Committee meeting during the recent CBHL meeting in Washington D.C. and Barbara Pitschel invited me to join... I am the head librarian, the desk librarian, the accessions librarian, the apprentice librarian, and the volunteer librarian at Quail Botanical Gardens. We have a collection of 2000 catalogued items in the library which serves the Gardens' staff, our members and the general public..."

A Few Tree and Miscellaneous Sites on the Web by Stanley Johnston, The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio.

This time the focus is on trees beginning with *What Tree Is It?*

www.oplin.lib.oh.us/products/trees a joint project of the Ohio Public Library Information Network and The Ohio Historical Society to identify trees by their name, leaf, or fruit.

The National Forest Service has put up a number of useful sites including the *Hazard Tree Web Page*

willow.ncfes.umn.edu/Hazard/HAZARD.HTM and a logical corollary to it, *How to Prune Trees*
willow.ncfes.umn.edu/HTprune/PRUN001.HTM.

The International Ornamental Crabapple Society www.malus.net provides information on the organization, a list of crabapples currently being evaluated, a list of the sites where the evaluations are taking place, and a modest set of links.

While another site of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station Fire Science Lab has mounted the *Fire Effects Information System*
www.huntana.com/feis/plants/index.html which, for plants, is arranged by type of plant and then alphabetically by species with information on usage, distribution and occurrence, botanical and ecological characteristics, fire ecology (i.e., if fire

is necessary for germination), fire effect, and references.

Prehistoric forests provide the focus for Progymnosperms www.uni-muenster.de/GeoPalaeontologie/Palaeo/Palbot/seite4.html with links to images and information on the early trees and their fossils.

By contrast, the New York Botanical Garden's North American Gymnosperms Catalog www.nybg.org/bsci/hcol/gymn/ provides a database to the 11,408 modern plants in its collection.

Turning to agriculture, New Crop newcrop.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/ includes a search engine to access crop information, an index of common and scientific names of crops, crop maps of the United States, a reference section, a directory of experts on various crops, an e-mail discussion group, a guide to aromatic and medicinal plants, plant quarantine and import/export information, and a list of unconventional food sources.

Genetically altered plants continue to be a center of controversy with information and lists of altered plants available at the FDA CFSAN Biotechnology - Foods Derived from New Plant Varieties through Recombinant DNA Technology
vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/biocon.html

and The International Center for Technology Assessment
www.icta.org/legal/biolist.htm.

Finally, a couple of less serious sites. Spanish Moss: Its Nature, History and Use is treated at www.co.beaufort.sc.us/library/Beaufort/spanish.htm while the garden isle of Mainau in Lake Constance in Europe encourages visitors to see its gardens, forest, and floral animals at www.mainau.de.

BOOKS and RESOURCES

From: Sven Koeltz, KOELTZ SCIENTIFIC BOOKS, Mail address: P.O.Box 1360, D 61453 Königstein / Germany.

Sven announces the new *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature* (St. Louis Code) adopted by the Sixteenth International Botanical Congress St. Louis, Missouri, July-August 1999. Published June 2000. (Regnum Vegetabile, 138). XVIII, 474 p. gr8vo. Cloth. ISBN: 3-904144-22-7/ ISSN 0080-0694). DM 80 /US\$ 45.

Also the 5th ed. of *Heywood's International Directory of Botanical Gardens* has been reprinted and is available again edited by Heywood, Christine A., Vernon H. Heywood and Peter Wyse Jackson. *International Directory of Botanic Gardens*. 5th revised and considerably expanded edition 1990. IX, 1021 p. gr8vo. Hardcover. ISBN 3-87429-319-X; DM 242/US\$ 134.

From: Bill Cohen, publisher, Haworth Press, New York, London, and Norwood, Australia.

Haworth Press sends news of the charter issue of *Small Fruits Review* (formerly *Journal of Small Fruits & Viticulture*) ... Volume I, #1, Spring 2000. 8"x4" size. ISSN: 1522-8851. Volume: \$32.40 individual; \$43.20 institution; \$112.50 library.

Any member of CBHL may obtain a complimentary sample copy by writing to: Sample Copy Department, Food Products Press/Haworth Press, 10 Alice Street, Binghamton, New York 13904.

www.haworthpressinc.com

The Board of Review for this journal includes scientists affiliated with horticulture programs in universities and botanical gardens - from Corvallis, Oregon to New Zealand to Siberia.

From: Ruah Donnelly, Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

The Adventurous Gardener: Where To Buy The Best Plants In New England, by Ruah

Donnelly (\$24.95, 304 pages, ISBN 0-9677303-1-7). The Horticultural Press, P.O. Box 390, Jaffrey, NH 03452 ; 1-800/848-7236; Fax 603/7194842; <book@horticulturalpress.com>

www.adventurousgardener.com

From: Paula Panich, Easthampton, Massachusetts.

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Summary report on the CBHL Board meeting, Monday evening, May 1, 2000, Sheraton-College Park Hotel, Beltsville, Maryland.

Present were Board Members David Lane, Celine Arseneault, Susan Fugate, Rita Hassert, John Reed, and Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin; guest, Suzi Teghtmeyer, Paul Evans Fruit Science Library, Mountain Grove, Missouri. Board meetings are open to all CBHL members.

Susan reported that about 90 people are registered for the Annual Meeting and about 50 for the preconference workshops. Suzi Teghtmeyer volunteered to be Parliamentarian for the business meeting this year. Membership figures were reported. Chuck Tancin distributed updated pages for the Board procedure manual. John distributed financial reports; a \$1000 CD was purchased for the Annual Literature Award and a \$4000 CD was purchased for operational funds.

John raised the issue of a possible dues increase. Costs exceed dues and normal earnings. The difference is approximately \$4100 for this year. We also have to budget this year for a new membership brochure and new stationary. Printing costs were discussed, including whether we need to print copies of the member directory for each member or whether it might be posted on the CBHL website.

We discussed guidelines for reporting on Board meetings to the CBHL membership. It was decided that we would publish short, informal reports in the Newsletter, approved

by the whole Board and then sent to Jane Cole to be published as submitted, with no further editing. The reports will include the URL for full minutes posted in the members-only pages of the CBHL website. John offered to draft a resolution.

It was agreed that the four Board resolutions passed since the last Annual Meeting will be read as part of the Secretary's report. The proposed budget was voted on and approved. The new domain name for the CBHL website was discussed, as were Board liaison assignments and an annual process for listing committees and committee members. Information will be added to the Board procedure manual spelling out the constraints within which Board business is conducted by e-mail between Annual Meetings. The question of whether a CBHL member might be interested in becoming the CBHL archivist will be introduced at the business meeting under new business.

The Board then discussed the process and structure of the follow-up to the strategic plan. John raised the question of whether we need an implementation committee, or whether the Committee on Committees and the Board might be able to do that next stage of the work following the approval of a strategic plan. Celine noted that a finished plan is the goal of the planning committee. The committee may make recommendations to the Board regarding implementation, but implementation is the Board's responsibility.

Finally, scheduling of committee meetings during the Annual Meeting was discussed, and it was agreed that we need to have a list of which meetings are needed by the mid-year Board meeting.

Summary report on the CBHL Board meeting, May 5, 2000, at the U.S. National Arboretum

Present were Board Members Celine Arseneault, Susan Fugate, Barbara Pitschel, John Reed, Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, David Lane, and Mary Ellen Armentrout; guest, Susan Eubank, Denver Botanic Gardens, as host of the 2001 Annual Meeting.

Susan Eubank reported on the plans for the next Annual Meeting in Denver. The hotel chosen for CBHL members is the Marriott, which is one block from the Hyatt, site of many of the AABGA meeting activities and close to the 16th Street mall.

The steering committee for the AABGA meeting is based at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Susan Eubank has a planning committee to work on the CBHL meeting.

She noted that we will be able to hear a concert one night during the meeting week. Also, since CBHL, AABGA, and AHTA are meeting in the same week in Denver, tours are being organized for the three groups together.

We discussed having two half days of meetings outside the conference schedule and early evening committee meetings with dinner meetings ok if needed.

Celine asked whether suggestions for programming are still welcome; they are and the hosts are particularly looking for sessions that all participants attending the joint conference could attend as a group.

We also discussed trying to find ways to get input into the AABGA Planning Committee's process in order to plan joint sessions.

[Note: Some Board members met informally with Susan Eubank in the Latham Hotel lobby later the same evening to go over a few more details of the Denver meeting.]

[Note: There will be a mid-year Board meeting in the Fall at the Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, Colorado, but the date has not yet been set. Board meetings are open to any member who would like to attend. For more information contact CBHL 2000-2001 President Celine Arseneault.]

Board reports submitted by Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, June 16, 2000; full minutes are on the CBHL website

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by clicking on the link to the Members-only Information Center or you may request a photocopy from the CBHL secretary,

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS compiled by Rita Hassert, Sterling Morton Library, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois.

Summer, 2000. Kodiak, Alaska. Native Plants Exhibit. Dayna Brockman, programs manager, Alutiiq Museum & Archaeological Repository, 215 Mission Road, Suite 101, Kodiak, Alaska 99615

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July 6-12, 2000. Chicago. American Library Association. Annual Conference.
"Libraries Build Communities."

www.ala.org/events/ac2000/

July 19-23, 2000 "Interaction by Design: Bringing People and Plants Together for Health and Well-Being," International People-Plant Symposium, Glencoe, Illinois. Sponsored by The School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, the meeting also serves as the annual conference of the American Horticultural Therapy Association.

www.chicago-botanic.org

July 30-August 5, 2000. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Annual Symposium, Perennial Plant Association.

www.perennialplant.org/sym/sym00.html

August 6-9, 2000. Baltimore. International Society of Arboriculture. 76th Annual ISA Conference and Trade Show.

www2.champaign.isa-arbor.com/conference2000/welcome.html

August 6-10, 2000. Portland, Oregon. Botanical Society of America Annual Meeting.

www.botany.org

August 28-September 3, 2000. Denver. The Society of American Archivists. 64th Annual Meeting.

www.archivists.org/conference/index.html

September 25-28, 2000. Flagstaff, AZ. 3rd Rare and Endangered Plant Conference, DuBois Conference Center, Northern Arizona University. Authors discuss rare plants of the Southwest as well as general topics on rare plant conservation. Topics: surveys,

monitoring, population biology, demographic studies, biology, biodiversity, public involvement.

www.thearb.org

October 25-27, 2000. The Morton Arboretum. Lisle, Illinois. International Maple Symposium.

www.mortonarb.org/InternationalMaplesymposium/index.html

October 28-30, 2000. Saint Louis, Missouri. American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA). Annual Meeting and Expo.

www.asla.org/

October 28-November 1, 2000. Asheville, North Carolina. The Third International Oak Conference.

www.saintmarys.edu/~rjensen/newconf.html

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Annual Literature Award

Kathy Allen, chair; Valerie Easton; Patricia Jonas; Brad Lyon; and Celine Arseneault.

Charles Robert Long Award of Merit

Connie Wolf; Jane Cole; Nadia Aufderheide; Celine Arseneault; and Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin.

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The CBHL Annual Literature Award for 2000 goes to *Native American Ethnobotany*/Daniel E. Moerman; Timber Press, October 1998; 928 pages; ISBN: 0-88192-453-9; \$79.95.

The Award, presented at the CBHL Annual Meeting in May 2000, was accepted by the author, anthropologist Daniel E. Moerman, on behalf of himself, as author, and of Timber Press, publisher.

"Native American Ethnobotany... documents a total of 44,691 usages of more than 4000 plants. More than half of these usages are medicinal, but the breadth of plant knowledge among Native American peoples is revealed by the listings of 11,078 uses for foods, 2567 for fibers, 607 for dyes, and 5494 for a host of other uses, from ceremonial and magical to cleaning and insecticidal..."

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CBHL members are encouraged to nominate important current literature for the 2001 award. Works previously nominated are eligible if published in 1999 or 2000.

A nomination form for the Annual Literature Award for 2001 is on the web at <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHL-Litaward.html>

Send nominations, **by October 1, 2000** to: Katherine Allen, CBHL Literature Awards Chair, Magrath Library, University of Minnesota, 1984 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108; e-mail <kallen@tc.umn.edu>; fax 612/624-9245.

Members of the Awards Committee are Katherine Allen, Celine Arseneault, Valerie Easton, Patricia Jonas, and Bradford Lyon.

Acceptable formats include -- but are not limited to -- journals, journal articles, and CD-ROMs. Nominated works for the Award also are not limited by genre. Reference works, children's books, fiction, etc.-- all are possible nominees if their subject is botany or horticulture.

In order to be considered for the Award, a nomination must be made by a CBHL member, who also may be one of the authors, the editors or the publishers of the work nominated. Works authored or published by a current member of the committee, however, are not eligible.

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