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Letter from the President

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As I wind up another fiscal year at the National Agricultural Library and somewhat frantically try to balance our budget and fund our programs, I look back fondly on the week in Denver when we conducted the CBHL Annual Meeting 2001. Although packed with meetings, informational sessions, and tours, it seemed a world away from budgets and program decisions for me.

On behalf of the members, thank you again to Susan Eubank and Gayle Bradbeer, our hosts, and all those who supported them in their efforts to make this a very meaningful, successful annual meeting, packed with activities and opportunities. As an organization, we met another milestone in our strategic planning process and made a number of decisions that will move us into this next year.

Many of our committees made proposals and plans for the coming year. If you are looking to participate in one of the CBHL committees, I encourage you, as this is a good way to meet fellow members and take part in an experience that will provide growth. Check out the CBHL electronic list and our website for ways to make up-to-date connections as we move more and more into the world of electronic communications.

Plans for the 2002 annual meeting are progressing and we look forward to another action packed week of information and connection with our fellow CBHL members.

As for me, I am available to the membership in several ways: by email at <sfugate@nal.usda.gov>, by phone at 301-504-5696 during work hours, or by mail to Susan Fugate, National Agricultural Library, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, Maryland 20705.

I look forward to an active year and a great meeting in April 2002 in San Francisco, California. Sincerely, Susan

CBHL Annual Meeting Evaluations

From Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin, CBHL Secretary.
The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh.

Seventeen Annual Meeting participants have sent in Meeting Evaluations from the Denver Meeting, July 10 - 15, 2001. If you attended the meeting, but haven't sent the CBHL secretary your evaluation, please do. Your comments on the meeting and the facilities are helpful to future meeting hosts. Please request a form from Chuck if you misplaced yours.

Save These Dates:: April 9-12, 2002

Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens and California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California.

CBHL Annual Meeting 2002

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Librarian Lawrence Currie with some of the rare books in the California Academy of Sciences library. *California Wild*, Spring 1999, used with permission.

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May 2000, Meeting Summary

Minutes of the May 2000 Annual Meeting of CBHL members in Washington, D.C. were approved by the 55 CBHL members present and voting on July 11, 2001 at the Annual Meeting in Denver. Complete minutes of the 2000 meeting are in the *CBHL Newsletter Number 78, July 2000*, pages 3-9, with one correction appearing in the *CBHL Newsletter Number 79, November 2000*, page 1.

Chair of the Washington, D.C. May meeting was 1999-2000 CBHL President **David M. Lane**, University of New Hampshire, Durham.

The Chair introduced thirteen first time attendees at the meeting in Washington, D.C. **Helen Page** - Williamstown, Victoria, Australia; **Judy Wanner** - Guelph, Ontario, Canada; **Marina Princz** - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; **Beth Deger** - Manhattan, Kansas; **Kenneth Hayward** - Encinitas, California; **Kathy Fescemyer** - University Park, Pennsylvania; **Charles and Lydia Williams**, Belmont, North Carolina; **Debra Rodensky**, Lake Buena Vista, Florida; **Dianne Ford** - Chapel Hill, North Carolina; **Donna Herendeen** - Washington, D.C.; **Michele Meyers**, Kirtland, Ohio, and **Stephen Sinon**, Bronx, New York were welcomed to the meeting.

Michele Meyers, Herb Society of America, Kirtland, Ohio, received the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship Award which helped her to attend the Washington meeting.

The Committee chair, Katherine Allen, presented the Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature to **Daniel Moerman**, Ph.D., anthropologist, and his publisher, **Timber Press**, for the book: *North American Ethnobotany*. Dr. Moerman was present in Washington to receive the Award. CBHL 2000-2001 president David Lane donated \$1050 to CBHL to support this and future literature awards.

The CBHL Corporate address was changed by the Board. The **Council on Botanical & Horticultural Libraries, Inc.**, a non-profit corporation, will no longer reside at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, where it has been since 1973. CBHL's new home is at **The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation**, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The registration of an official two year CBHL website and domain name was a project assigned by the Board to **Brenda Oakley**, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, who was asked to spend no more than \$100 for the purpose.

The CBHL Board of Directors agreed to regularly publish Board summaries of their meetings in the quarterly *Newsletter*.

Members approved by voice vote the **CBHL Strategic Plan's** six core values and five goals.

The Nominating Committee announced that ninety six CBHL members voted by CBHL mail ballot for 2nd vice-president and treasurer. **Barbara Pitschel**, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden, San Francisco, California was announced as elected 2nd Vice-president for 2000-2001 and **Mary Ellen Armentrout**,* Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland, Ohio, was announced as

permanent Treasurer to take office in 2001.

*M.E.Armentrout has since joined the staff of Herrick Memorial Library, 101 Willard Memorial Square, Wellington, Ohio 44090.

CBHL members voted to approve a dues increase of **\$20** for each institutional member to **\$105**; **\$10** for an individual member to **\$55**; and **\$5** for a retired member or student to **\$35**.

The members voted to approve **Susan Fraser** as CBHL Archivist. Susan is Head, Information Services and New York Botanical Garden Archivist, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York. Although CBHL has moved to The Hunt Institute, Pittsburgh, the CBHL Archives remain in New York.

President David Lane presented gifts from CBHL of \$100 each to the Washington, D.C. host librarians and libraries. **Susan Fugate** accepted for the **U.S.National Agricultural Library**, **Marca Woodhams** for the **Smithsonian Institution libraries**, & **Ann McIntire** for the **U.S.National Arboretum library**.

At the conclusion of the Washington Annual Meeting, **David Lane** turned over the gavel to incoming 2000-2001 CBHL President **Celine Arseneault**, Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec.

Minutes

2001 Annual Meeting of The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. July 11, 12, 13, 14, 2001

Minutes of the Business Meeting at the 2001 CBHL Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

President **Celine Arseneault** opened the first session of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc.(CBHL) Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 11, 2001 in the Silverton Room, Denver Marriott Hotel City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver, Colorado at 1:35 p.m. Present for this meeting were all seven Board members and 55 CBHL members.

The first part of this session was given over to a report on and discussion of the strategic plan. Strategic Planning Committee chair **Chuck Tancin** gave a short overview of the plan as it was approved by mail vote in May 2001. She also noted that all of CBHL's committees have been asked to discuss plan implementation during their meetings this week, and to make notes on those discussions available for the implementation team later.

Chuck then asked business meeting attendees to break into 5 groups to discuss the 5 goals of the plan and various ideas for how they might be implemented, without referring to specific committees. After 15 minutes of discussion, reports were given on the discussions. It was generally agreed that this was a successful exercise that generated many good ideas for further exploration. Due to time constraints, recommendations from the committee were deferred.

After a short break, President **Celine Arseneault** reconvened session one of the business meeting at 2:30 p.m. Secretary Charlotte

"Chuck" Tancin called the roll of the Board: President **Celine Arseneault**, 1st Vice-President **Susan Fugate**, 2nd Vice-President **Barbara Pitschel**, Past President **David Lane**, Treasurer **Mary Ellen Armentrout**, Past Treasurer **John Reed**, and Secretary **Chuck Tancin** were all present.

Five first-time attendees were recognized and applauded: **Jonathan Bengtson**, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston, Massachusetts; **Kathleen Fisher**, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden, San Francisco, California; **Joseph Melanson**, Arnold Arboretum Library, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; **Tracy Wilson Mehlin**, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Seattle, Washington; and **Cees Lut**, National Herbarium of the Netherlands, Einsteinweg, Leiden, The Netherlands. Cees is both a CBHL and a European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries group (EBHL) member and is representing EBHL. Another first-time attendee and the 2001 Founders Fund Travel Fellowship awardee, **Leora Siegel**, Chicago Botanic Garden Library, Glencoe, Illinois, did not arrive until Thursday.

Some news and announcements were shared. (1) **Judy Warnement**, Harvard Botany Libraries, reported that George Proctor, Institute of Science in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, is helping to pull together a library there. They are looking for a botanical librarian to come and consult with them. Someone from the local library school advised getting more advice from a botanical librarian and also hiring a librarian for a year to catalog the collection. They are looking for funding to bring someone in. (2) **Doug Holland**, Missouri Botanical Garden Library, St. Louis, Missouri, reported that **Connie Wolf**, Missouri Botanical Garden Library, absent this year, will join us again for the 2002 meeting.

Celine Arseneault appointed **Jane Cole**, retired, Desert Botanical Garden Library, Phoenix, Arizona, as parliamentarian for the business meeting.

The minutes of the May 3-5, 2000 business meeting in Washington, D.C. were APPROVED AS PUBLISHED in the July 2000 and corrected in the November 2000 CBHL Newsletter. **Chuck Tancin** gave the Secretary's report. 93 ballots were received for the 2001 election, counted by Chuck and recounted by **Mary Ellen Armentrout**, and results reported to **David Lane**, Nominating Committee chair. 46 proxies were received, 2 discounted because those members were present at the meeting, so 44 valid proxies were in hand, counted by Chuck and **Susan Fugate**.

The *Board Procedures Manual* was updated in July 2001, the updates pending until approved by the Board and then will be posted on the CBHL website. Since the manual is now accessible on the CBHL website for member-only access, updates are only distributed to current Board members.

Mary Ellen Armentrout and **John Reed** gave the Treasurers' report, following a year of transition from John to Mary Ellen as Treasurer. John reported that Certified Public Accountant Richard Bellew has examined all relevant bank balances, accounting records and documentation. Mr. Bellew stated that CBHL's financial statements present our financial position fairly and in

conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. There is a difference of approximately \$115 between the balances reported by John and Mary Ellen, reflecting the cost of starting the new accounts in Ohio, but this will be resolved. John also noted that for years he has presented figures divided into operating budget and restricted budget (awards, labelled as Board-directed funds). The ending balance for December 31, 2000 was \$31,494.

Mary Ellen's report covered the period from January 1 through July 9, 2001. Working with an initial balance of \$31,381.38, she reports total income of \$48,902.75 (including a surplus of \$2,070.70 from the 2000 annual meeting) and total expenses of \$2,689.21, leaving a balance of \$46,213.54. She has had new envelopes printed for Treasurer's correspondence. She may convert more savings into a Certificate of Deposit at some point.

John Reed also gave the Audit Committee report at this time. The committee sent a letter to Celine endorsing the independent auditor's findings and supporting his suggestion that an independent audit be conducted every three years and whenever the position of Treasurer of CBHL changes.

Barbara Pitschel gave the 2nd Vice-President's report on the membership, thanking Membership Manager **Gayle Bradbeer** for the statistics. We have 89 institutional members with 148 representatives; 59 individual members; 21 retired members; 7 student members; 7 life members; and 1 complimentary member, for a total of 184 members including 243 persons. **Jane Cole** asked how much of a change this is; from 2000, it is 5 fewer total and 3 fewer persons; from 1999, it is 20 more members and 22 more persons.

Susan Fugate gave the 1st Vice-President's report. As Board liaison with our 2001 Annual Meeting host, she commended **Susan Eubank** of Denver Botanic Gardens on a good job, staying in communication with the Board and handling many difficulties. As Board liaison to the Computer Consortium Committee, **Susan Fugate** commended chair **Laurie Hannah**, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, California, and reported that the committee has already structured some of its work around the strategic plan.

Celine Arseneault gave the President's report, saying that the past year had been an exciting one. There is great work going on in CBHL's committees, and both the history and the future of our organization hold so much for us all. We are at a turning point, redefining our mission and laying out plans for the future. The recently initiated Annual Literature Award is a fantastic way to publicize CBHL, as is the new membership brochure. The Newsletter, website, and online distribution list all continue to be important communication channels, and Celine thanked all of CBHL's volunteers for their work in these and other areas. She encouraged even more member involvement in the coming years. Meeting with other organizations this year provided a challenge, and we have yet to evaluate the outcome. We also hope for some collaboration with EBHL in the future, and this meeting in Denver will help us to strengthen some links with that organization. Finally, she has learned a lot from *Robert's Rules of Order* about conducting meetings and organizational business. She thanked the membership for a wonderful year.

David Lane gave the Past President's report. Going beyond the customary thanks and recognition of the efforts of all, he tackled "the divisive issue of east vs. west" in CBHL, using transparencies showing maps with hats of various kinds superimposed to denote units of measure to indicate numbers of past presidents and annual meetings in various geographic locations. David concluded by saying that all of our members are important, and "it shouldn't matter where the meeting is held, or the kind of hat the president wears, or even the size of the hat!" Judy Warnement asked whether David would continue to give annual reports, perhaps as a "member-at-large."

All Board reports were APPROVED.

Committee reports were given next, beginning with Standing Committees.

The Annual Literature Award Committee report was deferred.

The Nominating Committee report was given by chair, **David Lane**. The Committee consisted of David; **Rita Hassert**, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois; and **Doug Holland**, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri. There were 2 outstanding candidates for second-vice president: **Kathy Allen**, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota, and **Judy Warnement**, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, who were introduced and applauded individually. The election results having been counted and recounted, **Judy Warnement** was introduced and applauded as the new 2nd Vice President. **The report was APPROVED.**

The Charles Robert Long Award Committee had no official report; **Nadia Aufderheide** noted that there was to be no award given this year. **Jane Cole**, chair for 2001, named the past year's committee members in addition to herself: **Connie Wolf**, chair; **Nadia Aufderheide**, member; and the two ex-officio members, **Celine Areseneault** and **Chuck Tancin**. Suggestions for consideration for this award can be given to any committee member. **The report was APPROVED.**

The Founders Fund Travel Fellowship Committee report was given by **Chuck Tancin**, who recapped the history of the travel award (currently set at \$250) and noted that the Board serves as the committee. This year we received 2 applications, and the winner -- chosen by blind lottery -- was **Leora Siegel**, cataloger at the Horticultural Resource Center of the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois. **The report was APPROVED.**

The Publications Committee report was deferred.

The Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature Committee report was given by **Kathy Allen**, who named the committee members: **Susan Fugate**, **Celine Areseneault**, **Valerie Easton**, **Brad Lyon**, **Pat Jonas**. **Barbara Pitschel** will be Board liaison. The committee has done much of its work via e-mail, and collaborated with the Public Relations Committee to produce a press release and a distribution list for publicizing the award.

Kathy encouraged all CBHL members to publicize the award and this year's winner and runner-up in our institutions. She noted

that there were 15 new nominations, but one was withdrawn, so they chose from among 14 new titles and 3 repeated nominations from last year. There were only 8 nominators, and more CBHL members are encouraged to participate in this process. Publishers will be invited to send lists of their best works in our subject areas, and these will be posted on the CBHL website for member review, hopefully by the end of September. A note will also appear in the *September Newsletter*. Nominations of works published in 2000 or 2001 are due by October 15, 2001 for consideration for next year's award, and only CBHL members may nominate works. The nomination form will be in the *Newsletter* and on the website; Celine offered to make an interactive form.

There was discussion of whether to put the list of nominated titles on the public or the members-only part of the website. **Jane Cole** moved to put all of the information in the public section, including application, award information and list of nominees; **Kathleen Fisher** amended this: If the form is in the public part of the website, we will include a notice that only members may nominate titles, and will add a link to information on how to join CBHL. **This was APPROVED with one opposing vote.**

In the future, winners will be announced as soon as they are chosen, and those authors will be invited to speak at our annual meeting. This year was the first time that we have also recognized a Special Mention. For each title chosen, both the author and the publisher receive awards.

After a break, the meeting resumed at 3:20 p.m. in the same room with the announcement of the Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature winner, and a drawing for a selection of nominated books from committee member **Brad Lyon**, Elisabeth Woodburn, Books, Hopewell, New Jersey who donated her review copies.

The winner of the Award for 2001 is *Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker: Traveller and Plant Collector* by **Ray Desmond** (Antique Collectors' Club with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 1999). A Special Mention award went to *Conifers of California* by **Ronald N. Lanner** (Cachuma Press, 1999), which nearly won 2 years in a row. Unfortunately the winners were unable to be present for the award announcement. Kathy thanked Brad for her donations, David for the \$1,000 he donated to the Award last year, the committee for its hard work, the Board for its assistance, and all nominators. **The report was applauded and APPROVED.**

Celine ended this session of the business meeting at 5:07 p.m. with a reminder that the next convening of the Business Meeting would be on Friday, July 13, at the Denver Botanic Gardens at 1:30 p.m.

Celine opened the second session of the business meeting on Friday, July 13, 2001 at 1:37 p.m. at Waring House, Denver Botanic Gardens, York Street, Denver, with unfinished business from the Strategic Planning Committee.

She asked committee chair **Chuck Tancin** for the committee's recommendations. First, the committee recommended that the Committee on Committees (COC) be the group to work on

implementing the strategic plan. **Jane Cole** asked who would be the next chair of the COC; current chair **David Lane**, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire, answered that this would be discussed at the COC meeting the next day (Saturday) at their meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the Gold Coin room, Marriott Denver City Center. **The recommendation was APPROVED.**

Second, the committee recommended that the Strategic Planning Committee be dissolved, as its work has been completed. **The recommendation was APPROVED**, with thanks and applause.

Judy Warnement gave the Publications Committee report. A discussion of advertising rates for ads in the *Newsletter* has been postponed. Editor **Jane Cole** would like someone else to take over the newsletter, or would like to partner with a technical designer. She is still willing to edit content, if needed. **Judy Reed** will be retiring from The New York Botanical Garden and from writing her conservation column, and so a columnist is sought for 2 columns per year, either on conservation or on other topics. An idea was introduced to feature a member library in each issue, particularly our Annual Meeting host(s) each year.

Duplicate lists, which used to be mailed out with the *Newsletter* from time to time, will now be posted on the online distribution list. It was noted that some duplicate lists stipulate that materials will be sent only to U.S. libraries. After discussion, it was agreed that if we can accommodate overseas members requests and if institutional policies allow, we should make every effort to do so. CBHL is an international organization with members in 13 countries outside the U.S.A.

Kathy Allen, book review editor, asked if there is a policy about guest reviews in the *Newsletter*. There is no policy, but we have preferred member reviews, with occasional guest reviews accepted at the book review editor's discretion. There will be some children's books reviewed in future issues of the *Newsletter*.

Congratulations and applause were offered to **Rita Hassert** on the completion of the new CBHL brochure. A new chair for the committee was announced and applauded: **Jonathan Bengtson**, from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston, Massachusetts. **The report was APPROVED.**

The report of the Electronic Communications Committee was given by Board liaison **Chuck Tancin** for **Stanley Johnston**, chair, The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio, who was absent. Statistics from **Bernadette Callery** show that 98 CBHL members are currently subscribed to the online distribution list. In the 2nd half of 2000 there were 416 messages posted on the list; in the first half of 2001 there were 397 posted.

Queries posted are usually quite specific, and members using the list have found it very helpful. There has been little trouble with spam messages (junk e-mail) or viruses. As current webmaster, **Chuck** reported that use of the website has continued to increase, including use of the members-only section of the site. Upcoming webmaster **Janet Evans**, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, has put together a small web team

consisting of **Kathleen Fisher**; **Lisa DeCesare**, Arnold Arboretum; **Michele Meyers**, Herb Society of America, Kirtland, Ohio; **Suzi Teghtmeyer**, Southwest Missouri State University, Mountain Grove, Missouri; and **Gayle Bradbeer**, Denver, Colorado, to work together with her on revamping the website.

Meanwhile, **Chuck** will maintain the site at Hunt Institute in Pittsburgh and so all updates, additions, deletions and corrections should be sent to **Chuck**, while ideas for redesigning the site should be sent to **Janet Evans**.

The committee discussed use of attachments on the online distribution list. Rather than prohibiting them, the committee recommends practicing 'safe computing' for both senders and receivers, and also recommends that senders include a plain text copy of the enclosure text in the body of the e-mail message as an alternative for those who prefer not to open attachments. This and other issues prompted the committee to wonder whether it's time for another survey to find out more about CBHL members' use of computers. The last such survey was done in spring of 1998.

The committee also discussed an electronic membership directory. They suggested that the full version could be maintained in a database by the Membership Manager, and members could be queried via the membership application/renewal form as to which of their contact information could be placed in an electronic directory for member access. Members could have the option to request a printed copy of the full version. Some suggested a slight fee to offset printing costs.

The committee offered 2 recommendations for approval. First, they recommended that all members with e-mail addresses on file will be automatically subscribed to the online distribution list, receiving a message that endorses this means of information sharing and that includes specific instructions on how to unsubscribe. **This was APPROVED** with one opposing vote.

Second, they recommended that an electronic membership directory be developed to be accessible via the CBHL website in the members-only section, with information selectively included as indicated on the membership/renewal applications. **This was APPROVED** and the report was approved.

The report of the Public Relations (PR) Committee was given by chair **Rita Hassert**, who thanked the committee for their work. A press release publicizing the Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature was sent to selected media venues. A new CBHL brochure was completed, and copies were included in all registration packets for the CBHL, AABGA and AHTA meetings held this week in Denver. The committee is now working on a press release about the winners of the Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature.

The committee reports 5 great PR ideas for 2001: (1) Put a small membership application on the back page of the newsletter; (2) **Barney Lipscomb**, Botanical Research Institute, Fort Worth, Texas has volunteered to report on the Denver meeting in one of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas publications; (3) Develop a

better mailing list for PR uses; (4) Publicize CBHL in one of the AABGA publications; (5) Develop a decal or certificate indicating CBHL Membership, for members to display. Celine encouraged member institutions to add links to the CBHL website from their institutional websites. Perhaps other members might also consider reporting on the CBHL meeting in their institutional publications. **Jane Cole** requested a round of applause for the development of the new CBHL brochure. **The report was APPROVED.**

The Computer Consortium Committee report was given by chair **Laurie Hannah**. Laurie noted that the committee originated with CBHL's OCLC Group Access Capability (GAC), and has continued largely as a GAC user group. However, there has also been interest expressed in extending the committee's scope to resource sharing in a broader sense. The committee discussed how to increase GAC membership and participation. Also, a recommendation was made to separate the GAC group out as a separate committee, and to explore having the Computer Consortium Committee recast as a resource sharing committee. **The recommendation to form a separate GAC group was PASSED as a Board resolution.**

The recommendation to rename the existing committee the Resource Sharing Committee was APPROVED by vote, and the report was APPROVED.

The Membership Committee report was given by **Gayle Bradbeer**. The committee charge needs to be revised. Its charge has been to develop resource contacts for new members and a poster session, and to work with the Public Relations Committee in recruiting new members. Only one other person attended the committee meeting, and so the committee needs members.

Also, a volunteer is needed to apprentice as Membership Manager. Gayle has been serving in 2 capacities, as committee chair and Membership Manager, and requests that these be split, in which case she would be willing to continue as Membership Manager for a while until she can train a replacement.

Kathy Fescemyer, Life Sciences Library, Penn State, University Park, Pennsylvania, volunteered to chair the Membership Committee, and **this was APPROVED and applauded.**

Asked about the format of the membership database, Gayle said that it is in Microsoft Access, but could be put into another format if needed. **The report was APPROVED.**

The Resource Assessment for Preservation and Access Committee (RAPAC) report was given by **Doug Holland** for chair **Don Wheeler**, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, who was absent. Doug said that the committee wants to find out what resources our member libraries have, and is in process of doing several surveys. There is strong affirmation among the committee that this is an important goal and that it supports the strategic plan. The first survey on nonbook collections was sent to about 115 institutions, with an 80% return.

Doug also said that the committee could use more members, and it needs someone who can organize and compile survey results so that they can be shared with CBHL members. The committee wants

to put the survey results in the membership directory as a separate reference section, and also on the website.

Susan Fraser, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York, recently completed a glossary for archives and special collections, and it is posted on the web at <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHL-Glossary.html>. She has also drafted a second survey questionnaire on archives, which will be reviewed and then distributed to CBHL members. The committee is reviewing an Association of Research Libraries' (ARL) survey instrument, which it may recommend to CBHL members later. **The report was APPROVED.**

The Committee on Committees (COC) report was given by chair **David Lane**. The committee had 5 tasks last year: (1) help to schedule committee meetings for the Denver meeting; (2) help with the new CBHL brochure; (3) promote further discussion of print and electronic formats for the membership directory; (4) explore how the COC might help in implementing the strategic plan; (5) find a new chair, or stabilize the process by which the committee is chaired. Tasks 1-3 have been completed, and tasks 4-5 are in process. **The report was APPROVED.**

This ended the committee reports. Celine asked for reports on future annual meetings.

2002 - **Barbara Pitschel** reported on the 2002 meeting in San Francisco, to be held Tuesday, April 9 through Friday, April 12, hosted by the Strybing Arboretum Society and the California Academy of Science. The theme will be "Plants and People: A Regional Perspective." Barbara is working with **Anne Marie Malley**, California Academy of Science Library; **Larry Currie**, California Academy of Science Library, and **Kathleen Fisher**, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Helen Crocker Russell Library.

The meeting hotel will be the Canterbury Hotel on Sutter Street, and possible venues for the meeting include Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, the Helen Crocker Russell Library, and the California Academy of Sciences, all in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park; the University of California, Berkeley, and Regional Parks Botanic Garden in the East Bay; and Filoli Gardens, a National Trust house, garden, and library on the San Francisco Peninsula. A pre-conference program on digitization is being considered. Optional tours will be on Saturday, April 13. **Kathleen Fisher** from Strybing thanked Barbara for "mentoring [her] into CBHL and into botanical and horticultural libraries."

2003 - **Pat Jonas**, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, reported on the 2003 meeting in New York, to be held June 10-14, hosted by The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx; Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn; Horticultural Society of New York, New York City; and Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay. There will be a good book exhibit and great book collections to visit, among other attractions.

2004 - **Chuck Tancin** reported on the 2004 meeting in Pittsburgh, to be held in late May or early June. Hunt Institute staff and **Bernadette Callery** of Carnegie Museum of Natural History,

Pittsburgh, are planning the meeting.

2005 - **Janet Evans** reported that the 2005 meeting will be hosted by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in Philadelphia in May or June.

Next, **Cees Lut** was asked to give a short report on the European Botanical and Horticultural Group (EBHL). Unfortunately, his report had to be brief due to time constraints, so he has been encouraged, with apologies, to send the full text to **Jane Cole**, editor, for inclusion in the next issue of the *Newsletter*. He did tell us a bit about the origins of the National Herbarium of the Netherlands and the Botanical Garden and Library at Leiden. He noted that EBHL met recently in Brussels, Belgium and that EBHL's meetings are typically 2 days of meetings, papers, programs and tours. EBHL has a yearly policy of inviting and covering meeting expenses to enable 1 or 2 colleagues from eastern Europe, who could not otherwise afford it, to attend an EBHL meeting. Cees noted that there is a language problem at EBHL meetings, which are mostly conducted in English, not the first language of many EBHL members. EBHL has an online membership directory, and no longer produces a print version. They will soon add a French language version of their website.

John Reed made a recommendation to form a small working group of CBHL and EBHL members to work out details for an associate membership benefit for members of both organizations, the details to be worked out by late September before the CBHL mid-year Board meeting, and it was **AGREED that this would be handled as a Board resolution.**

The CBHL Annual Business Meeting was temporarily adjourned at 3:05 p.m., to be continued at 5:30 p.m. the same day, Friday, July 13, at the Denver Public Library.

The meeting was resumed at 5:35 p.m. at the Denver Public Library, 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, in the Western History Collection private reception room.

Celine Arseneault, chair, thanked **Cees Lut** for coming from Leiden, The Netherlands, to the CBHL meeting this year. Then she opened discussion of new business.

Elections: **Barbara Pitschel** requested that discussion of handling elections by single or double slate be deferred until next year.

XVII IBC: **John Reed** raised the issue of participation in the XVII International Botanical Congress, to be held in Vienna in 2005. This could be a good opportunity for collaboration between CBHL and EBHL. We have an opportunity to submit a proposal, and John recommended contacting EBHL to propose a collaboration.

Seattle Fire: A letter was sent from 2000-2001 President **Celine Arseneault** to **Valerie Easton**, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Seattle, after the firebombing that severely damaged the Elisabeth C. Miller Library. Celine offered CBHL as a support group for the library staff, particularly in regard to handling reference queries. **Brian Thompson** has expressed gratitude on behalf of Valerie and the library staff and assured Celine that they would be contacting CBHL members some time later after they have

recovered a bit further.

Papers from Members: **Laurie Hannah**, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California, raised the issue of increasing member contributions to programs at our annual meetings.

A recommendation was made to have an annual call for papers, posters, or other such contributions from members.

It was agreed that the 2002 meeting would be exempted from this, as so much planning is already underway. It was generally agreed that we want to make it more possible for our members to get to annual meetings, and institutional support might be more forthcoming if members are personally involved in programs.

After further discussion, the recommendation was WITHDRAWN and will be considered as **old business** at next year's annual meeting, so as not to make a hasty decision under press of time.

More news and announcements were given. **Suzi Tegtmeyer**, Southwest Missouri State University, Mountain Grove, Missouri, noted that last year she accepted the charge of assembling biographies of some past CBHL members; she will work on this in the coming year. **Judy Warnement**, Harvard University Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts, thanked **Jonathan Bengtson**, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, and **Laurie Hannah** who have volunteered to co-edit a conservation and preservation column for the *Newsletter*. **Ruth Schallert**, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Washington, D.C., gave an update on the vertical file of the Smithsonian's Horticulture Library, which is being discontinued as a separate library. The vertical file will be added to the general reference section of the Smithsonian's libraries; the seed catalogs will be integrated with trade catalogs in the American History Branch. Morale at the Smithsonian in face of these and other changes is reported to be low.

Thanks were given to our hosts, **Susan Eubank** and **Gayle Bradbeer**. The traditional check to the host was postponed; meanwhile, a bottle of wine was offered, along with a rag doll for Susan's daughter Elizabeth. Susan thanked CBHL for everything. Celine gave calendars from Montreal Botanical Garden to Susan and Gayle as gifts from the CBHL President. She also gave outgoing Past-President **David Lane** a gavel engraved with his name, and outgoing Treasurer **John Reed** a wooden pen and calculator. The new Board was introduced with the addition of **Judy Warnement**, as 2nd Vice-president.

2001-2002 CBHL President **Susan Fugate** then formally **ADJOURNED** the CBHL Annual Business Meeting with a gavel at 6:00 p.m. in the Denver Public Library, on Friday, July 13, 2001.

CBHL Annual Meeting 2002 will be during the week of Tuesday April 9, 2002 in San Francisco, California.

Minutes submitted
by Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin,
CBHL Secretary, August 16, 2001.

Annual Meeting Highlights

Tuesday evening, July 10, 2001

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm "CBHL Board Meeting" reported by **Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin**, Hunt Institute, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CBHL officers for 2000-2001 were President **Celine Arseneault**, 1st Vice-President **Susan Fugate**, 2nd Vice-President **Barbara Pitschel**, Past President **David Lane**, Treasurer **Mary Ellen Armentrout**, Past Treasurer **John Reed**, and Secretary **Chuck Tancin**. All were present for the meeting.

The Board met on Tuesday evening, July 10, 2001, at a Denver restaurant where they were joined by **Cees Lut** of the Nationaal Herbarium Nederland, Leiden, who attended as an invited guest. Preparations and reports for the upcoming business meeting were discussed. The status of the Annual Literature Award Committee, standing or *ad hoc*, needs to be clarified. **Kathy Allen** has been reappointed as chair for 3 years; **Valerie Easton** will be reappointed for 2 years; **Celine Arseneault** and **Susan Fugate** will be reappointed for one more year; **Barbara Pitschel** will be Board liaison to the committee, but not a committee member.

Cees Lut talked with the Board about EBHL, and requested consideration of a special reduced dues rate for EBHL members to join CBHL, and vice versa. Celine asked about privileges; John suggested a non-voting associate membership. Cees noted that international members of CBHL would join as full members if they want to have input on CBHL affairs. Celine suggested presenting the idea at the business meeting and asking for a small working group to work with some EBHL members to work out details and then make a proposal to both boards. John volunteered to make the proposal with Cees at the business meeting and has volunteered to be part of the working group.

The number of candidates for election were discussed. Previous objections to single slates centered on having too much power concentrated in the nominating committee. John suggested deferring further discussion until revisions to the bylaws are proposed. Celine left it on the agenda for now under new business.

Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the web at <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHLInfoCtr/CBHL-100701.html>.

Wednesday, July 11

8:30 am "Pat Wagner: Ecology of Workplace Communication" talk at Denver Marriott City Center, 1701 California Street at 17th, Denver, Colorado, reported by **Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin**, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Pat Wagner is an SLA and ALA conference speaker specializing in conflict management, leadership, and productivity issues. She regaled CBHL members with theories and strategies as she talked about the ecology of workplace communication, stress management, and effective communication. She told us about the changing roles that individuals actually play as they interact with staff, supervisors, and co-workers.

Using a model called the "conflict triangle," this speaker demonstrated behaviors of bullies, victims, and meddlers and told us how to identify each. Even more importantly, she told us how to successfully interact with these people. Our speaker reminded us that "mistakes are information" and suggested that the golden rule should be "do unto others as they would prefer to be done to." Even though she provided guidelines on how to be more effective and influential in the workplace, she also discussed how to know when it's time to quit your job and move on to something else. I'm sure her audience found Pat's presentation entertaining, informative, and thought-provoking. She gave us all some really practical tools for improving the quality of our professional interactions.

12:00 Noon. "Lunch on your own." **Larry Currie**, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, California and **Jane Cole**, Phoenix, Arizona walked up the street and split a huge chicken burrito at the downtown Chipotle Mexican Grill on California Street between 16th and 17th. This choice was based on our Denver hosts' "CBHL in Denver 2001" booklet which listed, under Cheap Lunch, "One burrito easily feeds two." It did.

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Business Meeting, Denver Marriott City Center
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm Refreshments, Denver Marriott City Center
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Business Meeting, Denver Marriott City Center

5:30-7:30 pm - "Meet The Authors Opening Reception," Hyatt Regency Denver, Imperial Ballroom Foyer reported by **Jane Cole**.

Colleagues came together from all three organizations – American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta (AABGA), American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA), and CBHL - as well as book vendors from the Rocky Mountain region who displayed and sold their works. The latest work of Denver Botanic Gardens Director of Horticulture Rob Proctor was on display, Fulcrum Publishing was well represented and highly supportive of the event, and Pacific Horticulture magazine premiered CBHL member Dr. **Elizabeth McClintock's** book *The Trees of Golden Gate Park*. Poster exhibits included many displays by meeting participants along with world travel and other related product vendors. There was even a CBHL poster exhibit put together by **John Reed** and **Charlotte Tancin**.

A great assortment of Colorado wines, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, and mashed potato or sweet potato sundaes contributed to the congenial gathering of people and food. Among the important people spotted at the event were Dr. William Feldman, director of Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior, Arizona; Dr. Peter Raven, director of Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri; Cesar Mazier, director of horticulture, Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, Arizona; and **C.J.W. Lut**, librarian, Riksherbarium / Hortus Botanicus, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.

7:30 pm "Dinner on your own" sent members all over Downtown Denver from LoDo to Cherry Creek north to farther afield, as featured in the hosts' "CBHL in DENVER, 2001."

Leora Siegel, Chicago Botanic Garden; **Chuck Tancin**, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation; **Bernadette Callery**,

Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh; and **Jane Cole**, retired from Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, headed for Dixon's, 1610 16th Street. Featured is "Southwestern fare in a relaxed atmosphere." A short ride on the free 16th Street bus delivered the group to the door, just this side of the downtown branch of Tattered Cover Bookstore. Outdoor seating seemed like a good idea, but the group panicked when there were a few drops of rain and moved quickly indoors to enjoy a casual and tasty meal.

Thursday, July 12

7:00 am - 8:00 am continental breakfast was laid out for AABGA, AHTA, and CBHL in the foyer near the Imperial Ballroom at the Denver Hyatt Regency Hotel, 1750 Welton, Denver.

8:00 am "Welcoming Comments," Imperial Ballroom, Denver Hyatt Regency, reported by **Judith Warnement**, Harvard University Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mr. Brinsley Burbidge, Executive Director of the Denver Botanic Gardens, offered a very brief welcome to members of AABGA, CBHL and AHTA. He reminded the audience that art and science meet in gardens and that members of these organizations are responsible for connecting people with plants. Mr. Burbidge noted that the scheduled keynote speaker, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., was unable to fulfill his commitment because he is serving a prison sentence for defending the environment. Burbidge challenged the audience to get involved and protect the earth for future generations.

Ms Carla Pastore, Executive Director of AABGA, followed with a personal welcome to members of the three organizations. Ms Pastore summarized the challenges facing public gardens in an era when one must do more with less. Outreach activities must appeal to the community at large and particularly to families, educational programs must integrate both the public interest and institutional goals, new partnerships must be formed with conservation groups and corporations, and non-traditional work forces should be considered to offset labor shortages. She reminded members that we are stewards of the environment and that we should be active both in developing outdoor codes of ethics and in influencing land policies which protect the environment.

Ms Pastore then introduced AABGA Board members and encouraged all of us to communicate with them.

9:00 am "A Contract with Our Future," Imperial Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, as reported by **Judith Warnement**, Harvard University Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The speaker was John Cronin, who is co-author with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. of the book *The Riverkeepers: Two Activists Fight to Reclaim Our Environment as a Basic Human Right* (New York: Scribner, 1997). Mr. Cronin replaced speaker Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., senior attorney for the National Resources Defense Council and chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeepers.

John Cronin, a large man with a great resonant voice, presented an informative and entertaining story of the personal journey which had led him to a life in environmental activism. He reflected on

how, as a small child, he had learned in school that modern civilization began in the fertile crescent, along the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers where early people harnessed river water to develop agriculture.

Cronin then told about growing up in Yonkers, New York, along the Hudson River. The river did not play a role in his childhood, but he became aware over time that it had been a social center for earlier generations and he began to wonder what had happened to his family's river. Cronin later dropped out of college and then roamed across the United States for several years, but he never found a place that "resonated like home" so he returned to the Hudson River Valley and worked as a house painter.

In the 1960s, noted folk-singer Pete Seeger started to sail his 106-foot sloop, the Clearwater, up and down the Hudson River to bring attention to the river and waterfront. Cronin responded to Seeger's call for volunteers to rebuild docks and clean up the river. After several weekends of volunteer dock building with Seeger, Cronin joined Seeger's "Clearwater People's Pipe Watch" group in 1973. The aim of this volunteer group was to enforce New York laws designed to protect the Hudson River from industrial discharges. Seeger's volunteers tested water from the discharge pipes to see if it contained contaminants not permitted under the law. By examining the flow coming out of pipes along the river the Seeger volunteers discovered that Tuck Tape Industries was seriously polluting the river and the local ground water. The volunteers took their evidence to the U.S. attorney's office, a grand jury was convened, and charges were filed. Tuck Tape admitted guilt and paid the first fine levied in New York under the Clean Water Act.

This was a life altering experience for Cronin, so he joined the Clearwater staff. He admits that honest curiosity and a realization that the Hudson River was a part of his personal legacy were his only qualifications. Cronin then went on to hold several positions with environmental groups, the state legislature, and also got involved in the Manhattan Project investigation. He uncovered the fact that a company working with the Manhattan Project in upstate New York had pumped uranium oxide waste into old water wells that were still connected to the aquifer. This practice was apparently routine at the time - 1940s and 1950s - and was caused more by ignorance than by deception or greed.

On a whim Cronin then joined a commercial fishing fleet and spent two years fishing on the Hudson River. Cronin's research into fishing on the Hudson showed that the number of commercial fishing boats has continued to decline sharply because of the PCB - *polychlorinated biphenyls* - dumped into the river over many years by the General Electric Company. Their G.E. Capacitor Plants were located for many years upriver in Hudson Falls and Fort Edward, New York. His discovery inspired John Cronin to return to the environmental sector and to begin to investigate and lobby on behalf of the Hudson River. With funding from the Hudson River Fisherman's Association Cronin was given the title "Hudson River Riverkeeper" and proceeded to make plans to build a boat and patrol the river.

Cronin gave us an amusing account of his interactions with the CBS and NBC news teams who both wanted to cover the building

of his "Riverkeeper" boat and also his first day on the job as Riverkeeper. He admitted to the Denver audience that he was unsure of what would happen. However, he received a phone complaint about oil tankers rinsing out waste in the river across from Hyde Park, New York. So, his first day on the job, with competing news teams on board, he navigated his brand new boat upriver, rounded the curve at Hyde Park, and discovered a huge tanker dumping 14,000 tons of seawater laced with petrochemicals into the Hudson River.

When Cronin announced his presence and challenged the tanker captain, he discovered that Exxon International was responsible. As "Riverkeeper" he learned not only that the dumping was a routine practice, but also that when they finished dumping waste the tankers made their return trip worthwhile by filling up with fresh Hudson River water to be transported to the island of Aruba and sold to Aruba resorts for use in their swimming pools. Neither activity was legal either then or now.

The subsequent investigation and charges resulted in an end to these practices. Exxon oil company now provides funds to support Hudson River environmental programs. However, Cronin emphasized that the changes in procedure did not occur because of his investigations, New York, or U.S. laws.

PUBLIC OPINION was what made the difference and the speaker emphasized that there is no greater currency than public opinion.

Cronin noted that his associate, Bobby Kennedy, Jr., is in jail because of his involvement in the protest over U.S. Navy bombing exercises on Vieques island off the coast of Puerto Rico. He added that protesters have won; the U.S. armed forces bombing exercises are scheduled to end in two years, but Cronin predicted that the bombing practice will end before that.

Cronin concluded by noting that we -- all of us in natural history related occupations -- must work to develop a code of ethics that incorporates the natural world. If asked why we should protect endangered species, we need to respond by asking "who are we to decide what lives and dies?" Cronin said that we are involved in the continuing act of evolution and said that we must ask ourselves "are we saboteurs or participants?"

More about cleanup on the Hudson River is at www.epa.gov/region02/superfnd/site_sum/.

Thursday, July 12, continued

10:30 am "Marketing the People-Plant Connection" Imperial Ballroom, Hyatt Regency as reported by **Katherine Allen**, University of Minnesota, S. Paul., Minnesota.

Speaker was Paula Diane Relf, Ph.D., HTM, professor of horticulture and an extension specialist in Environmental Horticulture at Virginia Technical University. Professor Self, according to the program, "conducts a research and teaching program for graduate and undergraduate students in horticultural therapy. She has been the driving force behind the People-Plant Council since its formation in 1990 and is recognized as a pioneer in the area of horticultural therapy. Her work with the People-

Plant Council has contributed to the knowledge base of the roles of plants in history, culture, wellness, and behavior now known as human issues in horticulture."

The enormous auditorium in the Denver Hyatt Regency hotel was packed with people ready to listen to Diane Relf speak about how public gardens can attract new visitors and funding; the development of promotional and educational materials; and applying research to increase the effectiveness of meeting visitors' needs. Relf was an entertaining speaker whose thorough knowledge of her subject was evident.

Starting out with "Money doesn't grow on trees or we'd be in great shape!" led into a talk on the necessity for marketing and tips on how best to market your Garden. What struck me was that one could meaningfully substitute "Library" for "Garden" throughout her talk.

Whether librarian or horticulturist, one needs to think & act like a businessperson with a product or service to sell. According to Relf, the first principle of a successful business is to design the whole business around customer needs, not just perpetuate what was donated or inherited.

The steps involved begin with identifying your customers and potential customers. You need to woo customers who don't realize they need the service or product you offer. Then research and understand their needs and identify ways that your Library -- oops, Garden -- can meet those needs. Next, collaborate. Form partnerships with your customers and with other gardens. Select or design appropriate promotional tools and finally, use those marketing tools. More information on people-plant interactions can be found at Relf's homepage < <http://www.hort.vt.edu/faculty/Relf> >.

Thursday, July 12, continued

11:00 am "Artistic Visions for Public Gardens" Imperial Ballroom, Hyatt Regency as reported by **Judith Reed**, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y.

The talk was jointly presented by Rob Proctor, Director of Horticulture and Panayoti Kelaidis, Curator of Collections -- both men from Denver Botanic Gardens. These two speakers gave an informal slide presentation describing the focus for horticulture at the Denver Botanic Gardens, which are very much urban gardens. Both speakers advocate using nature to inspire gardens -- use nature as a model. The speakers want their gardens to seduce people, to be an inspiration for people, and to be a tool for copying for their own gardens. Rob Proctor also reminded the audience that horticulture is the "slowest of the performing arts."

There is a rich diversity -- including color -- in native flora. Natural settings at the Denver Botanic Gardens include the Rock Alpine Garden and the Prairie; the Edible Plant Garden with issues of how to also make it artistic; the Scrap Garden, made up of "leftovers" from the spring plant sale, presenting the problem of how to be creative using these plants; and "test" gardens, using a fluid changing art form and providing an opportunity to be experimental. The speakers both feel that gardens are not meant to

be forever; that there is no point to being finished; and that garden designers should keep being creative.

11:30 am - 1:00 pm Box lunches were provided in the Foyer near the Imperial Ballroom to take where ever you wish. The Publications Committee convened by **Judith Warnement**, Chair, met over lunch in the Ballroom.

Concurrent sessions, Thursday afternoon, July 12

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

1. "Asheville Plus 1: How Have You Implemented the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in Conservation in Your Garden?" Grays Peak Room, Qwest Tower, second floor. Peter Wyse-Jackson, Secretary General of Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and Steven Clemants, Vice president of Science, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, discussed the International Agenda for Botanic Gardens in Conservation. Other discussion participants included Ry Southard of Vail Alpine Garden Foundation, Nicola Ripley of Betty Ford Alpine Gardens, and Carol Dawson of Denver Botanic Gardens.
-no CBHL reporter-

2. "Children's Gardens Now in Design and Construction: New Directions and Applying Lessons from Recently Built Gardens" Qwest Tower, Mt. Elbert Room. reported by **Kathy Fescemyer**, Life Sciences Library, Pennsylvania State University.

The session was moderated by Director Holly Shimizu of the U.S. Botanic Garden and consisted of four speakers describing their own projects in designing children's gardens.

Gail Kiley-Sanders, Massachusetts Horticultural Society's director of horticultural education in Boston, presented the design for a new children's garden. The design was based on children's fantasies with a New England feel and a pod concept. Pods will contain areas such as the bluebird garden, a butterfly garden, the hemlock grove with treehouses and tree huts, Maypole, a sandbox with a Japanese rake garden, and the mount with climbing area and a water rill area.

Linda Eirhart, curator of plants from Delaware's Winterthur Museum, Garden and Library, described the development and opening of their Children's Garden on Father's Day June 17, 2001. The three acre garden is titled the Enchanted Woods and was designed for compatibility with the existing Winterthur/DuPont mansion style. Some of the features are the serpentine path, sculptures such as the Green Man, the spiral of stone, and the Troll's Bridge and the toadstool ring. Other areas were tunnels, the tulip tree house, the Maypole, bird's nest, a labyrinth, and a fairy cottage. Eirhart emphasized working with insurance personnel for safety factors especially when there are water features. She also discussed children's ability to climb on everything and how the design will need evaluations and changes over time.

Conservatory director Lisa Roberts of Chicago's Garfield Park Conservatory in Chicago, described the development, opening and management of the new Elizabeth Morse Genius Children's Garden which opened at Garfield Park in August 2000. This

indoor garden is part of one of the largest conservatories in the world. The garden's theme is that plants are alive and to do this the exhibit follows a giant flowering vine from seed to flower. Also featured is a Discovery Area with soil table, sensory cart, and other interactive displays to bring the gardens alive. Roberts recommended many practical ideas for managing children's areas. First, even if you make them ten times more durable than you think, plan for maintenance both in the ways you staff the area and also how you childproof it. The children themselves should help with the planning and make plans for all ages. The design must be compatible with the available space.

Herbert Schaal of EDAW Inc. summarized all the presentations by talking about the important elements of children's garden designs. He discussed the importance of having, at the entrance, a place to meet where both adults and toddlers could relax. The garden for children should contain only one entrance and even have a protective perimeter to keep children within the garden. Schaal feels that both play and fantasy landscapes are important. Schaal then talked about being prepared for larger than expected attendance -- data from the three gardens described show that attendance was twice what was expected on normal days and ten times what was expected during special garden events. He stressed safety and staffing to prevent accidents.

3. "Dipping Into the Non-traditional Volunteer Pools" K. Haas, The Holden Arboretum; Elizabeth Ley, U.S. National Arboretum; Mary Lou Kelly, Quail Botanical Garden; and Shane Smith, Cheyenne Botanic Gardens.

- no CBHL reporter -

4. "Garden Marketing on the Internet" Marnie Conley, Phipps Conservatory; Janet Marinelli, Brooklyn Botanic Garden; Maria Klein, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum; Derek Norman, Chicago Botanic Garden.

- no CBHL reporter -

5. "Growing People Beyond Prison Walls" Shelley A. Genzer, Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Lisa Whittlesey, Texas Agricultural Extension; Patrick Neal Williams, Murray State University; Cedric Mills, Bryan Federal Prison Camp; J.T. Langley, Lee College Huntsville Center.

- no CBHL reporter -

6. "Lessons From an Enabling Garden: Everyone Benefits From Universal Access" Maria Gabaldo, Chicago Botanic Garden; Gene Rothert, Chicago Botanic Garden; Julie Vidotto, Chicago Botanic Garden; Joel Snyder, Audio Description Associates.

- no CBHL reporter -

7. "Pioneering the People-Plant-Information Connection: Innovative Information Services for the 21st Century" Qwest Tower, Long's Peak Room. as reported by **Judith Warnement**, Harvard University Botany libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Janet Evans, Librarian, McLean Library, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, moderated a panel to a packed audience. The panel of four CBHL members each described innovative reference services.

Richard Isaacson, Librarian, Andersen Horticultural Library, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen, Minnesota opened the session by demonstrating the various search features of the web subscription service "Plant Information Online" that he and his associate, Katherine Allen, Librarian at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, make available to subscribers. His service includes mail order sources for 60,000 plants, citations to 150,000 references, and complete information on 1000 North American nursery and seed catalogs. The database initially cost \$35,000 to create and now costs \$145 per month to maintain. It contains more than 225,000 serial literature citations that date back to the early 1980s and is updated daily. Information on subscriptions to this service is available at <<http://plantinfo.umn.edu>>.

Susan Eubank*, Librarian, Helen Fowler Library, Denver Botanic Gardens, described the evolution of the Denver plant questions service which started as "ask Dr. Green." Initially, staff gardeners appeared in Helen Fowler Library to answer phones for a few hours in the afternoon a couple of days each week. Unfortunately, the gardeners often did not show up. As a result, Susan began to provide the service herself. She also collaborated with local agencies to develop telephone scripts which gave answers to the most frequently answered questions. The service was somewhat limited by the need for callers to have a brochure handy that was a key to the scripts by subject heading such as "garden pests," "roses," "soils," etc.

The next innovation by the group was to make the scripts available on the web. The web site is still under development and many enhancements are planned. However, Susan cautioned that the Library would never give up the phone service because different people learn in different ways. She also noted with humor that in spite of the website <www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk/index> "Dr. Green is still flapping in a corner of the Library."

Celine Arseneault, Librarian, Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Quebec gave a dazzling *PowerPoint* demonstration describing how she became webmaster of the Montreal Botanical Garden site and the methods she employed to develop the site. Celine demonstrated many of the site's features and then showed the form they developed to find out what visitors to the site needed that was not available or was not prominent and therefore overlooked.

Celine also described the extensive reference support provided by her staff. Their policy is to respond to all requests within three days and they prioritize questions that relate directly to the Montreal Botanical Garden. They will answer questions that require less than ten minutes of research and will make appropriate referrals whenever possible. Information is provided in electronic form only, is kept confidential, and all requests are analyzed to see how the service or the site can be enhanced. She also noted that attachments are not allowed and the client does not receive a copy of the form the staff uses.

<<http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/jardin.htm>>
<http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/en/courjbot_form.htm>

Janet Evans reported on the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's new email newsletter, *The Wired Gardener*. It is a free monthly e-mail subscription service from the staff of the McLean Library. Subscribers receive reviews of gardening web sites and books, web searching tips and tricks, and news of gardening happenings. The newsletter features news of interest to the region -- hardiness zones 5-7 -- and has been described as a valuable "niche" service. While most subscribers are local, Janet noted that comments, questions and tips come from other parts of the world. Janet suggests to subscribe to *The Wired Gardener* send an email to: <LISTSERV@HSLC.ORG> leaving the subject line blank. In the body of the message type SUBSCRIBE WIREDGARDENER followed by yourfirstname(space)yourlastname.

*Susan Eubank resigned from this position in July 2001.
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8."Preparation, Planning & Persistence: Developing a Geographic Information System (GIS) as an Information Management Tool" with Ann Cook, Longwood Gardens; John Wachter, Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest; Wayne Cahilly, The New York Botanical Garden; Rhoda Maurer, Scott Arboretum of Smith College; and Rebecca Sucher, Missouri Botanical Garden.
- no CBHL reporter -

9."School gardens: Garden Professionals Pioneering the Connection Between Students and Plants" with Amy Southon, Chicago Botanic Garden; Don Hohimer, Cajon Valley Middle School; Sharyl McGrew, Aquatic Outreach Institute; and Julie Warsowe, Brooklyn Botanic Garden.
- no CBHL reporter -

Thursday, July 12, continued

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

1."Branching Out: Program Partnering with Libraries and Other Institutions" with Katherine Johnson, Chicago Botanic Garden; Sharon Myrie, Brooklyn Botanic Garden; April Pickrel, Nichols Arboretum; and Jo Falls, Tohono Chul Park.
- no CBHL reporter -

2."Developing, Curating, and Maintaining a Horticultural Therapy Collection" with Nancy Chambers, Rusk Institute; Gwenn Fried, Rusk Institute; Karen Haas, The Holden Arboretum; Regecca Haller, Denver Botanic Gardens; Maria Gabaldo, Chicago Botanic Garden; Teresa Haxen, Legacy Health System.
- no CBHL reporter -

3."Funding opportunities for Public Gardens from Three Federal Agencies" with Barbara Butler, National Science Foundation; Erich Rudyj, USDA; and Steven Shwartzman, Institute of Museum & Library Services.
- no CBHL report er-

4."How to Collect, Interpret, and Use People-Plant Interaction Information" with Candice Shoemaker, Chicago Botanic Garden and Diane Relf, Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
- no CBHL reporter -

5. "Into the 21st century: Ecologically Responsible Facilities for Botanical Gardens" Qwest Tower, Mt. Elbert Room as reported by **Kathy Fescemyer**, Pennsylvania State University, Life Sciences Library, University Park, Pennsylvania.

All five speakers in this session described buildings with an ecological focus. Landscape architect Ann Milovosoroff from the Royal Botanical Gardens, Ontario, moderated the session and presented Cornelia Hahn Oberlander's session on the design and construction of the C. K. Choi Building of the Institute of Asian Research at the University of British Columbia. This building was constructed with the use of recycled materials and on a limited footprint. The building is energy conserving and conserves water by the use of composting toilets. Existing vegetation was preserved. More information about this building may be found at www.iar.ubc.ca/choibuilding/Index.htm.

Director Shane Smith of the Cheyenne Botanic Gardens began by describing the unique conditions of this area of Wyoming. The area has heavy winds, hail, and high desiccation. Few trees occur naturally. The Gardens have had a progression of solar greenhouses. The conservatory is completely passively solar heated. The Gardens provide solar education to all visiting groups. Information on their building is available at www.botanic.org/.

University of New Mexico assistant professor Kim Sorvig spoke about general principles of sustainable construction. He discussed three principles of green building: function, education, and research. Sorvig was a consultant for the building of the Rio Grande Botanic Garden in Albuquerque which he feels is functional, but fails aesthetically. Sorvig discusses his positions on function, education, and research fully in his book, *Sustainable Landscape Construction: A Guide to Green Building Outdoors*. J. William Thompson and Kim Sorvig with drawings by Craig D. Farnsworth. ISBN: 1559636467.

Ann Milovosoroff concluded the session by describing the plant selection for the Royal Botanical Gardens, Toronto, Ontario. The Mediterranean Greenhouse there shows plants from similar latitudes and climates, but from many continents. The collections have been chosen wisely for winter season appeal.

6. "Keeping Track Along the Way: Institutional Archives and Records Management" Moderator was **Susan Fugate**, U.S. National Agricultural Library, with speakers **Bernadette Callery**, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and Larry Baume, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration, reported by **Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin**, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh.

This panel program addressed the management of institutional records and archives. **Susan Fugate** provided context about the importance of availability and preservation of institutional records, from accession records of living collections to historic correspondence. **Bernadette Callery** argued for making collection records part of the institutional archive and noted that collection records are continuously current and must be preserved and kept accessible. She emphasized the importance of having a record of

authority and decisions as part of the institutional corporate memory.

Larry Baume presented a records management primer and case study, answering the questions "Why now?" "Why bother?" "What's in it for me?" and "Where can I get help?" He emphasized the need for gaining intellectual control of unorganized records, and for identifying potentially permanent records. He talked about how to begin planning a records management program and how to set up comprehensive project goals.

7. "Linking Data, Linking Efforts: Digital Herbaria Online" with Anukriti Sud, Bloom; Dr. Gerald Guala, Fairchild Tropical Garden; **Douglas Holland**, Missouri Botanical Garden; Chris Freeland, Missouri Botanical Garden; Kevin Indoe, The New York Botanical Garden; Anthony Kirchgessner, The New York Botanical Garden; and Melissa Tulig, The New York Botanical Garden.

Information about **Doug Holland's** work at Missouri Botanical Garden on "Preserving and Digitizing Plant Images: Linking Plant Images and Databases for Public Access" is available at <http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/mobot/imis> and "Rare Books from the Missouri Botanical Garden library" is available at <http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/mobot/rarebooks>.

8. "Technologies for Mapping Your Garden" with Wayne Cahilly, The New York Botanical Garden; Boyce T. Ankersley, Chicago Botanic Garden; Walt Dunlap, The New York Botanical Garden; Veronica Harry-Jackson, Chicago Botanic Garden; Nina Savar, Northeast Illinois planning Commission; and Dr. Susan Stitt, US Geological Survey.
- no CBHL reporter -

Thursday, July 12, continued

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

"DINNER BENEATH A WESTERN SKY" at Denver Botanic Gardens' Chatfield Nature Preserve on Deer Creek Canyon Road, Littleton, Colorado. Reported by **Barbara Pitschel**, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, San Francisco.

At about 5:30 pm a short bus ride took us from the Denver Marriott City Center to Denver Botanic Gardens' prairie natural area south of the city -- 700 acres of native plants and wildlife, grasslands, and wetland ponds -- to enjoy an evening barbecue. When we arrived, people tended to stay near the large party tent to take shelter both from the typical late-afternoon summer thunder and lightning rainstorm and the elephant-size mosquitos.

Entertainments included a wide array of offerings on the site of Chatfield's two historic 19th century farms -- hayrides, a mechanical bull, tethered balloon rides, visiting llamas, horses, and tractors of all kinds -- each of which appealed to some members of the crowd. The hands-down highlight of the evening for us, however, was a visit from our host **Susan Eubank's** fifteen-month-old daughter, Elizabeth May, whom we first met last year at the CBHL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., when she was only a month old.

As for food, a startling hors d'oeuvre selection ranged from rattlesnake to buffalo, as well as the more traditional tortillas filled with cheese and beans, chicken, or pork, with chips and salsas. A buffet-style dinner followed, offering chicken, beef, beans, many kinds of salads, and assorted yummy desserts. Guests took away jars of Colorado wildflower honey. The evening ended with much enthusiastic dancing to the music of a live country band.

Friday, July 13

8:30 am -- 10:00 am lower floor conference room, Denver Marriott City Center "The People-People Connection: Sharing CBHL knowledge with new members and first time attendees."

About 35 CBHL members showed up for the session which began with **Jane Cole**, Phoenix, and other members from West of the Mississippi making a brief presentation to **David Lane**, former president of CBHL and University of New Hampshire Biological Sciences Librarian. David accepted their gift of a felt cowboy hat which acknowledged his "honorary membership in CBHL West."

Brian Thompson, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle, gave a laptop and slide photo presentation about the spring 2001 fire and its aftermath at the offices near the Center for Urban Horticulture. Brian explained that this fire was purposely set and had apparently been aimed at the office of one of the genetic tree research scientists at the University of Washington.

Susan Eubank, Denver Botanic Gardens, and **Gayle Bradbeer**, Denver's Auraria Library, then read aloud some of the questions for CBHL that they had received from new members at registration. The discussion centered on these questions:

1. Which library automation systems work, are reasonably priced, and fulfill minimum requirements?
2. How is a collection development policy, that fits a unique collection and institutional mission, put together?
3. What do others do about licensing images from library books and illustrations? How do we cover costs and protect collections and copyrights?

Judy Reed, The New York Botanical Garden, on conservation issues, **Celine Arseneault**, Montreal Botanical Garden, on licensing concerns, and other long time CBHL members contributed lively comments and suggestions. New members comments, questions, and suggestions were well represented by **Leora Siegel**, Chicago Botanic Garden, and **Jonathan Bengtson**, Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

10:30 am

A bus trip from Downtown to the Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York Street, brought us to a continental breakfast of juice, snacks, fruit, and coffee, followed by tours, reported by **Tracy Mehlin**, Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle., Washington.

Friday morning found members of CBHL, as well as AABGA and AHTA, visiting the Denver Botanic Gardens. Two garden staff members led each group of about 12 people. Our group started out in the Helen Fowler Library with senior librarian **Susan Eubank** showing us treasures of the rare book room.

From the library we wandered into the very hot and steamy Tropical Conservatory filled with rare orchids, ferns, begonias, palms, and other lush tropical wonders. Leaving the conservatory made the hot and sunny Denver air seem almost refreshing. Denver Botanic Gardens, with the guidance of the new Director of Horticulture, Rob Proctor, has container gardening at new heights of sophistication.

There were artful groupings of pots placed throughout the Gardens, stuffed with annuals and fashionable tender perennials. I counted 38 distinct gardens with themes ranging from fragrance to scripture, from "Drop-Dead Red" to "Sacred Earth."

Drought adapted plants from around the world and from the western United States & northern Mexico figured dominantly in many parts of the Gardens with titles such as "Dryland Mesa" and "South African Plaza." Diminutive, unusual, and finicky plants seemed to thrive under the careful attention of curator Panayoti Kelaidis in the Rock Alpine Garden. The Denver reproduction of the Monet Garden transported us to Giverny as we imagined Monet's vision of the play of light and marveled at this live American depiction of Monet's famous water lilies.

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm

Box lunches were made available outdoors near the front gate of the Denver Botanic Gardens in a secluded, shady spot. Some people sat on the grass, some in chairs, to enjoy socializing over lunch.

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm

The CBHL business meeting reconvened in a lovely old mansion at Denver Botanic Gardens. **Cees (KAYS) Lut (LOOT)** gave a brief report. Cees' full text is given here in order to cover some topics that he didn't have time to mention at the Denver meeting.

Cees Lut is Chief librarian of the National Herbarium of the Netherlands and board member (treasurer) of the EBHL (European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group).

The Leiden University branch of the National Herbarium of the Netherlands and the Leiden Botanic Garden are institutions with a long history. Our Botanical Garden was founded in 1590 as one of the earliest University Gardens in Europe. By a Royal Decree on March 31 in 1829, the foundation of a Herbarium in Brussels (Belgium), at that time the Capital of the Southern Netherlands, became a fact. In June, one year later just before the outbreak of the revolt which resulted in the same year in the separation of the Southern Netherlands in Belgium and the Netherlands, this herbarium moved from Brussels to Leiden. The first director of the garden was Charles l'Ecluse (Carolus Clusius).

Today the research and teaching programs of the Leiden branch of the National Herbarium of the Netherlands is carried out by two project groups:

Group 1. Plants of the Indo Pacific Area brings together the research on the vascular plants of the Malesian region. The immense, and very incompletely known diversity of flowering plants and ferns of the Malesian region, Thailand, and Indochina is central to the programs of this research group. The group co-

ordinates the international *Flora Malesiana* project, a first scientific inventory of about 42,000 flowering plants and ferns carried out by a network of over 120 taxonomists all over the world.

Group 2. Phanerogams and Cryptogams of the Netherlands and Europe combines specialists for the systematic study of flowering plants, algae, mosses, and fungi with emphasis on European taxa. The *Flora of the Netherlands* is updated day by day and jointly with the in-house Foundation FLORON, a database of over eight million plant records covering the last century is maintained. This database, named FLORBASEd, is used to study the effects of anthropogenic factors and climate change on the wild flora.

The current collections of the three branches of the National Herbarium of the Netherlands (Leiden, Utrecht, and Wageningen) include more than 6,000,000 plant specimens, making the Herbaria significant and productive institutes of systematic botany. In August 1996 we started with a project scanning all the type specimens present in the National Herbarium of the Netherlands. The total of type specimens kept in our herbarium is about 58,000. At this time most of these type species are available on our web at www.nationaalherbarium.nl/.

The library is the largest botanical library in the Netherlands, specialised in the descriptive branches of systematics, morphology / anatomy, vegetation study, etc. We have 2 librarians, 2 library-assistants, 1 employee for general services, and 1 part-time bookbinder and the chief-librarian. The library contains more than 160,000 volumes of books and journals, 100,000 catalogued reprints, and also 100,000 microfiches. More than 1000 current serials are acquired from sources worldwide. Almost 750 serials are received through exchange of the seven institutes' publications. Our Pictorial Collection includes the watercolours and drawings from before 1850. All together there are more than 4000 of these. In this collection you can find the original watercolours by the famous Pierre Joseph Redoute, made for the book *The Fungi of Luxembourg*.

In the library we use a computer library system named BRAHMS. In this system you cannot only find our books and journals, but also search our *reference database*. This database started with 1970, and covers all titles of articles containing a plant name, taken from the journals received by the library. All together now this includes more than 145,000 titles. At this time the library system is only available on our own network, but I hope it will be on the web within a year.

EBHL (European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group) is an association to promote and facilitate co-operation and communication between those working in botanical and horticultural libraries, archives, and related institutions in Europe. Europe is interpreted in the widest sense to include countries both within and outside the European Union.

Just a few weeks ago we had our eighth meeting, in Belgium this year, in the Belgian Botanical Garden. We were very proud to meet there our representatives from CBHL, **Judith and John Reed**, both of The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

EBHL always has the meetings for two days in either May or June. The first day there are speeches and papers, a business meeting, and a conference dinner in the evening. On the second day we have, if necessary a short meeting in the morning, and a visit to one or two places of interest. This year we visited the famous Plantin Museum in Antwerp. Last year in Berlin we were invited to the remarkable Schloss Tegel, the former home of Alexander and Wilhelm von Humboldt.

We always try to invite, at our cost, for our yearly meeting, one or two colleagues from the former Eastern Part of Europe who are unable to pay the costs by themselves. This year our colleagues from Kiev, Ukraine and from Zagreb, Croatia were invited. Three years ago when we had a meeting in Leiden, the Chief-librarian of the famous Komarov Botanical Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia was invited. Since that visit, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and our Institute, Leiden, have established very good relationships with the Komarov Botanical Institute. We think that this will be a way to help this kind of future libraries' relationship.

A problem in Europe is that we speak so many different languages. In Belgium we were coming from countries with ten different languages. As you know, we try to speak English during these meetings, but you can understand that it is not always so easy for many of our colleagues.

The EBHL now has his own website www.ub.gu.se/Gb/ebhl/home.htm and a listserver for members only. At this time the EBHL has forty Institutional, eight Personal, and ten Associated members. I will discuss with your board the possibility to come to a special membership agreement between our two groups, so that members in one can become members of the other at a reasonable cost.

In closing, I enjoyed visits during the last few weeks in the libraries of The New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, and Missouri Botanical Garden. I was impressed about the richness of these libraries and feel they have really done a great job collecting so many beautiful and old books, journals, and manuscripts.

We, in Europe, believe that co-operation and communication, to know each other by face, are important to doing our jobs. So I say to the CBHL Board – thank you very much for the possibility to be here, not only as member, but also as representative of your European colleagues. Thank you.

Cees Lut, chief librarian, National Herbarium of the Netherlands, Leiden University.

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www.ub.gu.se/Gb/ebhl/home.htm

Friday, July 13, continued

3:00 pm

There was a bus trip from the Denver Botanic Gardens on York up to the Denver Public Library, at 10 West Fourteenth Avenue Parkway on Capital Hill near the domed Denver State Capital and the Denver Art Museum.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Denver Public Library staff conducted tours of the Western History and Genealogy Department, merged since 1995. Our tour leaders were specialists in photo conservation, western history books and maps, and genealogical research. This last was especially interesting to CBHL member **Bea Beck** of Rancho Santa Ana, Claremont, California, who recognized a Denver staff member as someone she had been working with in her ongoing genealogical research.

The Denver collection concentrates on all phases of development of the trans-Mississippi West in the United States and Mexico. It is comprehensive in scope and includes 82,000 books and pamphlets, 500,000 photographs, 2,500 separate manuscript collections, 6,000 historical maps, as well as hundreds of items of Western family memorabilia.

Notable special collections in Western History focus on maps of land grants, mining, and cities; trade catalogs illustrated by Frederic Remington; Native American tribal history; indexes to Denver newspapers and journals dating to 1865; papers of the U.S. 10th Mountain Division of WWII and conservation organizations such as The Wilderness Society; and rare books from several private collectors of poetry, children's literature, printing, and aeronautics.

We visited, and saw demonstrated, parts of a major visual imaging project for historic photographs which was begun with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Boettcher Foundation. This photodigitization project makes it possible for researchers to retrieve illustrations and photographs on a computer screen, indexed by both subject and photographer/artist <<http://gowest.coalliance.org>>.

We also enjoyed "Rumors of Gold in the Rockies: Maps and Guidebooks from the Pikes's Peak Gold Rush" a photo exhibition in the Denver Public Library's Western Art Gallery, Level 5.

The Denver Public Library Western History Collection is available on-line as a part of the CARL network by way of OCLC and through national on-line service providers.

Friday, July 13, continued

5:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

Denver Public Library presented a private reception for CBHL members with wine, local beer, crab cakes, etc.

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm.

CBHL Annual Business Meeting Conclusion, in the Denver Public Library Western History Department's private Reception room.

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

"Indigo Girls" outdoor concert at The Denver Botanic Gardens. Although it rained hard, the concert was well received by a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Saturday, July 14

8:30 am

CBHL Board Meeting, Marriott Denver City Center, Denver,

Colorado, Gold Coin Room, **Susan Fugate** presiding. Present: President **Susan Fugate**, 1st Vice-President **Barbara Pitschel**, 2nd Vice-President **Judy Warnement**, Past President **Celine Arseneault**, Treasurer **Mary Ellen Armentrout**, and Secretary **Chuck Tancin**. Reported by **Chuck Tancin**.

The new Board met on Saturday morning, July 14, 2001, at the Denver Marriott City Center. CBHL member **Jane Cole** attended part of the meeting as a guest. The Board discussed the renaming and changing the charge of the Computer Consortium Committee, and will ask the Committee on Committees to help with coordinating committee charges.

Celine noted the need for clarification of procedure regarding Board resolutions and recommendations to be voted on by the membership. We also need a better process for conducting committee reports and discussion at business meetings. Judy suggested making a 1-page fact sheet on *Robert's Rules of Order* to distribute to all attendees at meetings. Celine will work on this before the next annual meeting.

Procedures for the Annual Literature Award and the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship were discussed, and will be on the agenda for the mid-year Board meeting on Friday September 28 and Saturday September 29 in San Francisco. Also, increasing the number of papers, panels, etc. in which CBHL members participate was revisited in the aftermath of discussion at the business meeting. The Board passed a resolution, which will be added to the procedure manual and the meeting manual.

RESOLVED, that the CBHL Board strongly recommends that the annual meeting host will provide at least one program session for member contributions, such as contributed papers, panel presentations, and poster sessions.

Chuck asked the Board for feedback on the RAPAC archives survey. Comments will be collected from the Board in early August.

The CBHL/EBHL working group was discussed. **Mary Ellen Armentrout** will be the Board liaison. A short list was drawn up and potential members will be contacted by Susan.

There was consensus on the Board that 1 month before each Board meeting, liaisons will contact committee chairs to ask them to hold a committee meeting via e-mail and send a report to their liaison in time for the Board meeting. Additional means of formalizing the reporting structure are being considered, in an effort to keep matters in progress flowing smoothly.

Then the meeting was temporarily adjourned at 10:00 am, and resumed following the Committee on Committees meeting in the same room.

The Board will work on the following by e-mail: committee chair terms, bylaws committee, status of Annual Literature Award, liaisons to committees. **Barbara Pitschel** asked for and received additional guidance regarding the 2002 meeting.

Susan then adjourned the meeting until the next meeting of the

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Board which will be in San Francisco on Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29, 2001 at the Canterbury Hotel and at the Helen Crocker Russell Library, Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Golden Gate Park.

Official minutes of the Saturday, July 14, 2001 Board meeting will be posted on the web at
<<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHLInfoCtr/CBHL-140701.html>>.

10:00 am

Committee On Committees (COC) Meeting, Marriott Denver City Center, Gold Coin Room, **David Lane** presiding. This report is by **Charlotte 'Chuck' Tancin**, Hunt Institute, Pittsburgh,.

Committee chairs and delegates present: **David Lane**, acting chair; **Barbara Pitschel**, Board; **Celine Arseneault**, Nominating; **Laurie Hannah**, Resource Sharing; **Kathy Allen**, Literature Award; **Jane Cole**, Charles Robert Long Award; **Rita Hassert**, Public Relations; **Doug Holland**, RAPAC; **Jonathan Bengtson**, Publications; **Kathy Fescemyer**, Membership; **Ruth Schallert**, **John Reed**; **Judy Warnement**, Board; **Mary Ellen Armentrout**, Board; **Gayle Bradbeer**, Membership; **Chuck Tancin**, Board; **Susan Fugate**, Board.

Items discussed include: 1.) Working by e-mail - Chuck and Celine will work out guidelines and post them on CBHL website and in procedures manual. 2.) Implementing the strategic plan - David and a small group (Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force) will synthesize comments from Denver meeting and organize under plan goals; 2nd pass will be to list activities and who might do them. Initial compilation is due by September 10th. 3.) Bylaws committee - Chair of COC will be a member of an ad hoc bylaws committee to be formed in the coming year.

4.) Coordinating surveys - Any new surveys of the CBHL membership will be given to the COC for review. 5.) Committee liaisons - an updated list will be developed by the Board; David will continue maintaining the committee list. 6.) Membership Committee - Chair **Kathy Fescemyer** talked about goals for the coming year, focusing on services to new members and outreach to library schools. She and **Gayle Bradbeer** will work together on this. The need to recruit new members was also discussed. 7.) **Kathy** also reported on a project she's working on involving research on access to serials in the plant sciences.

8.) COC Chair - **David Lane** was asked to continue as chair of the COC, and has accepted. 9.) Committee charges - The COC functions in part as a vehicle for resolving fuzziness and overlap between committee charges. Several examples were discussed. 10.) Resource Sharing Committee - A new charge for the committee was discussed, including publicizing channels of access to resources, and looking for ways to share resources. 11.) Professional development - A discussion of professional development opportunities was begun and will be continued. 12.) Terms for committee chairs - As of next year's meeting, all chairs (except those with specific rules noted in the bylaws) will be elected by their committee members for 3 year terms. Limits to terms of volunteers such as newsletter editor, webmaster, list manager and membership manager are also being

considered.

13.) Interim reports between annual meetings - Committee reports will be sent on a trial basis to the COC chair to share with the COC. Fuller notes on this meeting will be posted on the CBHL website at

<<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHLInfoCtr/CBHL-COC701.html>>.

1:00 p.m.

"Tour of Denver Area Gardens" reports by **Tracy Mehlin**, **Elisabeth C. Miller Library**, Center for Urban Horticulture, Seattle and by **Ruth Schallert**, Smithsonian Institution Botany Library, Washington, D.C.

About thirty people from AABGA, AHTA, and CBHL attended a bus tour to seven Denver area private gardens. A highlight of the tour was a visit to the home garden of Panayoti Kelaidis, Curator of Plant Collections at Denver Botanic Gardens. His whole family showed off alpine treasures from around the world. We also saw **Nancy & Trey Styler's** garden which featured amazing Victorian style water lilies and a surreal outdoor fantasy bedroom complete with water bed.

We enjoyed box lunches at Hudson Gardens in Littleton, Colorado where a spirited staff led tours around sixteen separate gardens throughout a thirty acre estate. Then, to add to the fun, a summer rainstorm with thunder and lightning pelted the tour bus on our way back to downtown Denver.

More, by **Ruth Schallert**:

Saturday afternoon I took the tour of Denver private gardens which included, besides three really private gardens, a trip to Hudson Gardens in Littleton. It was a very interesting thirty acres of a number of attractions, with a lot to interest children and very nicely laid out for visitors. It is billed as a "regional display garden" and quite different from the Denver Botanic Gardens - well worth a trip.

Sunday, July 15

"Denver Zoo and Museum of Nature and Science" by **David and Rosemarie Papayanopoulos**, Planting Fields Arboretum Garden Library & Herbarium, Oyster Bay, New York.

We had Sunday to explore some of the cultural amenities of Denver so we took advantage of Denver's excellent public transportation system. With a little help from the Marriott Hotel concierge we had no trouble in getting the correct bus to the zoo and museum, both of which are in the same City Park complex. We went to the zoo first because most of the animals as well as we humans dislike the hot afternoon sun.

While the Denver Zoo contains all the usual animals - monkeys, lions & tigers, elephants, zebras, etc. - its main focus seems to be the preservation of the world's rare and endangered species. Many of the animals on exhibit are rapidly disappearing from the wild. One of the most impressive exhibits is the indoor bird garden which allows visitors to see a lot of exotic birds while the visitor is standing within the various habitats.

The Museum, located at 2001 Colorado Blvd., has some very good world-class exhibits and the admission prices are very reasonable. The history of the earth is traced through the different periods to the present (Prehistoric Journey). The extensive dinosaur dioramas being the highlight of this permanent exhibit. Ancient Denver Landscapes presents good dioramas of the way scientists believe that the area around Denver looked millions of years ago.

Another permanent exhibit is the Coors Mineral Hall. It shows some of the mining history of Colorado (including a walk-in sized piece of a real local mine). There is a wealth of gemstones beautifully presented by type of mineral. A temporary exhibit of sculptures made out of gemstones by a Russian artist was spectacular and fun to look at. There was no time for the Egyptian Mummies and some of the other wonderful halls of exhibits. The IMAX theater was also for another time.

MEMBER NEWS

Compiled by **Brian Thompson**, Elisabeth C. Miller Library, Center For Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington and **Judith Warnement**, Harvard U. Botany Libraries, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

From :Bill Burk, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Bill published a tribute on William Campbell Dickison (12 March 1941 - 22 November 1999), an internationally noted plant anatomist and plant morphologist at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill and former editor of *The Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society*. The tribute gives a summary of Dickison's life and professional contributions and highlights his service to the Mitchell Society and its Journal. The biographical sketch was published in *The Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society*, volume 117, Number 2, 2001, pages 90-93. A limited number of reprints are available if any CBHL library would like a copy.

From: Charlotte Tancin, Librarian at the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Carnegie Mellon University.

Chuck attended a Linnaeus Link meeting in Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden in June 2001. A survey of Linnaean collections is ongoing, and information on the Linnaeus Link projects is on the web at <www.nhm.ac.uk/library/linn>.

From: James White, Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh.

Jim announces that the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Mellon University will present its 10th International Exhibition of Botanical Art & Illustration from 28 October 2001 to 28 February 2002.

In preparation since 1998 when the Institute staged its last International, this show will contain 103 artworks by 75 artists from the United States, England, Wales, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Australia, Belgium, New Zealand, Ireland, Germany and South Korea. Selections from the full exhibition will be included in a travel show that will be circulated to museums, schools, botanic

gardens and other institutions in North America.

A full-color, illustrated catalogue with biographical data, portraits of the artists, and reproductions of the artworks will be on sale at the Institute. Collectively, the catalogues from the earlier shows and the present one contain the most comprehensive record available of 20th-century botanical artists and illustrators. The number of individuals represented now is 890. The works included in this exhibition prove that in the world of art the infinite variety of plant forms and colors still holds special fascination and offers undiminished challenge and delight.

Open to the public free of charge, the exhibition will be on display on the 5th floor of the Hunt Institute Library building from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. The Institute will be closed 22-23 November and from 24 December 2001 through 1 January 2002. For further information, contact the Institute at (412) 268-2440.

From: Jonathan Bengtson, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Jon announces that the after having been closed to the public since late 2000, the library of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society will reopen its doors in mid-September at the Society's new location at Elm Bank in Wellesley, MA. Part of the collection will remain at Horticultural Hall in Boston until the next phase of building is completed at Elm Bank in two to three years.

Please note the new address and phone numbers: Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 900 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482-5725. Phone: 617/933-4900 (direct line: 4913); Fax: 781/235-2084; Email: <jbengtson@masshort.org>.

From: Francie Hill, Bickelhaupt Arboretum, Clinton, Iowa.

Francie wants CBHL members to be aware of the fourteen acre outdoor museum of selected labeled trees, shrubs, ground covers, perennials, and annuals at the Arboretum. It also has an education center where meetings, educational programs and gatherings are conducted.

The Bickelhaupt Arboretum library has been collected over the years and holds unique horticultural, bird, and landscape books. Originally the books were categorized as they were acquired, but it was very difficult for new users to locate and check out materials. In the past year the education center was remodeled and it was decided to also organize the books in the Dewey Decimal System. In addition the library's holdings were made available throughout Iowa by adding them to the SILO Interlibrary Loan System.

The library owns only six hundred books, but the administration will budget more for the library in the future. The library is now fully operational and Francie would like to converse on ideas about library public relations or special interests.

The Bickelhaupt Arboretum is located at 340 South 14th Street in Clinton, Iowa 52732-5432. The grounds are open from dawn to

dusk and admission is free. Contact Francie by telephone 563/242-4771 or by email <bickarb@clinton.ne>.

From: Michael Stieber, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, Illinois.

Michael sends word that the last lecture in the 2001 Library Lecture Series of The Morton Arboretum will be on September 24th from 7:30-8:30 p.m., and it will be given by Ruth Stiff, coordinator of exhibits in North America for Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Ms Stiff will address the topic "The Botanical Artists of Kew," which coincides with the grand opening of The Morton Arboretum Library's exhibit of rare books and prints exemplifying works by those distinguished artists.

The exhibit is in the library exhibit space and will run through January 31, 2002. Ruth is lending The Morton four paintings from her own collection that were painted by Brazilian art students enrolled in the program sponsored by the Margaret Mee Foundation. The students were trained in botanical art at Kew. Michael and his staff are planning another lecture series for 2002 and will seek a renewal of funding for it from the Illinois Humanities Council, the funding source of the 2001 series.

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

Doug Holland has been promoted to MBG Administrative Librarian. **Andy Colligan**, formerly Archives Assistant, is Missouri Botanical Garden Acting Archivist.

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

Just wanted to let members know that **Richard Isaacson**, Head Librarian of Andersen Horticultural Library, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen, Minnesota, received the 2001 University of Minnesota Professional and Academic Staff Achievement Award. Quite an honor, and well deserved!

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

As of mid-August about two-thirds of our collection is back from conservation and has been roughly sorted on shelves in temporary storage provided by the University of Washington Libraries. The condition ranges from excellent to good. Many will need minor repairs such as new labels, jackets, or binders and a few have some permanent smoke marks - a provenance with character -, but the smoky smell is gone. The remaining items will begin arriving next week. These all required freeze-drying and are expected to be in the worst condition, but we won't know until they're unpacked, probably by the end of the month.

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

For those who are planning to attend CBHL 2002 in San

Francisco, three new books might be of interest. Those members who were at the Denver meeting this summer saw the books. Here they are for the rest of you:

CBHL member **Dr. Elizabeth McClintock's** 25 years of *Pacific Horticulture* articles have been reorganized and published in a wonderfully intelligent and informative book, *The Trees of Golden Gate Park and San Francisco*, Elizabeth McClintock, edited and arranged by Richard G. Turner, Jr., and published in paperback by Malcolm Margolin's Heyday Press., ISBN: 1-890771-28-7; \$18.95.

Information on our rich horticultural tree flora, with specific locations in the park, is complemented by a fine historical essay and a wonderfully informative annotated appendix of people and places. Framed pen-and-ink drawings from the book are on exhibit and for sale in our library. A reception and book signing party on September 20 will highlight the book and introduce the public to the gardens, the library, and the trees. Anyone within range is encouraged to attend.

Visitors to San Francisco might enjoy Chris Pollock's *San Francisco's Golden Gate Park: a Thousand and Seventeen Acres of Stories*, published by West Winds Press. The title says it all. This first-ever useful guidebook to the park combines comprehensive practical information with fascinating historical anecdotes and treasures of trivia.

Mary Soderstrom's *Recreating Eden; a Natural History of Botanical Gardens*, published in Montreal by Vehicule Press is a non-horticultural writer's attempt to look at the evolution of the botanical garden through history by using selected gardens as examples. Historical origins are represented by three early European gardens - Leiden, Paris, and Kew. Nineteenth century changes in perspective are typified by the Singapore Botanical Garden, New York Botanical Garden, and Missouri Botanical Garden. The three twentieth century public gardens that the author chose to represent new philosophical perspectives include two Canadian gardens - Montreal Botanical Garden in the east and the University of British Columbia in the west - and one U.S. garden, our own Strybing Arboretum. Some unfortunate typos and editorial slips detract from the book, but I encourage you to read the 17-page chapter on our garden to gain a broader sense of place.

ON THE WEB - Disaster Planning

by **Stanley Johnston**, The Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, Ohio.

Many of us remember the disaster planning workshop at the CBHL annual meeting at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) in Fort Worth a few years ago. At that meeting the elements gave us a surprise demonstration of the effect of wind and large size hail while we sat listening to the presentation. More recently we were reminded of the need to be prepared for unnatural disasters by the May 2001 firebombing of offices near the Elisabeth C. Miller Library at the Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle.

With this in mind, here are a few more sites featuring on-line manuals, bibliographies, and links dealing with preparing for library disaster and its aftermath. Perhaps the most comprehensive and up to date site is Disaster Preparedness and Response

<palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/disasters/>, part of Conservation OnLine, which features links to online manuals, sites, and bibliographic resources and which was last updated in July 2001. Another site of the same name <www.nara.gov/arch/techinfo/preserva/primer> features an online html copy of the National Archives and Records Administration's *A Primer on Disaster Preparedness, Management and Response: Paper-Based Materials*. While Disaster Manual <www.wnylic.org/pub/disman.htm> features an online html copy of the 1994 revision of the *Western New York Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Manual for Libraries and Archives*.

Finally, Disaster Preparedness

<alexia.lis.uiuc.edu/~johnpope/disaster-preparedness.html> contains a collection of bibliographical citations and websites relating to various aspects of the subject assembled by two members of the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign Graduate School of Library and Information Science which was last updated in July 1978.

Meanwhile, the story of the attack on the Center for Urban Horticulture, scenes of its aftermath and the current state of affairs is available at <depts.washington.edu/urbhort/>.

The purported perpetrators of the attack in Seattle, known as ELF, an acronym for Earth Liberation Front, also have their own site <www.earthliberationfront.com>, ironically entitled, In Defense of All Life. There you can learn of their beliefs and their activities including an account of the University of Washington bombing, treespiking, etc., as well as read a manual for would be arsonists.

Finally, by contrast, one can visit the site of the activist Natural Resources Defense Council <www.nrdc.org> which advocates the preservation of the environment and monitors the actions of government and industry with an eye to alerting the public of potential or actual challenges to the environment and encouraging the curtailing of such problems through publicity and legal means.

RECENT BOOKS ON MEDICINAL PLANTS

compiled by Katherine Allen, University of Minnesota, St. Paul

Encyclopedia of Tibetan Medicinal Plants/edited by Christa Kletter, Monika Kriechbaum. Boca Raton, Florida: CRC Press/Medpharm, 2001. ISBN: 0-8493-0031-2.

Handbook of Ayurvedic Medicinal Plants/L.D. Kapoor. Boca Raton: CRC Press, 2001. 416 pp. ISBN: 0-8493-2929-9. \$125.

Healing Plants: Medicine of the Florida Seminole Indians/Alice Micco Snow & Susan Enns Stans. Gainesville, Florida: University Press of Florida, 2001. 134 pp. ISBN: 0-8130-2062-X. \$25.

Herbs for Texas: A Study of the Landscape, Culinary, and Medicinal Uses & Benefits of the Herbs That Can be Grown in Texas/Howard Garrett with Odena Brannam. Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 2001. 242 pp. ISBN: 0-292-72830-1. \$30.

Medicinal Plants: Culture, Utilization, and Phytopharmacology/

Thomas S. C.Li. Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Technomic Publishing Co., 2000. 517 pp. ISBN: 1-56676-903-5. \$135.

Medicinal Plants of Brazil/Walter B. Mors, Carlos Toledo Rizzini, Nuno Alvares Pereira, edited by Robert A. DeFilipps. Algonac, Michigan: Reference Publications, 2000. 501 pp. ISBN: 0-917256-42-5. \$60.

Medicinal Plants of the World: Chemical Constituents, Traditional, and Modern Medicinal Uses/Ivan A. Ross. Totowa, New Jersey: Humana Press, 1999-<2001> 2+ vols. ISBN: 0-89603-542-5 (v. 1) \$100; 0-89603-877-7 (v. 2) \$100.

Natural History of Medicinal Plants/Judith Sumner. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press, 2000. 235 pp., 16 p. of plates. ISBN: 0-88192-483-0. \$25.

The New Healing Herbs: The Classic Guide to Nature's Best Medicines Featuring the Top 100 Time-tested Herbs/Michael Castleman. Emmaus, Pennsylvania: Rodale Press, 2001. 465 pp. ISBN: 1-57954-304-9. \$18.

Plants in Hawaiian Medicine/Beatrice Krauss. M. Noyes, illus. Bess Press, Inc., 2001. 160 pp. ISBN: 1-57306-034-8. \$15.

Psychopharmacology of Herbal Medications: Plant Drugs That Alter Mind, Brain & Behavior/Marcello Spinella. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2001. 500 pp. ISBN: 0-262-69265-1. \$25.

Sixty Medicinal Plants from the Peruvian Amazon: Ecology, Ethnomedicine and Bioactivity/Cristian Desmarchelier and Fernando Witting Schaus. Lima, Peru: Bio2000, 2000. 270 pp. ISBN: 9-97291-860-2. \$50. (parallel columns Spanish & English)

RECENT MEDICINAL TITLES

from Vedams eBooks compiled by Achal Madhavan, New Delhi, <vedams@vsnl.com>

Handbook of Medicinal Plants/Supriya Kumar Bhattacharjee. Reprint. Jaipur: Pointer, 2001. 478pp. ISBN: 81-7132-285-9. \$80.

Flora of Haryana/S.P.Jain, D.M.Verma, S.C.Singh, J.S.Singh, & Sushil Kumar. Lucknow: Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, 2000. 266 pp.map,plates. ISBN: 81-86943-68-4. \$120.

Indian Traditional Veterinary Medicinal Plants/G.N.Srivastava, S.A.Hasan, G.D.Bagchi, S.Kumar. Lucknow: Cen. Ins. of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants, 2000. 581pp. ISBN: 81-86943-67-6. \$145.

Role of Biotechnology in Medicinal and Aromatic plants: v.III & IV/edited by I. A.Kran, A.Khanum. Hyderabad: Vkaaz, 2000-2001. 292-320 pp. Volume III ISBN: 81-900441-7-6; Volume IV ISBN: 81-900441-5-X. \$53 each volume.

Traditional Knowledge on the Medicinal Plants of Ayurveda: volume I/S. Singh, P. Pandey, S. Kumar. Lucknow: Cen.Ins. of Med. & Aromatic Plants, 2000. 392pp. ISBN: 81-86943-65-x. \$145.

STRYBING ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS and the HELEN CROCKER RUSSELL LIBRARY OF HORTICULTURE by Barbara M. Pitschel, Head Librarian

As one of the hosts of - Plants & People: A Regional Perspective - the CBHL 2002 Annual Meeting theme for the week of April 8, we welcome you in advance to San Francisco, one of the world's very special cities, and to the Bay Area, a unique and exciting region. In the *Newsletter* issues preceding the Annual Meeting we will try to give you some insights into our institutions and to entice you to mark your calendars for this springtime treat.

Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, located in the heart of Golden Gate Park, is a 55 acre jewel in the crown of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. The mild San Francisco climate with its rainy winters and cool, dry summers supports numerous biologically diverse plant collections, including those from the world's five mediterranean type climate areas: 1) the Cape Province of South Africa, 2) southwestern Australia, 3) central Chile, 4) coastal California, and 5) the Mediterranean region itself. We can also accommodate plants from numerous temperate and subtropical regions, including New Zealand, China, southeastern Australia, southeastern United States, and southeast Asia.

Our summer fog emulates growing conditions of high-elevation New World and Old World tropical cloud forests, whose floras also thrive here. And you will be visiting during the height of California's spring wildflower blooming season so our native garden and our redwood grove will be added delights. During more than sixty years of existence, these glorious gardens have always been kept admission-free.

The city works cooperatively with a private partner, the Strybing Arboretum Society, whose role is to raise money in support of the gardens and provide the interpretive, educational, and programmatic pieces of the picture. One of the Society's major accomplishments has been the development and support of the Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, which will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2002. Strybing Arboretum Society keeps the library open to the public seven days a week and employs two professional librarians to develop and curate the collections and to serve the 20,000 patrons who annually use our services in person, by phone, and by mail and email. Staff is ably assisted by about forty volunteers who run the gamut from skilled librarians to novice book lovers. Although collections do not circulate, the living laboratory right outside our door provides visitors with a wonderful link between the information in the books and the stories that the plants have to tell.

The library's 20,000-volumes include more than 1,100 children's books and a small but interesting rare book collection. The library subscribes to more than 450 periodicals and also holds numerous discontinued titles. A collection of nursery catalogs, a rich

vertical file, a slide collection, and rotating art exhibits enhance available resources. Our subject scope encompasses the myriad ways in which people interact with plants. We do not collect heavily in botany because we have the good fortune of being located five minutes away from our sister institution (and CBHL co-host) the California Academy of Sciences. Our proximity and our related but not overlapping missions provide us with budget-enhancing shared opportunities to offer a broad array of resources.

We are all looking forward to hosting you next April and to introducing you to our institutions, our libraries, and many other botanical and horticultural Bay Area treats.

www.strybing.org

THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES by Lawrence W. Currie, User Services Librarian

The California Academy of Sciences Library also extends an advance welcome to next April's CBHL annual meeting.

Founded in 1853 to survey and study the vast resources of California and beyond, the California Academy of Sciences is the oldest scientific institution in the West. Today, as one of the 10 largest natural history museums in the world, the Academy brings the message of research to nearly one and a half million visitors each year. Using extensive research collections — over 14 million specimens and artifacts — biologists, anthropologists, and geologists identify and study the relationships between species. This important work is showcased through our exhibits, public programs, and classes. Our goal is to create a greater awareness and understanding of the wide diversity of life and of the health of our planet.

The Academy Library, founded the same year as the museum, is a major research library devoted to natural history and the natural sciences. Particular subject strengths include systematics and taxonomy, evolutionary biology, biogeography, and local and regional natural history and natural science. The Academy Library consists of the J.W. Mailliard, Jr. Library, Special Collections, the Biodiversity Resource Center, and ten departmental libraries, including the Lillian Hohfeld Library of Botany. Total collection size is approximately 210,000 volumes, with more than 3000 serial titles. Special Collections includes over 400 archive and manuscript collections, and over 300,000 images. Library staff includes 7 professional librarians and 7 paraprofessionals, as well as approximately 40 volunteers.

The Academy Library is a Research Division department and primarily serves the Academy's scientific staff, but the Library is open as a non-circulating research collection to any user with legitimate research needs. The Biodiversity Resource Center is located on the public floor of the Museum and provides multimedia access to information on biodiversity, endangered species, habitat

preservation, and conservation of nature and natural resources. Library reference staff is available to answer visitors' questions seven days a week during regular museum hours. More information about the Library and its services can be found at the URL <<http://www.calacademy.org/research/library/>>.

The Special Collections department within the Library consists of the Picture Collection, the Academy Archives and the Manzanita Project. The Picture Collection maintains visual resources in a variety of formats, including clipping files, photographs, negatives, slides, fine art, posters, and digital images. The Academy Archives includes material on the history of the Academy, the history of science in the West, and the research of scientists throughout the Pacific Rim. The Manzanita Project is a collection of several thousand plant and animal digital images from the Special Collections. Working in collaboration with CalFlora and the UC Berkeley Digital Library Project, these images are available on the worldwide web for public use.

Of additional interest to conference attendees will be the Lillian Hohfeld Library of Botany, one of eight departmental libraries within the Academy Library, and the Department of Botany. The Botany Library has a collection of more than 11,000 monographs and approximately 650 serial titles emphasizing the systematics and taxonomy of plants, as well as the study of evolution and biogeography as they pertain to plant life. The Department of Botany engages in three major types of activity: 1) original scientific research 2) education (including both Academy programs and educational work outside the Academy) and 3) curation of collections. The Botany staff consists of six curators (four full-time and two emeritus), a collections manager, 1 full-time and six half-time curatorial assistants, an editorial assistant, and a secretary. In addition, there are 19 research & field associates who make the Botany Department their professional home and 22 people who volunteer regularly.

We are all looking forward to hosting you next April and to introducing you to our institutions, our libraries, and many other botanical and horticultural Bay Area treats.

<www.calacademy.org>

CBHL Award Recognizes Excellence in Botanical or Horticultural Literature compiled from reports by Katherine Allen, award committee chair, and Rita Hassert, public relations.

Librarian-archivist Ray Desmond's book *Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker: Traveller and Plant Collector*,* received the top Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature at the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL)'s annual meeting in Denver on July 11, 2001.

Mr. Desmond was Chief Librarian and Archivist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England 1961-1973; Deputy Keeper of the India Office Library 1973-1982; president of the Society for History of Natural History; and vice-president, former chairman of the Garden History Society. Mr. Desmond's previously published *Bibliography of British and Irish Gardens* and *Dictionary of British and Irish Botanists* -- the latter coauthored with Christine Ellwood, then librarian at the British Museum of Natural History -- demonstrate the continuing importance of this author's work to botanical and horticultural literature collections.

The CBHL Annual Award for a Significant Work in Botanical or Horticultural Literature goes both to Professor Desmond, the author, and to the Antique Collector's Club & the Royal Horticultural Society, London, the publishers.

The award book, *Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker*, is about the work of an eminent Victorian botanist, plant explorer, botanical artist, collaborator of Charles Darwin, and scientific researcher. The author, Ray Desmond, combines Hooker's own letters and drawings with original research in order to tell the story of one of Western civilization's great plant collectors and explorers. Until now, an expensive 1978 reprint of *The Life & Letters of Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker* by L.Huxley was really the only reliable library resource on this subject.

The CBHL Honorable Mention Award, to Ronald M. Lanner and Cachuma Press for *Conifers of California*,** was also announced at the Denver CBHL meeting on July 11. This title was chosen as a second significant work in botanical and horticultural literature. The book features detailed information on 52 species of native California conifers, of which 14 are endemic, representing an area of higher diversity of conifers than any comparable size region on earth. According to a review by David Lucas in the Fall 1999 *California Wild* published by the California Academy of Sciences, "No book -- until this one -- has focused on this unique flora since J.S.Chase's 1911 *Cone-Bearing Trees of the California Mountains*."

Conifers of California author, Ronald M. Lanner, is a professor emeritus in the Department of Forest Resources, Utah State, Logan, Utah. His other books include *The Pinon Pine* (1981) and *Trees of the Great Basin* (1983), University of Nevada Press.

All CBHL members are encouraged to create displays of both of the 2001 Literature Awardees -- *Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker: Traveller and Plant Collector* -- and also -- *Conifers of California* -- in their libraries. Press releases about these award titles may be copied from <<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL>> or printed paper copies of the Press Release may be requested from Rita Hassert, public relations chair, or Kathy Allen, award chair.

The CBHL Annual Award committee examined a total of fifteen works of botanical or horticultural literature, each nominated by a CBHL member. In presenting the 2001 Awards the selection

committee chair, **Katherine Allen**, University of Minnesota at St. Paul, stated that "both *Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker* and *Conifers of California* show excellence of intellectual content, usefulness to research, and uniqueness. The committee feels it important to include both books with this award and we hope our colleagues in botany and horticulture libraries will find a place in their collections for both."

The other 13 works of botanical or horticultural literature which were nominated by CBHL members for the year 2001 CBHL Award include: *Armitage's Garden Perennials* by A.M. Armitage, Timber Press 2000; *Clearing in the Distance: F.L. Olmsted* by W. Rybczynski, Scribner 1999; *Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses on CD* by R. Darke, Timber Press 2000; *Explorer's Garden* by D.J. Hinkley, Timber Press 1999; *Garden Plants of China* by Peter Valder, Timber Press 1999; *Handbook of Agriculture* by M.P. Yuste & J. Gostincar, Marcel Dekker 1999;

John Lindley, 1799-1865 by W.T. Stearn, RHS & the Antique Collector's Club 1999; *New England Wildflower Society Guide to Growing & Propagating Wildflowers of U.S. & Canada* by W. Cullina, Houghton Mifflin 2000; *Orchid Fever* by E. Hansen, Pantheon Books 2000; *Pioneers of American Landscape Design* ed. by C.A. Birnbaum & R. Karson, McGraw Hill 2000; *Small Fruits Review* (journal) ed. by D. Himelrick, Haworth Press 2000; *Southern Living Garden Problem Solver* ed. by S. Bender, Oxmoor House 1999; *Trees & Shrubs for Northern Gardens* by L.C. Snyder, new ed. by R.T. Isaacson, Anderson Horticultural Library 2000; *Wild Fruits* by H.D. Thoreau ed. by B.P. Dean, W.W. Norton 2000; and *Wildflowers of the Eastern U.S.* by W.H. & M.B. Duncan, U. of Georgia Press 1999.

The purpose of CBHL's Annual Award is to give recognition to significant current work in the field of botany and horticulture; to increase the visibility of the CBHL organization; and to encourage members of CBHL to become more aware of the contributions of botanical and horticultural writers and publishers.

CBHL members may nominate important current literature for the 2002 award. Works previously nominated are eligible if published in 2000 or 2001. A nomination form for the CBHL Annual Award for Significant Literature in Botany or Horticulture for 2002 is on the web at <<http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHL-Litawardform.html>>.

Send nominations, by **October 15, 2001** 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 612/625-3134.

For ideas or just to see some new botany & horticulture titles visit the CBHL website during the first week of October. We plan to list there some books the publishers suggest as worthy considerations for the CBHL Literature Award.

**Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker: Traveller and Plant Collector*/R. Desmond; London: Antique Collectors' Club 2000; 286 pages; ISBN: 1851493050; \$49.50.

***Conifers of California*/R.M. Lanner; Los Olivos, California: Cachuma Press 1999; 274 pages; ISBN: 0962850535; \$36.95.

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