



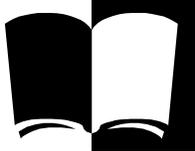
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Redefining Botanical and Horticultural Libraries: Shaping a New Collaborative Environment

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Whether a special library within a botanical garden, arboretum or academic institution; a publisher; a bookseller; or an individual concerned with fostering the advancement of botanical and horticultural information and information services, we operate most effectively within a collaborative environment.

How is our collaborative environment changing? What is the impact of the World Wide Web on the way we collect, preserve and make accessible the accumulated knowledge about plants for present and future generations? What new tools do we have to promote open access and how are we shaping open strategies together? How have the educational and public outreach efforts of our institutions affected our libraries' methods of reaching patrons? Is the explosion of demand for infotainment reshaping the ways we deliver information to our patrons?

We welcome proposals on these and other topics related to the conference theme from active CBHL members. The deadline for abstracts is October 1, 2002. To submit an abstract or for more information, please contact: Patricia Jonas, Director of Library Services, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, <patjonas@bbg.org>.

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From the President

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It was a great delight to welcome those of you who were able to join our San Francisco annual meeting in April and to share with you some of the botanical, horticultural, and informational highlights of our region. I hope the week was at least half as satisfying for you as it was for us! Those of you who were unable



to attend were and are in our thoughts and our hearts. We look forward to being in close communication with all CBHL members year-round through the electronic list, the newsletter, and our rapidly-developing website.

I am looking forward to serving my presidential year during this exciting time of CBHL growth. We have a strategic plan in place to guide us in accomplishing our goals, and we have strong committees working toward practical implementation of our organizational objectives. We can take pride in the awards we offer for literature and special achievements. We are making progress with assessing our collections and making resource information known to our members and user groups. We are successfully spreading the word about our organization to interested parties via press releases, publications, and Internet presence. We have enhanced international communication via our new collaborative relationship with EBHL. And much more. . .

That “We” is you! CBHL is an all-volunteer organization whose purpose is to serve as a support and communication vehicle for its members. This works ideally when everyone is involved in some way. I’ll repeat my mantra—join a committee that interests you. CBHL committee work is done chiefly by e-mail, so it’s convenient for most people. CBHLers are really neat people, so you’ll enjoy the experience. Contact a committee chair or let me know your desires if you would like to participate.

Some CBHL functions and procedures, as proscribed by our bylaws, are out of sync with some of our goals and objectives, as set forth in our strategic plan. The Board has voted to appoint an ad hoc Bylaws Committee to explore bylaws revision. There will be at least two openings on this committee, and we would like to appoint members from a pool of people who would be interested in helping to direct the process. So this is a **call for a pool of volunteers interested in serving on the Bylaws Committee**, from which committee members will be selected. Thank you!

A New Website for CBHL

CÉLINE ARSENEAULT, CBHL WEBMASTER
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CBHL is building a new public website. Presented as a draft version at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the website will be completed in the next few months and will update all available information already online on the website hosted generously for many years by the Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation.

Featuring vertical and horizontal navigation levels, the new site displays information about CBHL, including activities and services to members, contact and membership information and content-rich pages on conservation issues and the like. The “For members only” section has not yet been touched by the restructuring of the website and is still available at the old address on the Hunt server or through the menu of the new website.

The domain name www.cbhl.net should eventually be activated. Search engines and directories should then be updated in the coming months. Meanwhile, the site is temporarily accessible on the Montreal Botanical Garden server at the following address:

<http://www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin/cbhl>

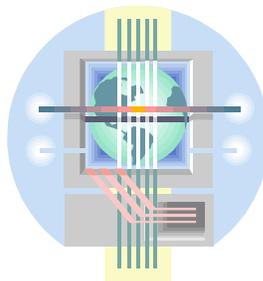
or from a link at the old address.

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

Many thanks should go to Charlotte Tancin, from the Hunt Institute, for her many years of dedicated work as the CBHL webmaster.

At the Annual Meeting, some volunteers have already shown their interest of cooperating with the new webmaster to improve and enlarge the content of the new website. Any other member interested should contact her at the following e-mail address: [<celine_arseneault@ville.montreal.qc.ca>](mailto:celine_arseneault@ville.montreal.qc.ca). Comments or problems may be sent to the same address.

CBHL Distribution List



Members are encouraged to use the distribution list to keep in touch and discuss aspects of library service as well as other topics of interest to all concerned with the literature of botany and horticulture. To subscribe contact Bernadette Callery in Pittsburgh at: [<bcallery@flounder.com>](mailto:bcallery@flounder.com).

Opening of the LuEsther T. Mertz Library

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On May 1, 2002 the exquisitely appointed Beaux-Arts style Library building (formerly known as the Museum building), built in 1900 was re-opened to the public as the home of The LuEsther T. Mertz Library. Public officials, donors, dignitaries from other botanical gardens and research organizations, and friends from around the world gathered to dedicate the restored building and facilities for the Mertz Library. The rich and varied holdings of the Mertz Library include more than 775,000 print and non-print accessioned items representing more than 75% of the world's literature on systematic botany and approximately 70% of the world's published floras. Renovated space totaling 18,500 square feet now houses the extensive holdings of published literature, as well as photographs, seed and nursery catalogs, and art and illustration, all related in some way to the varied areas of botanical science, plant ecology, horticulture and gardening, landscape design, garden history, or botanical and horticultural bibliography and biography.

The move of the Mertz Library allowed for the renovation of great public spaces for visitor use. A spacious new Reference Room and the Shelby White and Leon Levy Reading Room, allow visitors to comfortably use the collections. The William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Exhibition Gallery offers a venue for changing exhibitions drawn from the Mertz Library's collections. The first exhibition, which opened to the public on May 2, is entitled *Plants and Gardens Portrayed: Rare and Illustrated Books from The LuEsther T. Mertz Library*. A new Rare Book and Folio Room will house the Garden's collection of early manuscripts, 15th, 16th, and 17th century printed books, and the 2,700-volume folio collection of finely illustrated botanical books. This room is accessible to researchers by appointment.

The renovations and restoration of the Mertz Library were made possible by support from the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust; the Bronx Borough President; Shelby White and Leon Levy; the New York City Council; New York State; The Bank of New York; William D. Rondina and The Carlisle Collection; The H.W. Wilson Foundation; and the estate of Adelaide Brevoort Ward.

To learn more about the opening and view photos of the renovated spaces, see the library's website at:
<http://www.nybg.org/bsci/libr/new.html>

Exhibition Catalog Available

The sixty-four page catalog of the inaugural exhibition in the William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Exhibition Gallery of The LuEsther T. Mertz Library is now available. Written by the co-curators (all members of CBHL): Elizabeth S. Eustis, John F. Reed and David L. Andrews, the catalog is entitled *Plants and Gardens Portrayed: Rare and Illustrated Books from The LuEsther T. Mertz Library*. The catalog can be ordered from Linda DeVito, The LuEsther T. Mertz Library, 200th Street and Southern Blvd., Bronx, NY 10458. The cost is \$20.00 plus \$4 for postage. Checks for \$24.00 should be made out to The New York Botanical Garden and included with the order.

IMLS Conservation Grant Awarded

The LuEsther T. Mertz Library is pleased to announce the award of a grant of \$50,000 from The Institute of Museum and Library Services to carry out a 12-month conservation project on a minimum of 3,000 pieces of original art in its Art and Illustration Collection. The project director is Olga Marder, Conservation Librarian/Conservator. The project will include an item-specific survey, with information entered into the Library's Art and Illustration preservation database; surface cleaning and wrapping of pieces; construction of protective enclosures; and related works. Over 15,000 pieces of original art and illustration have already been processed in this effort.

Grant For The Interfiling Of The TL-2 Master File

A recent grant from the International Association for Plant Taxonomy to The New York Botanical Garden will provide the funding necessary for Mertz Library staff to complete the interfiling of the TL-2 Master File. This file, compiled by Drs. Frans Stafleu, Richard Cowan and others for the compilation and publication of the 2nd edition of *Taxonomic Literature*, was shipped to the Garden in 1988. Consisting of a minimum of four alphabetically arranged files (by author) and numbering over one-million sheets of photocopy, Garden staff and later, volunteers, began the time-consuming and tedious process of interfiling these into a single alphabetical sequence. When Drs. Stafleu and Mennega began the publication of the supplements, the alphabetized files were returned to Utrecht, where new material was added, not always in order. The project came to a halt several years ago. Now with funding from the International Association of Plant Taxonomists, to hire staff, the work is progressing, with special attention to the letters F and G, the final sequence of the proposed supplements. The entire project should be completed by the end of this calendar year.

Board Reports

CHARLOTTE "CHUCK" TANCIN, CBHL SECRETARY
LIBRARIAN, THE HUNT INSTITUTE FOR BOTANICAL DOCUMENTATION,
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Here are short reports on the three Board meetings that took place during the 2002 Annual Meeting. Fuller reports will be placed on the CBHL website in the members-only section in June.

The CBHL Board of Directors met at the Grand Café in San Francisco on April 8, 2002. Present were: Past President Céline Arseneault, First Vice-President Barbara Pitschel, Second Vice-President Judy Warnement, Secretary Chuck Tancin and Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout. President Susan Fugate was absent from the 2002 Annual Meeting, and a proxy she sent to authorize Céline to act in her stead had been shared with the Board by e-mail prior to the meeting.

Céline opened the meeting at 7:45 p.m. following dinner. Items discussed or reported on included renewal of the website domain name, use of Robert's Rules for business meetings, membership of the Annual Literature Award committee, listings on the publishers and booksellers page of the website, getting CBHL stationary reprinted. The Board then left the restaurant and reopened discussion at the hotel at 9:15 p.m.

Discussion resumed regarding preparations for the business meeting. The Board discussed Mary Ellen's recommendations regarding the Audit Committee; how to form an ad hoc by-laws committee; protocols for sharing information among the Board regarding awards, elections, etc. prior to its general announcement; recent recommendations from the Membership Committee. Céline adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:30 p.m.

A second Board meeting was held at the Canterbury Hotel on April 12, 2002. Present were: Past President Céline Arseneault, First Vice-President Barbara Pitschel, Second Vice-President Judy Warnement, Secretary Chuck Tancin, Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout, incoming 2nd Vice-President Laurie Hannah, and also two of the 2003 Annual Meeting hosts, Pat Jonas from Brooklyn Botanic Garden and Heather Rolen from New York Botanical Garden. President Susan Fugate was absent.

Céline informally opened the meeting at 8:10 a.m. There was some discussion of the remaining business meeting agenda. It was agreed to move News and Announcements to the open forum session immediately preceding the last session of the business meeting. New business would include the creation of an ad hoc bylaws committee and a discussion of possibly revising election procedures. It was also noted that the Membership Committee would recommend a new commercial membership category for consideration by the Board.

After a short break, the meeting was officially opened at

8:25a.m. for discussion of plans for the 2003 Annual Meeting. Pat Jonas laid out a detailed account of meeting plans to date, including theme, hotel arrangements, schedule, trips. The hosts were commended on the work they've done so far in planning the 2003 meeting. Chuck asked for a clarification of the list of meeting hosts, which will be provided soon. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

A third Board meeting, this time of the new Board, was held at the Canterbury Hotel on April 13, 2002, following dinner at a local restaurant (where the new Board was joined by Céline Arseneault). Present were: President Barbara Pitschel, First Vice-President Judy Warnement, Second Vice-President Laurie Hannah, Secretary Chuck Tancin and Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout. President Susan Fugate was absent.

Barbara opened the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Books on Robert's Rules will be purchased for the Board and Parliamentarian so that all are using the same ground rules, and information on which published version of the rules is being used will be publicized to CBHL members for future reference. Barbara will send a note to the Newsletter editor and to the online distribution list to solicit 2 volunteers to complete the Bylaws Committee. On another note, guidelines are needed for how committees work and report, and so various Board members were assigned to exploring aspects of this issue and will report back for discussion at the next Board meeting. After reaching agreement, the Board will forward the information to the Committee on Committees for their review and discussion. Work will continue on this by e-mail over the summer.

There was discussion about how best to increase communication about committee business to the general membership. Also regarding committees, the function of Board liaisons is being reassessed.

The Board discussed the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship, and passed the following resolution, which was proposed by Mary Ellen and seconded by Judy:

RESOLVED, that the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship will be a \$500 travel allowance and a waiving of the registration fee for that year's Annual Meeting (to be covered from general CBHL funds), providing that interest from the FFTF fund can support this.

General discussion of CBHL finances followed. Mary Ellen asked Barbara to supply a financial report from the 2002 Annual Meeting within 6 months.

The Board discussed how to proceed on eliciting more feedback from members on the possibility of changing election procedures. There was not enough time left in the business meeting for a full discussion to take place. It was suggested that a short, neutral article be put in the Newsletter outlining the issues and requesting member input, in the spirit of generating further discussion. This is not an issue to be turned over

to the bylaws committee without recommendations, and the Board feels that more feedback is needed from the membership on possible directions. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 p.m.

Minutes of the Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting of CBHL April 10-12, 2002, San Francisco, California

CHARLOTTE "CHUCK" TANCIN, CBHL SECRETARY
SUBMITTED MAY 17, 2002

The first session of the business meeting of the 2002 CBHL Annual Meeting took place in the auditorium of the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on Wednesday, April 10, 2002. Past President Céline Arseneault opened the business meeting at 10:00 a.m., acting in stead for President Susan Fugate who was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Céline thanked our hosts and declared the 34th CBHL Annual Meeting officially open.

Secretary Charlotte "Chuck" Tancin introduced the Board by calling roll. Present were Past President Céline Arseneault (Montreal Botanical Garden, Montreal, Canada), First Vice-President Barbara Pitschel (Strybing Arboretum Society, San Francisco, CA), Second Vice-President Judy Warnement (Harvard Botany Libraries, Cambridge, MA), Secretary Chuck Tancin (Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, Pittsburgh, PA) and Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout (Herrick Memorial Library, Wellington, OH). President Susan Fugate (National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD) was absent, and a proxy she sent to authorize Céline to act in her stead was read aloud.

First-time attendees were introduced and applauded: Beth Brand (Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, AZ); Mary Jane Fabik (Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Sarasota, FL); Jim Folsom (Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA); Lana Guziewicz (Carrollton, TX); Gary Jennings (Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, TX); Kathy Judge (Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL); Anne Malley (California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA); Vajravelu Rani (University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL); Heather Rolen (New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY); Ernie Wasson (Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA).

Jane Cole (retired, Desert Botanical Garden, Phoenix, AZ) agreed to serve as Parliamentarian for the business meeting.

The minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting were approved, their approval having been moved by Pat Jonas (Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY), seconded by Judy Reed (retired, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY), and voted on.

Chuck Tancin gave the Secretary's report. She received 87 ballots for the election, and they were counted by both Chuck

and Mary Ellen Armentrout, the results being reported to Céline who chaired the Nominating Committee. Chuck also received 62 proxies, of which 2 were unsigned and 2 were from persons present at this meeting, so those were removed, leaving 58 proxies in hand, counted by Chuck and Mary Ellen. In addition, we have one more in the form of a letter from President Susan Fugate, authorizing Céline to conduct the meetings in her absence.

The Board procedure manual will be revised following this Annual Meeting, with copies distributed to the Board and the text put on the CBHL website in the members-only section. The most recent Board minutes will also be posted there in the near future.

Mary Ellen Armentrout gave the Treasurer's report. She reported on comparative interest rates for CDs, and noted that there were no startup expenses associated with the 2001 Denver meeting, nor any proceeds. CBHL's income for 2001 was \$19,415.76, with expenses of \$10,187.24 and restricted funds of \$22,941.16. The report for the first 3 months of 2002 was income of \$8,935.00 and expenses of \$2,319.25 leaving a balance of \$38,785.43. Jane Cole requested a vote on the Treasurer's report; Nadia Aufderheide (Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, OH) moved to accept, Suzi Teghtmeyer (Paul Evans Library of Fruit Science, Mountain Grove, MO) seconded, and the report was approved by vote.

Mary Ellen also reported on the recent (Feb. 5, 2002) Board decision regarding charging for mailing labels provided to institutional members. Up to now, the procedure has been to charge \$50 per set of labels per use. After discussion, the Board unanimously voted the following: sets of labels (physical labels or an electronic file) will be provided on request to institutional members at these rates: \$50 for non-commercial uses, and \$15 for each subsequent use within the year; \$75 for commercial uses, and \$25 for each subsequent use within the year. It was further agreed that Susan Fugate would devise an "anticipated use" form that would be supplied with the invoice for labels and that would help CBHL to track what's happening with labels provided.

Next Mary Ellen discussed audit arrangements. She had asked Joanna Bristol (Herb Society of America, Kirtland, OH) and Nadia Aufderheide whether they would consider reviewing the accounting records, but they declined. Thus Mary Ellen will hire a local CPA, hopefully for a fee not to exceed \$150. She wants to have an audit done this year as it's the end of her first year as Treasurer; after that she recommends having one done every three years.

Judy Warnement gave the 2nd Vice-President's report, noting that she is Board liaison to three committees: Membership, Publications, and Resources Assessment for Preservation and Access. Reports from those committees would come later in the meeting.

consideration. 33 works were nominated, and for the first time winners in two award categories were chosen: technical works and general interest works. For the next award, works published in 2001-2002 will be eligible, all nominations must be made by CBHL members, and the deadline for nominations will be October 1, 2002. Committee members are nominated by the Board, and Kathy would welcome names of any members interested in joining the committee. Céline commended the committee and encouraged others to consider participating, as committee members or as nominators.

A report from the Audit Committee was deferred.

Charles Robert Long Award Committee chair Jane Cole gave a report. She distributed an information sheet to attendees about the career and accomplishments of Charles Robert (Bob) Long. She noted that she took over the chair from Connie Wolf, and named the other committee members, Rita Hassert and Nadia Aufderheide. Céline reminded Jane that the committee also includes two ex officio members from the Board, Susan Fugate and Chuck Tancin. Jane noted that Richard Isaacson (Andersen Horticultural Library, Minneapolis, MN) was the first chair of the committee, and that the first award was given to the late bookseller Elisabeth Woodburn. The award has been given 8 times in the history of the award. Jane also reported that Susan Fraser (New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY) talked recently with Bob Long's widow to let her know that he would be honored in the course of the business meeting.

At this point in the meeting, there was a break in the committee reports and a raffle was conducted to distribute copies of nominated works that were donated for the raffle by Annual Literature Award Committee member Brad Lyon (Elisabeth Woodburn, Books, Hopewell, NJ), along with a few duplicates donated by chair Kathy Allen.

Committee reports resumed with a report from Chuck Tancin on the Founders Fund Travel Fellowship Award Committee, whose members are the Board of Directors as outlined in the bylaws. The Founders Fund was established in 1991 as a memorial to deceased CBHL members. It was initially endowed by a gift of \$2,000 from Virginia Gardner in memory of CBHL founders Muriel Crossman and Elisabeth Woodburn. The award amount was raised in July 2001 to \$350, and it is available to one CBHL member each year, meant to help a member to attend the Annual Meeting who lacks adequate institutional support to do so. The application form is distributed each year to all members in advance of the Annual Meeting. Applicants must complete the application form and have it countersigned by the director or his or her institution. If more than one application is received, the recipient is chosen by blind lottery. This year there were no applications received, and so no award was given.

Following the report there was discussion on how to improve the award. Comments and suggestions included these: the award is too small; perhaps hosts could provide accommodations for award winner; we should solicit contributions to en-

hance the amount of the principal, as we take the award from interest accrued in the past year; do we consider applications according to need, and could the award amount be dependent on need somehow; might distance traveled and air fare play a part in determining award amount; having one set amount for the award is more fair; the awardee should also have the registration fee waived; waiving the fee would mean that CBHL or the host(s) would have to cover that amount; long-term members tend not to apply, thinking the award is for new members only. These ideas and comments will be considered in the coming year as changes to the award are discussed further by the Board, and further comments, and suggestions are very welcome and can be sent to any Board member.

Judy Warnement (Board liaison) and Judy Reed (chair) reported on the Publications Committee. Judy noted that last year Jonathan Bengtson (formerly at Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Boston, MA) had become committee chair, only to have to give it up when he changed jobs. She thanked Judy Reed who recently agreed to chair the committee. She requested applause for Jane Cole, who until recently edited the Newsletter, and thanked Christine Liebson (Herb Society of America, Kirtland, OH), the new editor. She also thanked the committee members for their work and their help in finding a new chair and a new editor. Then Judy Reed made her report, noting that Judy Warnement is working on registering an ISSN number for the Newsletter. The committee has recommended to discontinue the Bibliography Series. They also discussed making the Newsletter electronic, which Christine is willing to do. This year the Newsletter will be provided in both formats, and next year the committee will revisit the issue. Saving postage and printing costs will be considered in making decisions about Newsletter format, along with other issues. The committee is not ready to deal with electronic archiving, so print copies will be archived. Electronic versions of the Newsletters, if produced, will be accessible on the members-only section of the CBHL website.

Some new features of the Newsletter were suggested, including feature articles on member libraries (which would require a new columnist). Judy noted that announcements can be run to solicit new members for various committees, and that Kathy Allen can be contacted to suggest books to review in the Newsletter or to offer to review books.

The Publication Committee also publishes the annual membership directory, and Judy announced that Gayle Bradbeer (University of Colorado, Denver, CO) is willing to produce the directory for another year, and will continue with a paper directory for now. The committee discussed privacy protection for an online version of the directory. Other issues involving the Membership Committee will be discussed in that committee's report.

The membership brochure will be updated as needed, staying with the current design as developed by Rita Hassert. Rita has a stock of brochures and members can request them from her.

Discussion of having paid advertisements in the Newsletter is being deferred for now. Judy noted that a possible new commercial membership category being discussed by the Board may involve some advertisements as a benefit.

Finally, she noted that the functions of the Publications Committee and the Electronic Communications Committee are getting closer and closer. The business meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m. until Friday morning.

The third session of the business meeting was opened by Céline Arseneault on Friday, April 12, 2002 at 11:02 a.m. at the Canterbury Hotel.

Following up on her earlier committee report, Annual Literature Award chair Kathy Allen requested that the names of the winners of the 2002 CBHL Annual Literature Award be added to the minutes of this meeting. The winner in the technical category was *Lichens of North America* by Irwin M. Brodo, Sylvia Duran Sharnoff and Stephen Sharnoff, Yale University Press, 2001. The winner in the general interest category was *Bamboo for Gardens*, by Ted Jordan Meredith, Timber Press, 2001.

The report of the Electronic Communications Committee was given by chair Stanley Johnston (Holden Arboretum, Kirtland, OH), who noted that the purpose of the committee is to facilitate electronic communication among members. The two main modes of such communication at present are the online distribution list and the website, which has both internal and outreach functions. The committee wants to help committees, member libraries, and the organization as a whole. The online distribution list, according to list manager Bernadette Callery, had 128 members before the addition of all members with e-mail addresses, which was being done in recent weeks. Now, as approved by vote at the 2001 Denver meeting, all newly joined members are automatically added to the list, and then can be removed at their request.

As of the date of Bernadette Callery's report, no one had asked to be unsubscribed after being added recently. It was noted that "bounced back" messages received when posting to the list should be forwarded to Bernadette <bcallery@flounder.com> so that she can check the addresses. It was also noted that, since the list is a members-only list, messages forwarded outside CBHL should have the list address removed from the header before being forwarded.

The Membership Committee report was given by Board liaison Judy Warnement for chair Kathy Fescmyer (Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA), who was absent, and by Gayle Bradbeer, Membership Manager. Judy noted that Kathy did a great job in setting up the buddy program to welcome new members to CBHL and to the annual meeting, although this year there were no takers from new members. Kathy will refine the process and would welcome suggestions. Judy noted that the committee could use a few new members. Other

items being considered are a commercial membership category for for-profit members, about which the committee will make a recommendation to the Board, and putting the membership directory on the website, a project which is in the planning stage.

Gayle then reported on membership statistics. We currently have 43 individual, 65 institutional (with 110 representatives), 20 retiree, 6 student, 1 complimentary, and 7 life members, for a total of 148 members (203 persons). Gayle also reported on those 2001 memberships that were not renewed: 27 individual, 33 institutional (57 representatives), 5 retiree, 4 student members did not renew, although Gayle added that a few upgraded their memberships. Gayle reported a typical amount of late renewals/non-renewals (10-15%). She noted that we have 11 CBHL members who have signed up for European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (EBHL) affiliate memberships to date. In answer to a question from the attendees, Judy noted that recruitment is more the role of the PR committee (working with the Membership committee as appropriate), while the Membership Committee's primary role is member retention.

The Public Relations (PR) Committee report was given by chair Rita Hassert. The major function of the committee is to explore ways to promote CBHL and CBHL members. Last year the committee did the following: created and distributed PR on the 2nd Annual Literature Award, worked with the Annual Meeting hosts to promote the Annual Meeting, added a mini-membership-application to the template for the Newsletter, and explored with Carol Line, acting editor of American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta's (AABGA) Public Garden magazine, the possibility of a special issue focusing on information resources. Rita reported that Jim Folsom and Susan Fraser wrote articles for the Winter 2002 issue of Public Garden. In the coming year the committee hopes to: expand press releases, update the membership brochure, explore design of a CBHL decal for doors of member libraries, publish articles about CBHL in other magazines, and also implement a SECRET IDEA.

Joan DeFato asked whether the committee has done anything to get together with garden writers to let them know about CBHL. Judy Reed suggested that the committee check out newsletters of related organizations to which to send CBHL PR items, including calendar items.

The Resource Sharing Committee report was given by David Lane and Nadia Aufderheide. Nadia reported on the OCLC GAC (Group Access Capability) group, giving a history of what was originally the Computer Consortium Committee, now the Resource Sharing committee of which the GAC is a part. The committee previously focused on Interlibrary Loan, but now has a wider scope. Regarding the GAC, any CBHL member that belongs to OCLC is invited to join; members are requested to lend at no charge. Nadia said that she would distribute detailed statistics to GAC members in the near future.

David then reported that the newly-expanded committee has more issues to explore than just the GAC. The group has no chair yet. 13 members attended the committee meeting, and Kathleen Fisher (Strybing Arboretum Society) was elected interim chair.

The Resource Assessment for Preservation and Access Committee (RAPAC) report was given by chair Don Wheeler, who reported that the committee has shortened its name to the Preservation and Access Committee (PAC). He related a short history of the committee. The committee was originally the Documentation Strategy Committee and focused on preservation and access, with a particular concern about collection materials not identified through conventional OPACs; how do we share information about these collections, and concern about the fate of collections over time. In 1999 the committee put together two posters and a symposium for the XVI International Botanical Congress. Since then, the committee has been doing a series of CBHL member surveys. The results of the first, a nonbook collections survey, are now being databased at New York Botanical Garden, and Don requested help in building a Microsoft Access database. While the first survey was an attempt at broad information gathering, follow-up surveys will go to those who identified themselves as holding particular types of materials. An archives survey is about to be mailed out, and surveys on photo collections and seed catalogs will be next.

Don recognized a convergence of interest with the Resource Sharing Committee, and hopes for some collaboration. He also noted a few preservation concerns in terms of the fate of collections that have come up recently, at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, the Smithsonian, and the Miller Library in Seattle in the aftermath of the ecoterrorist arson attack.

Céline Arseneault asked whether the survey database(s) might eventually be merged with the membership database. Don replied that Gayle had sent Don a copy of her member database and he's using it as a core for the survey database, so that's certainly a possibility. Judy Warnement noted that the committee also discussed asking Céline to add links to finding aids to the member libraries page on the CBHL website, in addition to the links to OPACs.

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

Pat Jonas gave a detailed preview of the upcoming meeting in New York during June 10-14, 2003, co-hosted by New York Botanical Garden, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Horticultural Society of New York, and Planting Fields Arboretum. The meeting theme will be "Redefining Botanical and Horticultural Libraries: Shaping a New Collaborative Environment." The meeting hotel will be the Helmsley, a few blocks from HSNY.

Chuck Tancin reported that Hunt Institute looks forward to welcoming CBHL to Pittsburgh in 2004, and that more information would be forthcoming in the fall.

Janet Evans submitted her letter of invitation to host the meeting at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society in Philadelphia in 2005. Jane Cole moved to accept the invitation, Gayle Bradbeer seconded, and the invitation was unanimously accepted.

Old business:

Brian Thompson's report on disaster recovery at the Miller Library in Seattle was given during the open forum earlier in the day.

Mary Ellen Armentrout reported on the CBHL/EBHL connection. John Reed had chaired a working group of members from both organizations to develop an affiliate membership arrangement. The resulting affiliate memberships are available for either organization to members of the other organization for a cost of \$20 per year. The money is paid to the "home organization" and then transferred to the other organization once a year to avoid costly bank charges. It was also reported that this year Chuck Tancin will attend the EBHL meeting in London as a representative of CBHL. CBHL was similarly represented by Anne Lubrecht in 2000 and by John Reed, accompanied by Judy Reed, in 2001.

New business:

It had been previously approved by the Board to appoint an ad hoc committee to explore a revision of the CBHL bylaws. Three volunteers had already been tentatively approved by the Board, pending formation of the committee: David Lane, John Reed and Barbara Pitschel. Two additional volunteers are sought from the general membership. There was some discussion of the protocol involved in creating such a committee, and finally Nadia Aufderheide moved to create an ad hoc committee consisting of 5 members appointed by the Board of Directors. Gayle Bradbeer seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with one vote opposed.

Céline Arseneault then introduced a re-examination of the double slate election process, which inspired considerable discussion in the brief amount of time left for the meeting. Discussion was generally polarized between the use of double and single slates. Proponents of the double slate method, by which two candidates are put forth by the Nominating Committee to run in an election, cite the need for greater democratization of processes, the need for freedom of choice, the need for new blood, and a perception that the Nominating Committee is made up of "insiders." Proponents of the single slate method, by which one candidate is put forth by the Nominating Committee to run in an election, cite the shrinking pool of people who can and will run for office, the fact that losing an election reflects negatively on the candidate in some job situations (such as academic positions), and a perception that many people, having lost an election, are reluctant or unwilling to run again, thereby effectively "using up" two candidates in every election, and reducing the pool for future elections.

It was suggested that this can't be changed until the bylaws are changed; and answered that it's in anticipation of a bylaws revision that the issue is being introduced, to give guidance to the bylaws committee based on member input. There was insufficient time to gain resolution, and so further discussion was deferred until the 2003 Annual Meeting.

At 12:15 p.m. Céline passed the gavel to incoming President Barbara Pitschel. Barbara gave Céline a gift of California wine. New 2nd Vice-President Laurie Hannah was invited to join the podium. Céline thanked CBHL for the many opportunities for service that being on the Board provides. She also thanked the Board for their professionalism and hard work. Barbara asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Céline moved to adjourn, Doug Holland seconded the motion, and the final session of the 2002 business meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

CBHL's Election Process: A Re-evaluation

CHARLOTTE "CHUCK" TANCIN, CBHL SECRETARY
IN CONFERENCE WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

At the end of the business meeting on Friday, April 12, 2002 at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, a discussion was opened to re-examine the current double-slate election process and stimulated an intense debate. There was not enough time for a full airing of views and possible solutions, so further discussion was deferred until the 2003 Annual Meeting. The Board talked about this matter during their April 13th Board meeting, and agreed that a short article should be published in the next Newsletter to spell out some of the issues and to stimulate more response from the membership. It's in that spirit that this article has been submitted to the Newsletter.

Up until 1994, CBHL elected its Board by using a single slate ballot. The Nominating Committee did a lot of work to identify good candidates and then proposed a candidate for election, offering the alternative of a write-in candidate. It was voted at the Seattle meeting in 1993 to change to a double slate process to make the election process more democratic, and the 1994 election was the first of the new system. In recent years the nominating committees have reported to the Board that there has been greater difficulty in identifying candidates willing to run in elections. This has led to a questioning as to whether it might be time to re-evaluate how elections are handled by CBHL.

Barbara Pitschel raised the issue at the end of the 2001 Annual Meeting, but there was no time to discuss it, and so it was tabled until 2002. It was introduced at the end of the 2002 meeting and the same thing happened, although at least we had a bit of discussion. We need to collectively think about this process so that at the 2003 meeting there can be an adequate amount of meaningful discussion. The Board firmly believes that how elections are handled is not an issue for the

Board to decide, nor is it appropriate for a bylaws committee to do so. It's an issue for the membership to consider, discuss, and make an effort to find consensus on. Only then can the Board and a bylaws committee act to change the process in a manner that reflects the will of the membership.

Beyond the question of whether elections are done by single slate, double slate, or some other method, there is the question of the role of the Nominating Committee, and of the Board. There appears to be a fair amount of confusion about this. The Board does not run elections, nor does it control the Nominating Committee. As mandated by our current bylaws, "The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the Past President of the Council and shall include no fewer than two other members, excluding other members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the President no less than three months following the annual meeting of members. The Nominating Committee shall select nominee(s) for each officer to be elected by the membership and shall file such names with the Secretary of the Council not less than sixty days preceding the next annual meeting of members."

There are three points that need to be emphasized here. (1) Before those candidates' names are filed, the Board (aside from the Past President) is not generally privy to the deliberations of the Nominating Committee. Thus there is no "Board influence" at that end of the process. (2) Related to this point, while the committee is chaired by a Board member, the other committee members are not Board members, and do not have to be past officers. This past year, for example, one of the additional members was a past officer and one was not. (3) And most importantly, although the chair of the committee is on the Board, he or she can be outvoted by the other members, and so is in no way able to control the process.

Then there is the question of the process itself, and it is important for our members to consider carefully the pros and cons of single versus double slates, foregoing knee-jerk reactions and thinking responsibly about CBHL and what would work best for the organization as a whole.

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Critics of the double slate method cite the shrinking pool of people who can and will run for office, the fact that losing an election reflects negatively on the candidate in some job situations (such as some academic positions), and a realization (not just speculation, but based on conversations with CBHL members who have lost elections) that many people, having lost an election, are reluctant or unwilling to run again, thereby effectively "using up" two candidates in every election, and reducing the pool for future elections.

It is natural to propose a single slate method as the alternative to the double slate method, but in the day and a half following the business meeting discussion there were several creative suggestions made by CBHL members in conversations about the issues, and so it may very well be that we are not locked into some polarizing decision between two alternatives. However, careful consideration of the issues by the CBHL membership is essential, and some creative discussion on the online distribution list and in the Newsletter is desirable so that in 2003 we will be able to fully discuss and, hopefully, resolve the question. And because we will be re-evaluating our bylaws for revision in the next year or two, this is a good time to consider this topic.

Committee on Committees

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The Committee on Committees (COC) worked out the next step in the long range planning process. All of the many ideas contributed by members over the years for action steps in the plan were gathered together and distributed into the plan's framework. The result was a colossal document that needed to be distilled down by the individual committees.

The COC developed a work sheet for each committee to use in determining its highest priority action steps, its purpose, its membership, and how the COC can help them. The committees diligently worked on the work sheets during the meeting as a way, in part, to review the committee structure of CBHL. During the summer, the COC will be consolidating the responses and developing a more succinct and workable planning document.

Also, the Board has determined that the terms (not term limits) for committee chairs will be three years starting next year. This will provide opportunities for change as well as for reaffirmation. By the fall, the COC will have worked out the election process for the committees to follow.

If anyone has any other concerns, please send them to David Lane at <david.lane@unh.edu>.

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CBHL Welcomes New Members

Kathy Judge, Student, Chicago Botanic Garden Library, Glencoe, Illinois

John Hegemier, Librarian, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas

Gary Jennings, Head Librarian, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas

Kathleen D. Connick, Director, Lloyd Library and Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio

Mrs. J. Goetzee (Juliette) and Mr. F. Havekes (Frans), IDC Publishers, Leiden, NETHERLANDS

Marcia Stephenson, Resource Center Coordinator, AABGA Resource Center, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Gordon L. Mc Daniel, Technical Services Librarian
The LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York

Karen E. Wal, Student, University of Rhode Island, North Scituate, Rhode Island

Lana Guziewicz, Carrollton, Texas

Mrs. Lucille Dressler, New England Unit of The Herb Society of America, Belmont, Massachusetts

Robert F.C. Naczi, Curator, Claude E. Phillips Herbarium, Delaware State University

Char Steelman, Garden Manager, Inniswood Metro Gardens, Westerville, Ohio

Guy Frenette, Library Assistant, Montreal Botanic Garden, Montreal, Quebec CANADA

Iris Gestram, Library Education Division Leader, Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Connie Sutton, Garden Club of America, New York, New York



April 9th: Digitization Workshop

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CBHL Members gathered at the California Academy of Sciences on Tuesday, April 9th for a pre-conference workshop entitled *A Digitization Primer for Botanical and Horticultural Librarians*. Attended by over forty interested participants, this workshop was presented by Chris Freeland (MBG Web and Digitization Project Coordinator), Doug Holland (MBG Administrative Librarian) and Heather Rolan (NYBG Digitization Specialist). Initially addressing the question “Why digitize?” the presenters provided an overview of this complex topic discussing audience and users, planning and goals, ownership, selection, preservation and digitization, discovery and access, metadata, scanning and sustainability. Illustrations from their own projects at MBG and NYBG were used to highlight the presentation. Thoughtful discussions among participants about potential funding sources, collaborative opportunities, in-house vs. outsourcing and “lessons learned” all helped to create an informative session.

Suggested resources from the presenters

Cornell Tutorial
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/preservation/tutorial>

MBG Library Rare Books
<http://ridgwaydb.mobot.org/mobot/rarebooks>

NEDCC Handbook
<http://www.nedcc.org/digital/dighome.htm>

Dublin Core Basics. <http://purl.oclc.org/dc/>

April 10th: CalFlora Keynote Speaker

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After greetings by our wonderful hosts at Cal Academy and Strybing Arboretum, Dr. Ann Dennis spoke enthusiastically on the project she directs - CalFlora. CalFlora is a compilation of information on California plants for education, research and conservation available on the web at www.calflora.org. It is hosted on the web by the Digital Library Project of UC Berkeley. Look at it, it's quite exciting.

Based on the premise that “information is the key to conservation” this website was developed with people in mind. It aims to feed their interest in biodiversity and thus helps them protect it. Dr. Dennis reports that she and her associates used three major principles of data sharing to develop the project that will sound familiar to all librarians.

1.) To focus on people and let technology be in the backseat.

2.) To pay attention to the people who produce and use the information. 3.) To honor the existing traditions of data exchange in botanical research.

Annual Literature Award

PATRICIA JONAS, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES
BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

In a ceremony at the California Academy of Sciences, Kathy Allen announced the winners of CBHL's **Third Annual Literature Award**. The Committee evaluated 33 titles nominated by the membership and presented two awards in Technical and General Interest categories for books that will stand for a very long time as definitive in their subjects. The award for General Interest Literature went to the author, Ted Jordan Meredith, and the publisher, Timber Press for *Bamboo For Gardens*. Allen quoted one Committee member: “Meredith's thorough exploration of the subject takes him into a thicket of taxonomy, morphology and physiology and out again with an invaluable contribution to botanical science and a clear guide for gardeners.”

The award for Technical Literature went to Irwin M. Brodo, Sylvia Duran Sharnoff and Stephen Sharnoff, authors, and Oxford University Press, publisher, for *Lichens of North America*. Reading from judges' comments, Allen quoted: “This is monumentally conceived and, in every detail, a superbly realized book that dramatically expands both botanical knowledge and casual appreciation of these curious evolutionary success stories.” “One enters another world upon opening it.” “Lichens have found their bards.”

We were very lucky that Stephen Sharnoff, was able to join us to accept awards for himself and on behalf of his late wife, Sylvia Duran Sharnoff. He gave a very graceful acceptance speech and praised his wife, who died during the last days of preparing the book for publication, as the project's muse and original inspiration.

National AIDS Memorial Grove

PATRICIA JONAS, DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES
BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

After the morning's speakers, tours and programs, we walked to the **National AIDS Memorial Grove** where we gathered in the **Circle of Friends**. As we ate our box lunches, **Jack Porter**, one of the original visionaries who conceived this healing place within Golden Gate Park, spoke to us about the Grove's history since 1989. There is enough money now to hire one gardener, but it has been an astonishing 60,000 hours of volunteer labor that transformed the seven acres surrounding us from derelict dump into a woodland inspired by pools of light; and an enormous leaking cement cistern into the communal circle where we sat looking down at the limestone inscribed with 1400 names of donors and those who have died of AIDS. Visitors come here alone and in groups to place flow-

ers, mementoes, and artifacts in the center of the circle and to grieve, commemorate and heal.

Up to 300 volunteers continue to come every third Saturday in the month to plant and maintain the grove and its meadow, grotto, dell and dry ravine. Among the original planners were professional landscape architects whose dynamic concepts permit the landscape to continue to evolve in response to the community's use and needs. This powerful and sacred place is a model for the restorative power of gardens and community. Here an ever widening community comes together in grief and fills the landscape with healing, hope and remembrance. Inscribed in stone in the Fern Grotto are words from local poet Thom Gunn:

Walker within this circle pause
Although they all died of one cause
Remember how their lives were dense
With fine compacted difference.

Afternoon Tours

KATHERINE ALLEN, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN-BIBLIOGRAPHER
MAGRATH LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

The **Academy Library**, founded in 1853, is a major research library devoted to natural history and the natural sciences. We were treated to displays of beautifully illustrated rare books, learned about the exciting Manzanita Project of digital images, saw displays on past luminaries of the Academy including one its founders, Albert Kellogg, and 50-year curator and intrepid botanist, Alice Eastwood. CBHL member and CAS User Services Librarian Lawrence Currie showed us some of the rare books in his care and spoke about plans for a new building.

The **Biodiversity Resource Center** offers multimedia resources on biodiversity, endangered species and conservation to a wide range of users from exuberant children to serious researchers. The **Herbarium** has nearly 2 million specimens, ranging from lichens to fruits the size of several coconuts! Steve Sharnoff, co-author of the CBHL Literature Award winner *Lichens of North America*, toured with us and was surprised and pleased to hear about the lichens. More about the Academy's libraries and herbarium can be found at <http://www.calacademy.org>.

After lunch we were cooled off by a rogue sprinkler, or "water folly," as our host Arboretum Director Scot Medbury referred to it. We had the chance to forego hard-hats and see both old and restored parts of the Victorian-era Conservatory of Flowers on the grounds of Golden Gate Park. This magnificent glass palace was severely damaged by 100+ mph winds in 1995 and will not reopen until Spring 2003. Find out more about the Conservatory at <http://www.conservatoryofflowers.org>.

We then strolled to **Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens** for garden tours led by an impressive array of Strybing luminaries. We walked among redwoods and were drop-mouthed as we rounded a corner and came upon a spectacular rhododendron display. The fact that there's a 100 year "Grand Master Plan" left me in awe—I have trouble planning next week!

Following the tours, we returned to Strybing's **Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture**, where Librarian and CBHL Meeting Host Barbara Pitschel gave us a glimpse of the rare book stacks and some of its treasures. We enjoyed the beautiful building and surroundings, a book display, and exhibition of "Wildflowers of California" by California Native Plant Society's Yerba Buena Photographers, before indulging in a wine and hors d'oeuvre reception in celebration of the Library's 30th anniversary. Visit <http://www.strybing.org> for more information.

It was a very enjoyable and informative afternoon spent with colleagues. The enthusiasm and dedication of our multitude of tour guides and hosts was extremely heartening!

Botanical Heroes and the Flora of San Francisco

JUDITH REED, CONSERVATION LIBRARIAN
LUESTER T. MERTZ LIBRARY, NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN
BRONX, NEW YORK

Following the fine reception at the Helen Crocker Russell Library at the Strybing Arboretum, many meeting participants returned to the California Academy of Sciences in the evening as invited guests to the Academy's Monthly Members Lecture. Dr. Tom Daniel gave an interesting slide presentation about a number of scientists on the Academy staff who had contributed throughout its history to the botanical knowledge of the San Francisco area. Included were such names as Henry Bolander and Alice Eastwood of the Academy's Botany Department and Peter Raven, whose "early botanical career" began at the Academy, when he was a youngster.

April 11th: Tour of Regional Parks Botanic Garden

LAURIE HANNAH, LIBRARIAN
SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

We visited this native plant garden on a gorgeous spring day. The garden, founded in 1940, is divided into 10 sections that showcase the plants of the various geographic regions of California, such as the Pacific rain forest and the Channel Islands. We saw towering "baby" redwoods that had been in the ground since 1941 and the cool, quiet sanctuary of the understory ferns, azaleas, and redwood sorrel.

Other noteworthy trees included giant sequoia, bristlecone pine, and the lovely, pollen-laden Santa Lucia firs. From our knowledgeable docent, we learned that the pipe vine swallowtail lays its eggs only on one plant, the dutchman's pipe (*Aristolochia californica*), with its curious flowers, while the plant itself is pollinated by gnats. As it was early spring, the garden was just coming into bloom with California lilacs, trilliums, and manzanitas providing an understated but lovely display.

University of California, Berkely: Tours of the Botanical Garden, Libraries, and Herbaria

JUDY WARNEMENT, LIBRARIAN
HARVARD UNIVERSITY BOTANY LIBRARIES
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Following a box lunch and committee meetings, members divided into groups for a tour of the Botanical Garden. Docents provided an overview of the holdings of the garden. The living accessions represent approximately 13,267 different species and subspecies (2,885 genera) and make it one of the largest and most diverse collections in the United States. The arrangement of the outdoor collections is primarily geographic by continent of origin or region. Nearly all specimens in the garden have been brought in from the wild. After a leisurely stroll through the garden, members visited the gift shop before the bus carried them off to the main campus for the library and herbaria tours.

The combined University and Jepson Herbaria tour was hosted by Dr. Barbara Ertter, Research Botanist and Collections Manager. Dr. Ertter invited members to view the specimens exhibited in the herbarium entrance and then led the group into the collections area. She explained that the University Herbaria were founded in 1895 and the Jepson Herbarium was added in 1950. The combined total of ca. 1,800,000 accessioned specimens represent the largest collection of herbarium material west of the Missouri Botanical Garden and the largest at a public university in the United States. All plant groups are represented in the Herbarium collection and the scope is worldwide with particular strengths in marine algae, bryophytes, pteridophytes, and flowering plants. The Jepson comprises a separate, privately endowed collection of about 87,000 specimens of vascular plants of California. In addition to the collections, the Herbaria contain supporting library and archival materials, and make use of the Bioscience and Natural Resources Library on the floor above.

Marian Koshland Bioscience and Natural Resources Library tour was organized by Norma Kobzina. This impressive library reopened in the renovated Valley Life Sciences Building in 1995 and is comprised of over 500,000 volumes and subscribes to around 6,500 journals. The collection is composed of materials in botany, soil science, forestry, biotechnology, molecular and cellular biology, environmental science,

physiology, and zoology. The library holds several special collections that include 18th and 19th century works on botany and other areas of natural history. Earlier works are housed at the University's rare book library. The library also provides 350 user work stations, ample seating and study areas, and a "drop in" computer center.

The Environmental Design Library tour was led by Debbie Sommer. The library is one of the best architecture, landscape architecture, and city/regional planning libraries in North America. It has 180,000 volumes and subscribes to more than 1,100 serials from all over the world.

The Library collects at the research level in all aspects of the subjects areas covered. Among the areas covered are architecture, planning and urban design, and landscape architecture. The later collection covers history, theory and practice, planning; place theory and history; site specific landscape design; landscape ecology and restoration; landscape modeling; park design; landscape plants; community participation in landscape design; and geographic information systems. Enhanced by the Beatrix Farrand endowment and Reef Point Gardens Library, landscape strengths include 19th century journals and history of gardens and landscape architecture from the 17th-19th centuries.

A rare book collection of more than 2,500 volumes represents early architectural treatises, limited editions, materials with original reproductions or fine bindings, and other rare books, including the libraries of John Galen Howard, Beatrix Farrand, Frederick Law Olmsted and F.L. Olmsted, Jr., Greene and Greene, and William Charles Hays. Members enjoyed the opportunity to view a sampling of materials from these collections.

The Environmental Design Archives tour was organized by Waverly Lowell, but led by a staff member. The archives holds nearly one hundred collections that document the built and landscaped environment. The records span a century, 1890-1990, and contain primary source materials such as correspondence, reports, specifications, drawings, photographs, and artifacts. Though the archives' primary focus is the San Francisco Bay Area, designers and projects from throughout California, the United States, and the world are found in the collections.

The archives records range from the works of California's important early architects through contemporary practitioners who have influenced styles and traditions. Another important component of the archives is the collection of American and English landscape architecture that started with the donation of Beatrix Jones Farrand's Reef Point Library to the Landscape Department in the 1950s. The donation included Farrand's own project records, the garden plans of English landscape architect Gertrude Jekyll, and the records of 'Garden Architect' Mary Rutherford Jay. The archives also contains the records of the founders and practitioners of the mod-

ern California landscape such as Thomas Church, Garrett Eckbo, Douglas Baylis, Robert Royston and Lockwood deForest. Additional landscape collections include Paul G. Thiene, Geraldine Scott, and others.

Working with Volunteers

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BRONX, NEW YORK

Ann McIntire moderated a panel, made up of Mary Ellen Armentrout, Nadia Aufderheide, and Barbara Pitschel, who discussed how they have been involved with use of volunteer aid in libraries. Mary Ellen related her own work as a volunteer at Inneswood Gardens in Columbus, Ohio. She had found it to be a very rewarding experience, in which a large group of volunteers carried out most of the work required in caring for the gardens. When she became the librarian at the Cleveland Botanic Garden, she expressed surprise that volunteers were not used by the horticulture department, but Mary Ellen did develop a volunteer group to help in the library.

Nadia had also served as a volunteer and was aware of how much help volunteers can provide. She has used volunteers very successfully at the Holden Arboretum Library to carry out a variety of tasks, depending on the abilities of the individuals. Barbara Pitschel described the wide variety of projects done by her volunteers at the Strybing Arboretum. Many projects would not be accomplished without their help. All three panelists felt that the most important factor in keeping volunteers and having a successful volunteer program was making these people feel needed and appreciated.

Children's Collections and Services

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The development, organization and presentation of children's collections in botanical and horticultural libraries was discussed and presented by three institutions having very different approaches. Kathleen Fisher and Brian Lym from the Strybing Arboretum, Gary Jennings of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) and Céline Arseneault from the Montreal Botanical Garden gave a summary of each of their collections, then collectively answered questions. Barney Lipscomb, also of BRIT moderated the discussion.

Strybing has offered for over 5 years a very successful "Story Time" program twice a month for young readers from ages 4 to 8. Docents provide gardens tours for the families following these half hour readings. A collection of over 1,100 books for children is divided into "pre-readers," "early readers," "advanced readers," and "books for youth" titles. The use of many selections tools, including diligent searching of independent

bookstores, has found stories from many cultures and with important plant themes that wouldn't be found using the expected subject headings.

The Oliver G. Burk Children's Library at BRIT started with a gift of 2000 books in 1997 and includes many rare titles that date back to the 18th century. Emphasizing natural history literature, the collection is used in conjunction with professional development workshops for teachers, general adult enrichment courses such as "Texas Eco-Region Studies" and summer programs for children and older students including "Budding Botanists" and "Our Prairie Heritage."

At Montreal, the most successful children's programs are half-day presentations included in the curriculum of two-week summer day camps. Participants are immersed in science and arrive at the library with an already strong interest in the resources available, particularly the books. Youthful visitors also make heavy use of the media room, which includes many kid-oriented CD-ROMs. Educational games are an important part of the children's collection, but the newest form of outreach is a website just for kids (and just in French!), *Le Jardin des jeunes branchés*.

Biodiversity of the Meso-American Region

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BRONX, NEW YORK

Following the Annual CBHL Banquet, Dr. Frank Almeda presented a slide lecture on the "Biodiversity of Meso-America," covering Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, with a focus on Costa Rica. He pointed out that these areas are the second richest in the world in endemic plant species. In Costa Rica, which is particularly rich in species, the government is trying to set aside protected areas. This country includes both tropical rain forests and tropical dry forests. There are also tropical lower montane rain forests within Meso-America. Among the threats to the plants in these areas are destruction of habitat, occurrence of invasive species, pollution, and overharvesting.

Post-Conference Tours

Private Gardens Tour

REPORTED BY GAYLE BRADBEER

Saturday morning a brave band of adventurers gathered to squeeze into a van to tour four California gardens with Richard G. Turner. We began with the Ruth Bancroft Garden in Walnut Creek. We got there early and almost didn't leave, this succulent garden was so fascinating. Created and nurtured by one energetic gardener (we actually got to meet her), this was the inspiration for and the first garden in the Garden Conservancy www.gardenconservancy.org.

Post conference tours, cont.

Three residential gardens filled the rest of the day. We were privileged to gawk at the garden of Katherine Greenberg. She has created a lovely home for native plants on a steep, wooded slope stretching down to a perennial stream. She also fed us the best lunch of the week. In almost the same neighborhood Ron Lutsko has a practical garden that includes a nursery area for native plants. By that time it was getting hot on the east side of the Bay, in a packed van, and the troops were getting cranky. Richard restored order by dragging us all to an ice cream store. Great idea.

We drove back to Berkeley, getting to see the same beautiful views from the hills east of town as we saw from the bus on Thursday. In a hillside subdivision above Berkeley, we explored the complicated and uniquely personal garden of Roger Raiche and David McCrory. Fanciful creatures in nooks and crannies amongst interesting plants kept us peeking in corners and around fences before heading back over the Oakland Bay Bridge to San Francisco.

Nature Tour

REPORTED BY JUDITH REED

On Saturday Barbara and Roland Pitschel served as genial and competent tour guides for a group of CBHLers who chose to put on sturdy hiking boots for a wonderful natural history day. The tour began at the Muir Woods in Marin County, where Park Ranger Mia Monroe led us on a walk through this beautiful redwood forest. Mia has worked in the park for many years and holds, in her head, a wealth of fascinating information about the natural and man-made history of this lovely place. It was good to learn that a program is in place for a maintaining the “health” of this ancient forest.

Our next stop was the charming seaside village of Bolinas, where we visited Lerner Seeds. Proprietor and garden writer, Judith Lerner Lowry, a very dedicated advocate for the use of native plants, led us through her garden and nursery, where she propagates and sells many native plants.

We ended our day at the San Francisco Presidio. There we met Pete Holloran, who is active in the California Native Plant Society and is an involved volunteer in the process of turning a part of the Presidio from a military base to a natural area, as part of the National Park Service. We walked through an extensive area that has been returned (with much hard work, largely supplied by volunteers) to the sand dune and coastal wetland habitats, which it originally was. The success of this effort was obvious to all of us, as Pete led us through the area and described what has been accomplished over the years.

Getting Started with a Book Discussion Group in a Garden Library

JANET EVANS, LIBRARY MANAGER
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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Love plants and gardens? Love to read? Chances are, others share a similar yearning to talk plants and books. Last year, we launched a book discussion group, “Stories from the Garden,” in which we read fiction or non-fiction having to do with gardens, plants or the land. This is a fun, low-to-moderate-cost program that creates community and gets people to see your library in a different light.

What to read?

Here’s where the fun begins. Consider all genres: essays, biographies, memoirs, plays, short stories, novels, poetry, travel and exploration narratives, and nature literature. Stay with contemporary voices or go back in time. Take a regional focus, or travel around the world. Here are some themes: the land as a character (Willa Cather, Mark Twain); people-plant relationships (Michael Pollan, John McPhee); plant obsessions (Susan Orlean’s nonfiction *The Orchid Thief*, Karel Capek’s fantastic tales “The Stolen Cactus” or his “Blue Chrysanthemum”); Nature perverted (Hawthorn’s “Rappaccinni’s Daughter”); or in and out of the Garden of Eden (Jerzy Kosinski’s *Being There* or Giorgio Bassani’s *The Garden of the Finzi-Continis*). By now you’ve guessed that plants and gardens are a jumping off place for lively interaction and are not the be-all and end-all of the discussions. As with any close reading, you’ll likely consider narrative voice, characterization, plot, motivation, leitmotifs, etc. Choose works that warrant a sustained discussion.

We’ve found we have better attendance and livelier discussions when the readings are under 200 pages – our most spirited evening was a 2-hour exploration of Eudora Welty’s “A Curtain of Green,” a 6-page short story. We divided Michael Pollan’s 300+page *Second Nature* into two non-consecutive sessions.

How many people for a group?

To ensure 20 people in an evening, we registered 40. Some come faithfully, others occasionally, a few not at all. Many people tell us they are unable to attend the discussions, but enjoy reading our selections.

Where to meet?

In your library, in a quiet corner, in a meeting room or, if you are lucky to be in a garden, why not meet outdoors? When? We chose the first Thursday of each month, October through June. Day or evening? Daytime attracts retirees and mothers. Evening can suit working folks, retirees and moms. We chose early evening, 5:30-7:30. Will you serve refreshments? Our group is happy with bottled water and nibbles.

How to choose reading selections?

In our inaugural year, our organizing committee of four chose the readings for the year. Now, the entire group will submit suggestions and will vote on readings for next year.

Roles

There are many and you needn't do it all. Share the fun and the burden. **Meeting logistics:** Promotion, registration, communication, hospitality, name tags. **Discussion leader/facilitator:** We are very lucky to work with a *Great Books Discussion* leader volunteer. The facilitator prepares thought-provoking questions, and keeps the group on point. The leader is **not** a teacher, and does not usually participate in discussions. She ensures that all get a chance to contribute. **Secretary/recorder:** Keeps track of what group has read and wants to read; exchanges reading list with other groups. **Researcher:** Some groups do advance work with reviews, criticisms, etc. Nice, but not essential. **Book buyer:** Will you order books for participants? We suggest doing one order for the year. Seasoned book clubbers comb used bookstores and public libraries for their selections. **Participants:** Need to read the selection prior to the meeting, and come prepared for discussion and fun.

Cost Saving Tips

Limit selections to works in print, in paper or online. Hard-back purchases will deter participation. Use e-mail to stay in touch with the group. In our group of 40, only two don't have e-mail. Don't let hospitality blow your budget. If people want something lavish, let them organize potluck. While most public libraries with reading groups do not charge, don't overlook levying a charge to cover hospitality, mailings, photocopying, security, and fees (if any) for the group leader.

What we've read in 2001 - 2002

Colette, *My Mother's House / Sido*
Michelle De Kretser, *The Rose Grower*
John McPhee, *The Control of Nature*
Michael Pollan, *Second Nature*
Tom Stoppard, *Arcadia* (play)
Eudora Welty, "A Curtain of Green" (short story)
Nathaniel Hawthorne, "Rappaccini's Daughter" (short story)

We hope you have as much fun with a reading group as we've had. Please send us your reading lists and suggestions! Contact Janet Evans <jevans@pennhort.org>.

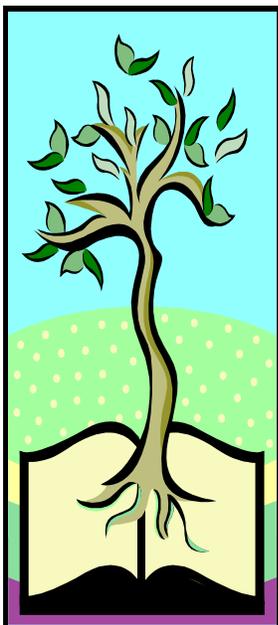
New Book

The Marshall Islands: Living Atolls Amidst the Living Sea (Republic of the Marshall Islands biodiversity report), 345 (+8) pages. \$45 for individual copies, \$30 each in quantities of 10 up to 1,000, (\$28 each in quantities of more than 1,000) Shipping and handling for individual copies, U.S. domestic priority mail, additional \$7.50.

This book is exceptionally accurate, authoritative and readable; and is richly illustrated with over 300 biological illustrations. Included are many traditional sayings related to the biota. The RMI Biodiversity Strategy and Action plan (32 page booklet) can be included upon request at no extra cost. For orders, please contact:

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phone 692- 625-3811, e-mail: <vndvelde@ntamar.com>

For more information check out these web sites on reading groups and lists



Miller Library. *Stories From the Garden.*

http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/resources/booklists_data/stories.shtml

Morton Grove Public Library's Webrary

Bloomin' Books: Gardens, Gardeners, and Gardening in Fiction.

<http://www.webrary.org/rs/flbklists/garden.html>

Nature Reads. <http://www.webrary.org/rs/flbklists/Nature.html>

Web Sites for Book Lovers. <http://www.webrary.org/rs/rslinks.html>

Sierra Club. *Sierra Readers' Favorite Books*

<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/200103/books.asp>

Classic Reader. <http://www.classicreader.com>

See especially short stories of Anton Chekhov and Willa Cather.

Waterloo Public Library. Booklists, Gardening Fiction.

<http://www.waterboro.lib.me.us/bklista.htm#garden>

Reading Group Choices. <http://www.readinggroupchoices.com/>

The Great Books Foundation has good tips on facilitation. <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

The Charles Robert Long Award of Merit honors Bob Long, b.1936 - d.1986

THE 2001-2002 CHARLES ROBERT LONG AWARD COMMITTEE
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HASSERT, ILLINOIS; "CHUCK" TANCIN, PENNSYLVANIA; AND
SUSAN FUGATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Bob Long would now be 65 years old. He was born on September 20, 1936, had a heart attack when he was 49 years old and died August 11, 1986 in Valhalla, New York. Many of the current members of CBHL never had the privilege of knowing Bob Long. So this year, for the CBHL Annual Meeting in San Francisco April 8-13, 2002 as we pause to take special note of the people who have received the award in past years, we also remember Bob Long.

Bob Long made numerous contributions to librarianship, to cooperation between libraries and research scientists, to bibliographic research, to archival development, to conservation and preservation of materials, and, especially, he gave enthusiastic support to his fellow librarians and literature specialists who provide information access and encouragement in the use of plant sciences collections.

Librarianship

In 1968 Bob Long was assistant director of the Nashua, New Hampshire Public Library. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in botany at the University of Massachusetts. His master's degree in library service is from Simmons College, Boston. After a few years in New Hampshire, Bob became a Harvard University librarian responsible for both library and archives collections at Arnold Arboretum and the Gray Herbarium. Bob

was active in ACRL, chairing the Science and Technology section. He was one of the founders of CBHL in 1969 and was elected CBHL president for 1970-1971. In 1972 Bob Long became Director of the Library at the New York Botanical Garden and by 1986, when he died, he was also an assistant Vice-President at NYBG. During his time at the Garden library the collection in his care gained over half a million volumes and the number of library users quadrupled.

Cooperation between libraries and research scientists

He chaired the Archives and History Committee of the Botanical Society of America (BSA) and inaugurated a joint program with The New York Zoological Society to organize and index the archives of NYBG and the Bronx Zoo. Bob Long was at one time a consultant to Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Yonkers and later in Ithaca, New York and he was a consultant to New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Harold L. Lyon Arboretum, University of Hawaii, Honolulu; and for a while, a botany curator at the Smithsonian Institution where he conducted research in Pacific Island botany.

Bibliographic Research

In 1978 Bob Long was chair, Committee on the History and Historical Resources of the New York Botanical Garden; published a paper in the *Journal of the Society of Bibliography of Natural History*, volume 8(4), pages 343-349, "Natural History Manuscripts. . . in the Archives of the New York Botanical Garden;" and was active in the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), chairing the Oberly Award Committee which selects annual awardees who are author(s) of a bibliography in the natural sciences.

Awardees of the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit

1988	New Jersey botanical bookseller and a founder of CBHL, Elizabeth Woodburn
1990	Librarian Ian MacPhail from Illinois' Morton Arboretum
1992	Bibliographer Richard Isaacson, Andersen Hort. Library, Minnesota
1994	California's Gardening By Mail writer/publisher Barbara Barton
1995	New York's LuEsther T. Mertz Library director John Reed
1997	Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum Librarian Bernadette Callery
1999	The National Agricultural Library's Jayne MacLean
2000	The National Agricultural Library's Jane Gates
2002	Joan DeFato, Plant Sciences Librarian, The Arboretum of Los Angeles County

To learn more about the Award and its history visit <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/CBHL/CBHL-Longaward.html>. Many thanks to Susan Fraser, Head of Information Services at The New York Botanical Garden & LuEsther T. Mertz Library, for supplying archival material about Bob Long. All errors, of course, are ours.

From 1973-1986 he edited CBHL's Plant Bibliography Series. He also co-authored the CBHL 1985 bibliography, *Endangered Plant Species of the World and Their Endangered Habitats*.

Archival Development

In 1969 Bob worked as an archivist and librarian at Arnold Arboretum and Gray Herbarium, Harvard University. While there he used a grant from the Massachusetts Foundation on the Arts to preserve the manuscripts of G.H.E. Muhlenberg, 1753-1815, in the Harvard Collection.

Conservation and Preservation of Materials

Bob Long founded and directed The Book Preservation Center at NYBG in 1980 which led to the publication in 1983 of the first Library Materials Preservation Manual.

Information Access/Use of Special Collections in Plant Sciences Contributions

The New York Botanical Garden volume 18, 1987, is dedicated to Bob Long. It is a report of the collections of botanist John Kunkel Small as researched and reported by NYBG research botanist Daniel F. Austin. Dr. Austin's research was made possible by use of the records in the New York Botanical Garden library and, as stated by the author, "by Bob Long's

understanding and enthusiastic support."

Bob used the many federal and state grants in the 1970s which supported library activities. For one project Bob said, "we shared over one million dollars with Missouri Botanical Garden for recataloging with OCLC, extending our links to over 7000 libraries."

From California to New York

Bob Long was born in Long Beach, California, but most of his CBHL colleagues knew him either in Boston or New York.

When Bob left Harvard and took a position in 1972 with The New York Botanical Garden, he and his family moved from Boston to Montrose, New York. At the time of his death, Bob and Marie and their three children lived in Montrose. Marie Long is currently on the library and archives staff at the LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York.

The Charles Robert Long Award of Merit

This Award is given in memory of Bob Long and his many contributions in the field of botanical libraries and literature.

Joan DeFato Receives Charles Robert Long Award of Merit

Ms. Joan DeFato, Plant Sciences Librarian at The Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Arcadia, California, was chosen today by the international Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL), meeting in San Francisco, to receive the 2002 Charles Robert Long Award of Merit.

In their 33 year history, CBHL members have awarded this honor only 8 times before. The award, presented to Ms. DeFato on Friday evening, April 12, was during the organization's 2002 closing banquet at the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, after a week of meetings co-hosted by the California Academy and by the Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

Ms. Céline Arseneault, acting CBHL 2002 president, made the presentation.

Ms. DeFato, who served as president of CBHL in 1983-1984, receives the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit "in recognition of extraordinary merit; with gratitude for outstanding contributions and service to CBHL; in acknowledgment of professional encouragement to colleagues; and in appreciation for her many collaborative activities with scientists, librarians, and administrators in the plant sciences."

The 2002 Award includes a framed certificate signed by the CBHL award committee, a check for \$500, and life membership in CBHL. Ms DeFato received a standing ovation from her colleagues in CBHL in attendance at the Friday banquet.

The Charles Robert Long Award was named for Bob Long, the one-time New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, N.Y. institutional vice-president as well as the NYBG library's head librarian. When Bob Long died, his CBHL colleagues set up a memorial fund which they hoped would encourage members to continue the Bob Long example of service to fellow librarians and botanists, writing useful subject bibliographies, support for efforts among diverse institutions, progress in archival preservation, and professional development for librarians and archivists.

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Calendar of upcoming events

RITA HASSERT, TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN
STERLING MORTON LIBRARY, THE MORTON ARBORETUM
LISLE, ILLINOIS

June 13–19, 2002. Atlanta. ALA Annual Conference.
<http://www.ala.org/events/annual2002/welcome.html>

June 19–22, 2002. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. Canadian Library Association Annual Conference. *Inventing Our Future*. www.cla.ca/conference/cia2002/

July 8–10, 2002. Dublin, Ireland. *Science for Plant Conservation – An International Conference for Botanic Gardens*. www.rbg.ca/cbcn/science.

July 11–14, 2002. Columbus, Ohio. Wild Ones 2002 National Conference. *Low-maintenance Landscaping with Native Plants*. www.for-wild.org

July 18–20, 2002. Cleveland, Ohio. *Ripe from Downtown* Symposium presented by Cleveland Botanical Garden. http://www.cbgs.org/learn_sympos.html

July 25–29, 2002. New York, New York. American Community Gardening Association Annual Conference. *Gardeners Restore Our World*. www.communitygarden.org

July 27–31, 2002. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. American Phytopathological Society Annual Meeting. <http://www.apsnet.org/meetings/2002/top.htm>

August 6–10, 2002. Boston. North American Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference. <http://www.naaee.org>

Joan DeFato cont.

Recognition for Ms. DeFato in 2002 honors her exemplary service as a librarian in the plant sciences both at The Arboretum of Los Angeles County since 1973, and, before that, at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research in Yonkers, New York.

Ms. DeFato has been a member of CBHL for over 25 years. She was on the Board of Directors from 1981–1985; actively participated in every CBHL annual meeting from 1978–2000; served on the Charles Robert Long Award committee from 1989–1995; and has been an active researcher for her fellow plant sciences librarians on the CBHL online distribution list since she was connected in 1997. She is a Director of the Pacific Horticultural Foundation, the publisher of *Pacific Horticulture*, where she has been recording secretary since 1988. She was on the search committee which hired Richard

G. Turner, Jr, the current *Pacific Horticulture* editor, and is on the executive committee. She recently helped to compile a 20-year index to *Pacific Horticulture*.

Joan DeFato is a long-time Special Libraries Association (SLA) member and has served in many capacities both as an officer and committee member of the Southern California Chapter (SLA). She and her Southern California Chapter were hosts for the national SLA meeting in Anaheim, California in 1987. She is currently the membership director for the Southern California Chapter.

Joan worked with Bea Beck, librarian at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California, co-hosting the CBHL annual meeting in 1986. The Charles Robert Long Award of Merit is a well-deserved award for Joan DeFato and a tribute as well to all her colleagues both at The Arboretum of Los Angeles County, Arcadia, California, and throughout the world of plant sciences research, collections, and information services.

CBHL Members' News

COMPILED BY JUDY WARNEMENT, LIBRARIAN
HARVARD UNIVERSITY BOTANY LIBRARIES
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Janet Evans of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society gave a presentation in March at The Philadelphia Flower Show on searching the web for quality gardening information. Janet also notes that Sally Williams's article "Tools for the mind; books and more for gardeners" in the *BBG Handbook Essential Tools* (Handbook #170, 2002) is "a great overview of *essential* gardening references."

PHS Public Services Librarian, **Jane Alling**, has been giving internet training workshops and behind-the-scenes library tours to groups such as the Morris Arboretum interns and the Barnes horticulture school students. Jane will be a featured speaker at the *Native Plants in the Landscape* conference, June 6–8 at Millersville University in Lancaster county, PA, where she will demonstrate internet search strategies for finding information on native plants.

Jane alerts us to **Rita Hassert's** beautifully written article on the Morton Library in the Winter 2002 issue of *Public Garden*, vol. 17, no. 1. This is a special issue on information resources, and it's great to see a CBHL member highlighted!

Garden Literature Press Celebrates its 10th Year! Ten years ago, when librarian and home gardener **Sally Williams** was increasingly frustrated trying to locate articles she had seen in gardening magazines, she decided to compile and publish an index to magazine articles herself. As a result, *Garden Literature: An Index to Periodical Articles and Book Reviews* was born and has been published annually to great critical acclaim ever since.

Garden Literature is an annotated listing by author and subject of articles published in a dozen of the leading gardening magazines published in the U.S. and U.K. Want to know what the award-winning plants are? Consult *Garden Literature*. Whatever your gardening interest, whether children's gardens, under-used plants, ecological gardening, hazardous trees, great gardens to visit, or how to grow lemon-grass, *Garden Literature* is where to start your search. You will also find reviews of books you are considering buying or new ones by your favorite authors.

Volume 10, 2001 will be published in May 2002. \$29.95 plus \$3.95 shipping in the U.S., \$4.95 shipping to Canada. For more information, contact Garden Literature Press, 398 Columbus Avenue, No. 181, Boston, MA 02116. Tel. 617-424-1784. Fax 617-424-1712

Claude E. Phillips Herbarium Receives Significant Book Donations

Dr. Robert F. C. Naczi, Curator of the Claude E. Phillips Herbarium at Delaware State University, has reported two significant book donations. The first is the international book collection of Dr. Fred and Mrs. Mary Hough. "Dr. Hough was an eminent pomologist at Rutgers University who introduced many new apples and other fruits to cultivation in this country. His wife, Mary, collected books on local floras and medicinal plants in their trips to Russia, Eastern Europe, China, and Brazil. Most of these books cannot be valued," says Dr. Naczi, "because they appear to be the only copies in the western world. The most significant books are those on fruits of the world, such as *Ampelografia SSSR*, a six-volume work on the grapes of Russia. This work was hand-carried out of Russia by the Houghs during the Cold War, and it is currently not listed in public libraries in North America, Western Europe, or Japan, so it is a real treasure in our collection."

"The other donation is part of the life-long collection of botanical and horticultural books from CBHL member, Dr. Arthur O. Tucker, Research Professor at D.S.U. Current valuation of the books donated in 2001 exceeds \$10,000, so this is a significant gift. Dr. Tucker donated so many books that this gift represents the core of our library." The book collections are open to researchers by appointment, as is the collection of plant specimens in the Herbarium, by contacting either Dr. Naczi at 302-857-6450 or Dr. Susan Yost, Educator, at 302-857-6452.

Bernadette Callery, Museum Librarian at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, successfully defended her dissertation on Tuesday, May 7, 2002. The inevitable corrections and revisions are in the works, but all members of the committee have signed off. Hence, Bernadette is the proud possessor of a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, School of Information Sciences.

Dr. Callery is celebrating by teaching the Museum Archives



class to her (former) fellow graduate students at Pitt, starting the week of May 14. Of course, Dr. Callery is also helping her NYBG colleagues celebrate their new Plant Sciences Institute and fabulous Library by presenting a lecture there on May 19 entitled *Drawing Conclusions: Botanical Illustration as Documentation*.

Gordon McDaniel, Technical Services Librarian for the The LuEsther T. Mertz Library of The New York Botanical Garden, is pleased to announce that a project to provide online access to the collection of seed exchange catalogs, or *Index Seminum*, is nearing completion. The library committed many years ago to being the North American repository for the collection, preservation and cataloging of *Index Seminum*, and NYBG's collection now numbers more than 700 titles.

At present, access to the collection is provided through Cataloga, the library's on-line catalog at:

<http://librisc.nybg.org/screens/opacmenu.html>

Access is available for searching names of institutions and gardens and for geographical distribution. Corporate body names can be searched under "Author," while geographical distribution is most easily accessed by searching *Index Seminum* under "Subject."

Gordon asks for the assistance in providing better access in two ways. First, if your library does not maintain collections of *Index Seminum*, NYBG will be pleased to accept contributions of those items that not already held. Gordon requests that members compare their "discards" with NYBG's holdings, select only items not already held, and contact Gordon before sending them. Second, if your institution issues an *Index Seminum* that is in NYBG's collection, please check the authority record for the institution name and report any errors, additions, or important historical information.

Finally, Gordon would like to find a good home for the many duplicates in the NYBG collection. If you are interested, please contact him at <gmdaniel@nybg.org>.

Linda Brownlee, Librarian at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, announces that Louise Notley will become the new Librarian of the Royal Botanical Gardens Library in June. Linda and her husband plan to return to their Alberta roots later in the summer. Linda sends the following message to CBHL members:

'I have treasured my contact with the wonderful and always helpful members of the CBHL family immensely, and Louise is looking forward to getting to know many of you by email and in person at a future fabulous annual meeting. Now if I can only persuade the folks at the Devonian Botanic Garden of the University of Alberta that they need a real librarian . . .

Cheers, and many, many thanks for the memories! Linda Brownlee”

Shelly Kilroy, Librarian for the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Peter M. Wege Library sends lots of good news. First the name of the institution has changed slightly. The organization is now the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park. On May 16 a new thirty-acre sculpture park will open. It will feature works from many of the most well known sculptors in the world including Henry Moore, Auguste Rodin, Claes Oldenberg and more.

The library’s annual book sale was a great success with nearly \$600 in profits. Shelley admits that this is nowhere near what the library at Denver makes but it’s significant for the Peter M. Wege Library.

Finally, Shelly announces a happy name change. On April 26 she entered wedded bliss with a wonderful man and has taken the last name Kilroy. Members will want to note the change from **Emmons to Kilroy** in their directory!

Sven Koeltz announces the availability of two new books. *Flora Hellenica: Volume 02*: Arne Strid and Kit Tan (eds.): *Ceratophyllaceae to Platanaceae*. 2002. 582 p. Hardcover. (ISBN 3-904144-92-8) EUR 155.00 /approx. US\$145.00

Gusman, Guy and Liliane Gusman. *The Genus Arisaema: A Monograph for Botanists and Nature Lovers*. 2002. 475 colour photographs. Approx. 200 line -drawings. 17 tabs. Approx. 450 p. Hardcover. (ISBN 3-904144-91-X) EUR 83 /approx. US\$75

Patricia Jonas, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, NY reports that they have received a New York State Council on the Arts grant to digitize a portion of the 8,000 glass plate negatives that were made by Louis Buhle, the staff photographer at BBG from 1915 through 1968 and additional funds to clean and rehouse the collection. The project is nearing completion with digitized image files due back to us by the first or second week in June. They plan local area network and WWW access to the collection with an exhibit of select images on the Garden Stroll pages of BBG’s website; a searchable database; a finding aid with meta tags; and our online catalog.

Patricia also reports the position of Technical Services Librarian has been reinstated following a trying eight months without one. We are now seeking a technology-savvy librarian with an MLS from an ALA accredited program and a minimum of 2 years recent cataloging experience to provide original and copy cataloging for materials in all formats. Demonstrated

knowledge of AACR2, LC Subject Headings and Classification, USMARC formats and authority control concepts, and experience with an integrated library system and bibliographic utility are essential (OCLC and SydneyPlus preferred). Knowledge of current trends in access to digital information and emerging metadata standards is vital (TEI, XML, Dublin Core and EAD). The position will be available July 1, 2002. There is a complete job description posted on the Brooklyn Botanic Garden’s website <http://www.bbg.org/abo/helpwanted.html>

Hunt Institute presents: Order from Chaos: *Linnaeus Disposes*

28 April to 31 July 2002



The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation will present *Order from Chaos: Linnaeus Disposes* from 28 April to 31 July 2002. Swedish botanist Carolus Linnaeus (1707–1778) devised comprehensive, consistent schemes for classifying and describing plants and animals and for assigning two-word scientific names to all species, thus laying the foundations of modern biological taxonomy. Pages of manuscripts, plant portraits, portraits of botanists and rare books from the Institute’s Archives, Art Department, and Library, including the Strandell Collection of Linneana, will highlight the achievements of Carolus Linnaeus in the broader context of botany over two millennia.

The exhibition coincides with an invitational workshop, *Linnaean Nomenclature in the 21st Century: A Workshop to Integrate Traditional Nomenclature and Phylogenetic Classification*, being held at the Institute on 26–28 June 2002. Co-sponsored by the Hunt Institute and the Department of Botany, National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, the workshop will develop specific recommendations for a workable integration of traditional Linnaean nomenclature and modern phylogenetic classification such that the advantages of both are retained.

The exhibition will be on display on the fifth floor of the Hunt Library building at Carnegie Mellon University. Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m.–4 p.m. The Institute does not have Saturday hours. The Institute will be closed 4 July. The exhibition is open to the public free of charge. For further information, contact the Hunt Institute at 412-268-2434.

A Web Potpourri

STANLEY JOHNSTON, CURATOR OF RARE BOOKS
THE HOLDEN ARBORETUM
KIRTLAND, OHIO

Rare Books from the MBG Library

ridgwaydb.mobot.org/mobot/rarebooks/ provides examples of the images from rare books at the Missouri Botanical Garden which were discussed in conjunction with the Digitization Workshop at our recently concluded CBHL Annual Meeting in San Francisco. There are currently images from eleven different titles online with four more titles scheduled for future scanning in the current project.

In the same vein, **Tulip Book – *Nederlandsch Economisch-Historische Archief***

www.neha.nl/tulips/index.html features scanned images of Dutch sixteenth and seventeenth century tulip paintings.

Continuing on an artistic bent, **Greenmuseum.org**

www.greenmuseum.org provides a site for promoting environmental art. It includes an artist section featuring images and documentation of artwork, writings, and online exhibits, as well as a full listing of events, opportunities, and links.

Environmental awareness is also the concern of **Airhead** www.airhead.org, a project of the Community Energy Division of the Center for Neighborhood Technology (originally based in Chicago, but expanding), which aims to make people more aware of air pollution and its causes.

Canadians have launched several websites aimed at making their populace more aware of their environment by involving them in making observations and contributing to national databases. One of these sites is **WormWatch** www.naturewatch.ca/english/wormwatch which teaches the public about worms and their role in soil biodiversity while soliciting their support in compiling a database on Canadian earthworms. **Plantwatch** www.naturewatch.ca/english/plantwatch encourages the involvement of the public with the environment by asking them to contribute information on the date of first bloom of specific plants (selected for each province) and information on the plants geographic location by latitude and longitude and any special climactic observations.

On a larger scale, **Rogow 99 Conference** rogow99.sggw.waw.pl provides the complete text of the proceedings of The Remote Sensing and Forest Monitoring Conference held June 1-3, 1999 in Rogow, Poland with insight on not only remote monitoring

but its use in forest management, forest fire observation, and assessing the health of forested areas.

A more specific conservation site is **Elmwatch** www.elmwatch.org which is concerned with the preservation of the American elm through the planting of disease resistant strains.

Turning to other woody plants, **Jungle Music Palms and Cycads** www.junglemusic.net is the site of a San Diego nursery featuring online images of over 1500 palms and over 400 cycads.

The San Diego Fern Society has put up the **Fern Resource Hub** <http://www.inetworld.net/sdferr/> featuring growing information, plant descriptions, sources of spores and plants, fern societies around the world, fern book references, fern events, and fern related links.

Returning to flowering plants, the American Rose Society is celebrating the **Year of the Rose - 2002** www.rose-2002.org with this special site featuring a calendar of events for the celebration and numerous links to rose gardens, rose societies, etc.

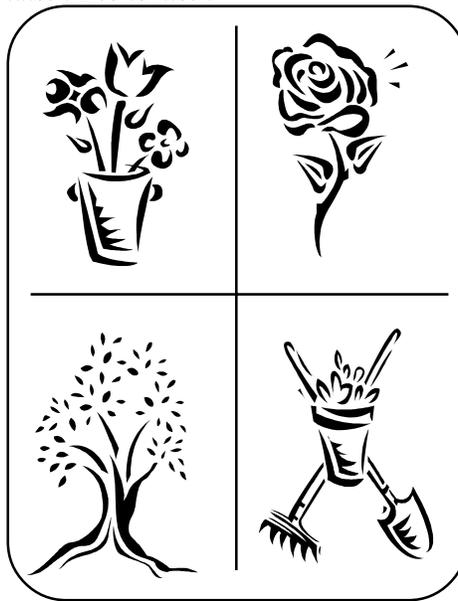
As part of their educational mission the American Floral Endowment has put up the **American Floral Endowment Research Database Links**

www.flora-links.org/, which, although intended as a resource for its members, is

open to the public and provides useful links arranged by subject.

The increasing trend to attempt to replicate native vegetation in the display of foreign animals combined with the desire to provide attractive grounds has contributed to the formation of the **Association of Zoological Horticulture** www.azh.org that includes a list of members and their sites that might prove fertile ground for adding to our own membership base.

We conclude with some general reference and science sites. One of the classic reference works is being gradually scanned and put online as **The 1911 Edition Encyclopedia Britannica** www.1911encyclopedia.org. **Today in Science History** www.todayinsci.com allows the visitor to pick a date and see what scientists were born on it, and what famous and not so famous scientific events occurred on it. The **Phylogenetics Factsheet** www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/About/primer/phylo.html provides a brief introduction to the subject with an explanation of the underlying terms and concepts. Finally, **Science and Research** www.science-and-research.com provides a specialized search engine and directory.



CBHL Annual Meeting Evaluations

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I have received 19 meeting evaluation forms from the people who attended the 2002 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. If you attended the meeting but haven't sent in your evaluation, please do (they were printed on fuchsia paper). If you need a copy of the form, request one from Barbara Pitschel or Kathleen Fisher. Your feedback on the meeting would be very helpful to future meeting hosts. **Please note:** the fuchsia paper does not fax well, so if you want to fax your form to me at 412-268-5677, please photocopy it onto white paper and fax that copy. Many thanks for your feedback!

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