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Ruth F. Schallert Honored by Charles Robert Long Award

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Ruth F. Schallert, Botany/Horticulture Branch Librarian, Smithsonian Institution Libraries, Washington, DC received the 2003 Charles Robert Long Award of Merit presented Friday, June 13, at the New York Botanical Garden, LuEsther T. Mertz Library, Bronx, New York.

Ms. Schallert received the CBHL Award in honor of her professional library service since 1966 in the U.S. Natural History Museum at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, as well as in recognition of her many collaborative activities with members of the American Library Association (ALA), the Special Libraries Association (SLA), the Society for the History of Natural History, the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL), and the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL).

Before 1966, when Ms. Schallert became Botany Branch Librarian, the staff botanists at the Smithsonian Institution looked after the botany library collections themselves. Botanists organized the collection, sorted duplicates, built shelving, and integrated literature donations. Senior Smithsonian botanist Dan Nicolson recalls, in a May 2003 note to CBHL members, "I did all the shelving and organized a trade or two ... [but] When I went off to collect [plants] in Nepal for a year as a senior Fulbright fellow in August 1966, [the department] decided we needed a librarian badly enough that Chairman Bill Stern gave up a botany staff position to the library to hire Ruth Schallert — our first and only librarian." She is still there.

Ms. Schallert receives the Charles Robert Long Award of Merit as one of only ten awardees in the last sixteen years. The honor goes to librarians and others who the members of CBHL believe have made outstanding contributions and given meritorious service to CBHL or who are making outstanding contributions and giving meritorious service to the field of botanical and horticultural libraries or literature. It is a great honor. The award was established in 1987 in recognition of the contributions of Charles Robert Long, Director of the Library at the New York Botanical Garden who died in 1986. Today, his widow, Marie Long, is a member of CBHL and a reference librarian in the new LuEsther T. Mertz Library at the New York Botanical Garden.

The 2003 awardee, Ruth Schallert, grew up in Wisconsin and received her bachelor's degree at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. After obtaining her library degree at the University of Michigan, Ann

Arbor, she took a position at the Art Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City. Her next two library positions were with the Pacific Salmon Investigations library of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in Seattle, Washington and with the Naval Oceanographic Office library in Washington, DC. Finally, after a brief period at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History Entomology Branch library, in 1966 she became the Smithsonian Botany Branch Librarian and in March 2003 the Smithsonian Botany/Horticulture Branch Librarian.

Ms. Schallert's publications include two articles in professional journals: Sylvia Churgin and Ruth F. Schallert, "History of the Smithsonian Libraries, with special emphasis on natural history." *Journal of the Society of the Bibliography of Natural History* (1980) 9(4): 593-606; and James J. White and Ruth F. Schallert, "Illustrations in the Contributions from the U.S. National Herbarium, 1890-1974." *Huntia* (1986) 6(2). She was instrumental in designing the original bylaws for CBHL and is a past-president of the Council.

Some of Ms. Schallert's honors include an alumni award in 2002 by Luther College and the naming of a new plant species in 1982 by Christine Burton, *Hoya schallertiae*, in recognition of the library research assistance Ruth gave her, which was "far beyond the call of duty."

The Charles Robert Long Award of Merit Ms. Schallert received includes a framed certificate, a monetary award, and lifetime membership in CBHL. The Award gives well-deserved recognition to Ms. Schallert and to the Smithsonian Institution for meritorious service celebrated by her fellow botany and horticulture librarians meeting in New York City.

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From the President

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Only a few weeks ago many of us met in New York City to enjoy the magnificent hospitality of our CBHL colleagues. The theme, *Redefining Botanical & Horticultural Libraries: Shaping a Collaborative Environment*, was emphasized and reinforced in every session and ancillary meeting. Our business as librarians has always been about sharing, but new technologies and rapid forms

of communication have transformed how we accomplish daily tasks. Today we benefit from free interlibrary loan agreements, shared cataloging via OCLC or institutional online catalogs, and tremendous reference support via our list-serves. Are we ready to take the next step and formalize some of these activities into real partnerships?

Some of the services that were demonstrated or described for consideration included access to the Biological Abstracts database, BIOSIS; access to the expanded version of Sally William's Garden Literature Index (recently acquired by EBSCO); real time collaborative reference service via OCLC's "QuestionPoint" interface; and the development of a virtual online union catalog by members with Z39.50 compliant catalogs. How important are any or all of these services to your organization? Is CBHL the right vehicle for delivering them to your users? You will read more about each of these topics in this newsletter and note that some of our members have offered to lead discussions and feasibility studies. Please contact them if you are interested in a particular service or contact any of your Board members for additional information.

The most important business item for CBHL this year will be the revision of the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee will be in full gear by fall when Chair John Reed returns from vacation. A more immediate matter is the introduction of a new commercial membership category. The concept was approved in New York, but we need to work out the details. Kathy Fescemyer will circulate a survey in the next few weeks to help us clarify the cost and benefits of commercial membership. We heard many useful suggestions and caveats during the business meeting so please add your comments and suggestions when the survey arrives.

In closing I want express my thanks to the membership and my fellow Board members for the opportunity to serve as your president. My two years as "understudy" have passed swiftly and more enjoyably than I could have imagined. I will do my best to make this a positive and productive year and I count on your continued support, your free exchange of opinions and ideas, and your patience. I look forward to hearing from you often!

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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August 13-14, 2003. Canton, Ohio. Second Biannual Conference of Nature in Legend and Story, Kent State University-Stark. "Plants, Animals, and the Human Imagination." In conjunction with the International Society for Anthrozoology.
<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~nilas/>

August 18-24, 2003. Los Angeles, California. Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting.
<http://www.archivists.org/>

September 17-20, 2003. Grand Rapids, Michigan. Volunteer Interaction Conference. "Three Cheers for the Volunteers." Designed for volunteer managers and volunteers in botanic gardens. Includes presentations, roundtables, displays and field trips.
<http://www.meijergardens.org/files/volunteerinteraction.pdf>

October 2-5, 2003. Norfolk, Virginia. LITA (Library and Information Technology Association) National Forum 2003. "Putting Technology into Practice."
http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/LITA/LITA_Home.htm

October 7-8, 2003. Washington, DC. "Leading Change Institute." Sponsored by The Association of Research Libraries.
<http://www.arl.org/training/institutes/lcioct.html>

October 19-22, 2003. Long Beach, California. American Society for Information Science and Technology Annual Conference. "Humanizing Information Technology: From Ideas to Bits and Back."
<http://www.asis.org/Conferences/AM03/am03cfp.html>

October 30-November 3, 2003. New Orleans, Louisiana. American Society of Landscape Architects Annual Meeting and Expo. "The Big Easy: Fusion of Culture and Place."
<http://www.asla.org/meetings/am2003/neworleans.htm>

Literature Reviews

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Dancing Leaves: The Story of New Zealand's Cabbage Tree, Ti Kouka / Philip Simpson. Christchurch, N.Z.: Canterbury Univ. Press, 2000. (<http://www.cup.canterbury.ac.nz>) ISBN: 0-908812-76-0. US\$39.95. 324 pp, 585 illustrations, 560 in color.

This book is a celebration of one of the great tree lilies of the world, the New Zealand cabbage tree, *Cordyline australis*. (If you are unfamiliar with this species, picture the swaying tufted trees that populate Dr. Seuss stories.) It has personality. It offers a multitude of uses for humans and animals. It is in trouble.

Philip Simpson, champion of the cabbage tree and former scientist with the New Zealand Dept. of Conservation, earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, for work on the Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) the cabbage tree's North American cousin.

Dancing Leaves tells the story of the cabbage tree in four parts: the natural world (evolution, ecology, structure, and growth); the Maori world (genealogy, notable individual trees, cultural and ethnobotanical importance); the Pakeha, or non-Maori, world (its place in the landscape, in art & design, and how to grow them); and integrating the three worlds—sustaining the cabbage tree (disease, loss of habitat, new hope for conservation efforts.) In the author's words, *Dancing Leaves* is “a metaphor for the journey in space, time, form and relationships that cabbage trees have taken. That journey has not, of course, ceased.”

Notes, an index, and an extensive bibliography add to the book's value, as do the nearly 600 illustrations. These include photographs of beautiful landscapes and devastated habitat, anatomical micro-photographs, and reproductions of art—postcards, stained-glass windows, murals, and paintings—to name only a few. Maori words are used generously throughout the text, although no glossary is provided. *Dancing Leaves* is well-researched, well-written, comprehensive, and fascinating. It was the Montana New Zealand Book Awards Environment Winner for 2001.

Dancing Leaves would be of interest to botanists, ethnobotanists, horticulturists, and conservationists. Because the cabbage tree is so much a part of the New Zealand landscape and entwined with Maori culture, I would also recommend this book to anyone planning on spending time in New Zealand.

Recent Arrivals

Concise Encyclopedia of Temperate Tree Fruit, edited by Tara Auxt Baugher and Suman Singha. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press, 2003. ISBN: 1-56022-941-1 (pbk.), \$39.95; 1-56022-940-3 (hard), \$94.95. 388 pp.

Encyclopedic Dictionary of Plant Breeding and Related Subjects, by Rolf H. J. Schlegel. Binghamton, NY: Haworth Press, 2003. ISBN: 1-56022-950-0 (hard). \$89.95. 563 pp.

The Garden Through the Year, by Graham Stuart Thomas. Sagaponack, NY: Sagapress, 2002. [available from Timber Press] ISBN: 0-89831-077-6 (hard). \$49.95. 328 pp.

Gathering Moss: A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses, by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Corvallis, OR: Oregon State University Press, 2003. ISBN: 0-87071-499-6 (pbk.). \$17.95. 176 pp.

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CBHL Members' News West

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From Rick Hanna, National Tropical Botanical Garden, Kalaheo, Hawaii

The National Tropical Botanical Garden Library is making available sets of the *Flora Vitiensis Nova* (5 volumes plus index) by Albert C. Smith to CBHL members for a nominal shipping fee. Please send a check in the amount of \$25.00 payable to NTBG to: Library; National Tropical Botanical Garden; 3530 Papalina Road; Kalaheo, Hawaii 96741. For questions, contact Rick at <rhanna@ntbg.org>.

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

In June of this year the California Academy of Sciences entered into a long-term contractual agreement with Octavo in Emeryville, California for the production of digital editions of important botanical works from our collections. The first two botanical works selected for this process were William Hooker's masterwork of fruit engravings titled *Pomona Londinensis* published in 1818 and Pierre Joseph Redoute's 1827-[1833] work entitled *Choix des plus belles roses*. More information about the Hooker work can be found at <http://www.octavo.com/products/forthcomingODE.html>.

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CBHL Members' News East

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From Janet Evans, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society

We are going into the third year of "Stories From the Garden," our book discussion group in which we read works of fiction and non-fiction having to do with gardens, plants or the land. This project inspired Janet Evans to contribute a column to Library Journal's "Reader's Shelf" column: "Leading Readers down the Garden Path" Library Journal, May 15, 2003, p. 152, (also available on LJ's web site, <http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/>).

From Nancy Korber, Fairchild Tropical Garden

Fairchild has hired, for the first time in its history, a librarian/archivist (me) to take care of the libraries and archive. Previously most of the work was done by volunteers, under the direction of the research staff.

From John Reed, Library Director Emeritus, New York Botanical Garden

Upon my retirement from The New York Botanical Garden on June 30th I was given the title Library Director Emeritus at The LuEsther T. Mertz Library. Judy and I are taking off for a couple of months and will return to New York and to our "real lives" in October. My email is now <jreed@bestweb.net> CBHLers should not use my nybg.org account.

From Judy Warnement, Harvard University Botany Libraries

John Reed was honored by the New York Botanical Garden administration, trustees, the library staff, colleagues and friends at a garden party on Wednesday, June 25. The President and Chief Operating Officer, Gregory Long, presented to John for the library a set of European Americana: a chronological guide to works printed in Europe relating to the Americas, 1493-1776. He also announced that John would continue his thirty-five year relationship with the Garden under the new title, Library Director Emeritus. He then gave him an NYBG umbrella and tote bag. Among the other speakers were CBHL members **Judy Reed**, **David Andrews** and **Marie Long**. Many former NYBG library staff members attended including Elaine DeLorenzo. John and Judy's daughter, Maija, and grandson, Miles, CBHL members **Anne Lubrecht** and **Judy Warnement** were also present. The New York chapter of the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS/NY) and Octavo honored John by issuing seventy-five copies of Octavo's CD of Redoute's *Les Roses* "in honor of John Reed's distinguished service to the library community." The NYBG library staff honored John earlier in the day and presented him with a fly rod and a photo album that included a picture of every member of the staff posing with the library mascot, a tiny rubber chicken. John is sure to enjoy both for many years to come. **Judy Reed** read the poem, *The Sculptor's Attitude*, by an unknown author as a tribute to John.

George Proctor visited the Harvard Botany Libraries on Wed., July 2, and gave **Judy Warnement** an update on the status of the Sci-

ence Library at the Institute of Jamaica in Kingston. George reports that the Institute moved the scattered library collections into a unified renovated space and hired a librarian and a library school student. The new staff is busy cataloging the general collection in the Dewey Decimal system. While George is pleased with the progress, he still hopes to attract an experienced botanical librarian to visit the collection and provide guidance to the library staff members who are new to the discipline. He would also like someone to assist the library staff in organizing the rare book collection. You can read more about the Institute at:

<http://www.instituteofjamaica.org/jm/NHD/nhd.htm>

From Louise Notley, Royal Botanical Gardens Library & Archives, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario

Louise is pleased to announce two new projects that will improve patron services and staff support in our library. The first project is expected to be completed by October of this year, and involves the amalgamation of our volunteer-run Gardening Information Service with Library Patron Services. The Master Gardeners will relocate their office to the library, and will be cross-trained to provide basic patron services (ready reference, reference interviews, library reception, online catalogue help, and circulation). This will result in better services and increased public hours in our library and all stakeholders are thrilled with the coming move. The second project is the amalgamation of a small library collection at our Nature Interpretive Centre with the main library collection. This will bring together the collections within *Quercus*, our online library catalogue, and transform our library into a branch system (Main Research and Circulating, and NIC.) The NIC library currently houses a non-standard card catalogue of children's, youth, and nature education reference and circulating collections (approx 2000 monographs), and will be a valuable addition to our Main collection. This project will also ultimately provide remote access to the online catalogue for the staff at the Nature Interpretive Centre which is located off-site at our Arboretum. We hope to complete the cataloguing by the end of 2003.

From Gordon McDaniel, LuEsther T. Mertz Library, New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York

The 10th Annual Meeting of the European Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Group (EBHL) was held May 15 and 16, 2003, in Zagreb, Croatia, hosted by the Central Biological Library of the University of Zagreb. The first part of the meeting was held on May 15th at the new National and University Library (Nacionalna i Sveucilisna Knjiznica). Following the welcome by Grozdana Sirotic, head of the Central Biological Library, and opening of the meeting by **Jane Hutcheon**, President of EBHL, there were three presentations and a news item before lunch. Prof. Toni Nikolic of the Department of Botany of the University of Zagreb, provided an excellent overview of the flora of Croatia. Prof. Nikolic also spoke about the *Flora Croatica* database; he is the editor of the *Index Florae Croaticae*, which is being published as supplements to *Natura Croatica*.

Dragica Purger of the Department of Botany, University of Pecs (Hungary) spoke about CoenoDAT Archive, which is an on-line bibliographic database relating to plant science in the Carpathian

basin (URL: www.botanika.hu/ris/risweb.isa). CoenoDAT contains more than 3,280 records from 700 journals, and includes abstracts as well as bibliographical citations.

Dr. Liesbeth Missel, head of Special Collections at Wageningen University and Research Center described and demonstrated the database she has designed for her library's collection of nursery catalogues. The URL for Special Collections is www.library.wur.nl/speccol. The library has nursery catalogs from the 16th century onward, as well as a database on the literature of Dutch gardens.

Dr. Brent Elliott, Royal Horticultural Society, presented an oral update on the international nursery catalog database. Very little progress was made during the past year on this effort to create a union list of nursery catalogs.

After lunch, the attendees toured the National and University Library and rare books collection.

The business meeting was held after the tour. The representatives from the five institutions attending EBHL for the first time gave presentations on their libraries. These were Boza Janzekovic of the University Library, Maribor, Slovenia; Andrea Dautovic, of the National Museum of Bosnia and Hercegovina, Sarajevo; Edita Spahic, of the Biology Library, University of Sarajevo; Olga Dezman Jokic, of the Jovan Hadzi Biological Library, Slovenian Academy of Arts and Sciences, Ljubljana; and Mary Flynn, of the Agriculture and Biology Library, University College, Dublin, Ireland. These presentations were followed by my report from CBHL, which included brief statistics on the affiliate membership program between CBHL and EBHL; encouragement from CBHL with regard to a joint presentation of some sort at the International Botanical Congress in Vienna in 2005; and an announcement of the retirement of **John Reed** as Director of the Library at the New York Botanical Garden. In addition to the reports from the Secretary and Treasurer of EBHL, **Jane Hutcheon** noted that the 2004 meeting of EBHL will be held in Dublin, sponsored by the National Botanical Garden of Ireland and organized by Sarah Ball. EBHL hopes to hold its 2005 meeting in Vienna in conjunction with IBC, but has not yet been able to find local sponsors. The 2006 meeting is tentatively set for Tallinn, Estonia. Two retirements were announced: Lennart Hultin, of the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences in Alnarp; and Raymond Clarysse, of the National Botanic Garden of Belgium. Since Raymond has also been the Secretary of EBHL, that position has been taken over by John Flanagan, Librarian of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

The first day concluded with the conference dinner at the hotel. The morning of the second day of the meeting included visits to the Zagreb Cathedral Metropolitana Library and the Zagreb Botanical Garden. The library is a very old one, tracing its inception to the 11th century. For most of its existence, the library was located in Zagreb Cathedral, but since World War I it has been kept in the National and University Library. Zagreb's botanical garden is located in the downtown area, one of a series of parks and squares that extend from the main train station to Ban Jelacic Square (formerly Republic Square). A delightful young English-speaking botanist, Vanja Stamenkovic, provided a guided tour. After the tour we gathered at the Biology Department of the University of Zagreb.

We briefly viewed the departmental library and heard the final two papers.

Roberta Cowan, who currently alternates years between Murdoch University in Perth, Australia, and Kew, presented an overview of developments leading to Taxonomic Literature, 2nd edition. She and her collaborator, Alex George, have proposed compiling Taxonomic Literature Cryptogamia. They are attempting to obtain funding and are soliciting names of those who publish in the taxonomy of lower plants, lichen and algae.

Finally, Roger Mills, Oxford University, talked about recent developments in forestry information services, specifically about the Global Forest Information Service (GFIS), the International Directory of Forestry Information Services, and Forestry Libraries and Information Services in Europe (FORELISE). The GFIS service itself is at <http://www.gfis.net> with background material at <http://www.iufro-gfis.net>. The International Directory is at <http://db.lib.washington.edu/iufrodir/> and FORELISE is at <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/forelise.html>

A buffet lunch was provided at the Biology Department of the University, after which most of the attendees participated in a guided sightseeing tour by bus of Zagreb. The weather was perfect, and the tour hit representative high spots, including some of the parks of the newer, Lower Town, part of Zagreb and the city cemetery which is in a park-like setting. The tour finished in the older, Upper Town, which we walked through, ending in a local traditional restaurant for dinner.

For those who stayed through Saturday, May 17th, Grozdana had arranged for an excursion to the Plitvice Lakes National Park, which lies about two hours by bus from Zagreb. The park consists primarily of a series of lakes and waterfalls that descend through karst into the Korana River. It is a stunning natural site and has an extensive network of trails and boardwalks among the lakes and waterfalls. We spent about three hours walking, ending with a marvelous late lunch at a restaurant in the park.

A number of European members of CBHL were in attendance, including **Raymond Clarysse**, **Gina Douglas**, **John Flanagan**, **Peter Hirsch**, **Jane Hutcheon**, **Sven Koeltz**, and **Cees Lut**. In a continuing dialogue between CBHL and EBHL, I spoke with **Jane Hutcheon** and **John Flanagan** about a joint presentation at the International Botanical Congress in Vienna in 2005. The discussion reached a milestone at the recent CBHL meeting, where we agreed to pursue submission of a proposal. **John Flanagan** will be the coordinator for EBHL and I will do the same for CBHL. I would like to echo **Chuck Tancin's** comments from the prior EBHL meeting that attendance by CBHL members at EBHL is a wonderful way to foster communication and evolve cooperative projects, and that CBHL members should be encouraged to attend whenever possible. Next year's meeting site, Dublin, should make the decision to attend a lot easier.

As a final note, I would like to say that the meeting was hugely successful for me, professionally and personally. I was able to meet and speak with everyone who attended, which in itself, was delightful. I have been to Croatia many times over the last 30 years,

On the Web:

Some Sites Reviewed from the CBHL List

STANLEY JOHNSTON, CURATOR OF RARE BOOKS
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Recently the CBHL Electronic List has seen a discussion of links that have been suggested as additions to the CBHL website. Don Wheeler began the most recent discussion with **Botanical Clubs and Native Plant Societies** www.newfs.org/nps.htm a list of organizations, their contact information and urls compiled by our member Mary Walker for the New England Wildflower Society in 2002. Although the list is still outdated as of this writing, Mary has indicated that the 2003 version should be up within the next month. Following the thread, Sally Williams also noted the **North American Native Plant Society List** www.nanps.org/associations/frame.shtml. Finally Mary also noted a set of broader lists in the form of a database called the **Native Plant Information Network** www.wildflower.org/?nd=organizations_database posted on the site of the **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center**. Considerably wider in nature than the other lists, it allows searches of lists of agricultural experiment stations, arboreta, botanic gardens, citizen action groups, environmental consultants, garden clubs, museums, natural heritage, nature centers, nature conservancy, plant material centers, private businesses, research centers, and universities, as well as native plant societies. These are also searchable by location. The data sheet generated for each entry provides not only contact information but information on the non-profit status of the group, and information on their involvement in select types of conservation efforts or special projects. Unfortunately the database only displays and functions properly with the most up-to-date versions of the Netscape and Microsoft browsers.

Another recent list message congratulated Kathy Fescemyer on her recent article on horticulture links in the **ALA College and Research Library News**. The online version will be found at http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ACRL/Publications/College_and_Research_Libraries_News/Back_Issues__2003/May3/Horticulture.htm. Among the sites that she mentioned which I had not encountered before are several gateways.

The **Gardening Launch Pad** gardeninglaunchpad.com contains links aimed primarily at home gardeners assembled by Jim Parra, the retired garden center coordinator for the Zilker Botanical Garden in Austin, Texas. **The Garden Helper** www.thegardenhelper.com put together by Bill Beaurain has sections covering gardening for beginners, gardening guides, plant guides, plants for specific needs, house plants, a gardening calen-

dar, a gardening forum where the public can ask for help from forum members, screensavers, desktop wallpaper, and other items including animations and cookie recipes.

Finally, Kathy also noted the horticulture section of the **Nation's Biological Information Infrastructure**, which is miscoded on the online version. For our group, the larger botany section is of more interest at www.nbio.gov/disciplines/botany, a major gateway with large amounts of areas to explore under eight broad headings.

Just before the deadline for this column, Chuck Tancin forwarded a site to the list, **Images from Birmingham Botanical Gardens** photosbylarry.oceansfree.com/index.html submitted by Larry Gay, a steelmaker, who is also an exceptional photographer, featuring around 50 of his color photographs.

Pachypodium.org pachypodium.org is a site dedicated to preserving the various species of these plants through encouraging their cultivation and selling plants and seeds. Unfortunately many of the image links for individual plants are broken.

The **Cradle of Forestry in America** site www.cradleofforestry.com celebrates the beginnings of reforestation in the United States with information on this national historic site in the Pisgah National forest of North Carolina.

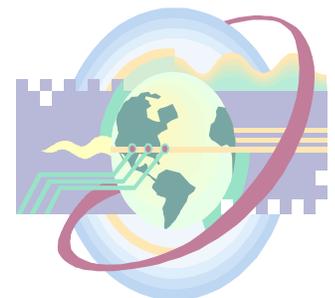
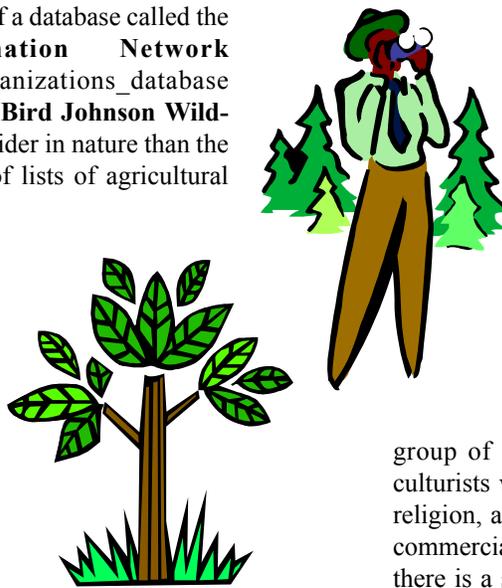
The Tree Lover's Folk Fellowship www.treeleaves.com is a site organized by a mixed group of folk enthusiasts, artists, musicians, religionists, and culturists who seek to preserve folk and tree lore, culture, ways, religion, art, music, and beliefs. In practice the site seems overly commercial and oriented more towards fantasy and mysticism, but there is a small collection of information on the folklore of individual trees and herbs.

Henning's Rhododendron and Azalea Page, a comprehensive set of links on the subject originally reviewed in 1999 has moved to home.earthlink.net/~rhodyman/rhody.html.

Finally, if you come across a site that has not been mentioned that you think would be of interest to members, please feel free to send it to me for inclusion in a future column.

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. For more information contact Bernadette Callery in Pittsburgh at: [<bcallery@flounder.com>](mailto:bcallery@flounder.com).



Annual Meeting Reports

June 10th: Annual Literature Award

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Kathy Allen, the chair for the Annual Literature Award Committee, welcomed everyone and reported that in 2003 book nominations had more than doubled. There were almost three dozen books to choose from. She thanked everyone that nominated a book and then moved on to report the winners.

The winner in the Technical category for the year 2003 was *The Cactus Family* (2001) by Edward Anderson and published by Timber Press. Ted Anderson passed on in 2001 but his wife, Dr. Adele Anderson, was thrilled to accept the award in his place. She told the group a little about Ted's work as a systematist and field botanist. She also lauded Jane Cole and said that when they were in Arizona, Ted relied heavily on Jane's expertise and would always say "Oh, Jane will find this." Adele was then presented with a stunning bouquet from the staff, past and present, of the Desert Botanical Garden.

The winner in the General Interest category for the year 2003 was *The Greater Perfection: The Story of the Gardens at Les Quatre Vents* (2001) by Francis H. Cabot and published by W.W. Norton. This book was nominated by Barbara Pitschel. Unfortunately Francis Cabot was unable to attend but Kathy read from a letter he had sent when he was told of the award. He said that this award meant more than any other accolade he had received for this book. May Brawley Hill accepted the award in his honor and told how he wrote the book exclusively on long airline trips, using only a pen and a legal pad.

Book Bazaar

KATHERINE ALLEN
INTERIM ACADEMIC CO-DIRECTOR, SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Immediately following the presentation of the CBHL Annual Literature award, members were treated to a reception and book fair. Exhibitors included: Antiquariat Botanicum, Asher Rare Books, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, IDC Publishers, Lubrecht & Cramer, Ltd., The New York Botanical Garden Press, Savoy Books, and Woodburn Books. There was a mix of popular items and some real treasures. The exhibitors all enjoyed the evening, especially the chance to see current customers as well as the opportunity to meet new ones. CBHL members were delighted to make that special purchase or just browse while enjoying wine and cheese. The noise level was high as people reconnected with CBHL friends and colleagues for the first time in a year or more. Floor to ceiling bookshelves of the HSNY library and a wonderful art exhibit offered the perfect backdrop. Friends, plant books, wine & cheese—a very special evening!!

June 11th: Tour of Horticultural Society of New York (HSNY) and Library

MARCA WOODHAMS, LIBRARIAN, RETIRED
HORTICULTURE LIBRARY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, DC

Katherine Powis welcomed everyone in CBHL to the Horticultural Society of New York. She proudly noted that HSNY had recently been named by *New York Magazine* one of the 5 best private libraries in Manhattan. She spoke with a backdrop of an exhibition of photographs by Mick Hales. This bulging at the seams library is used by writers, students of botanical illustration classes, Society members, and the general public. As the librarian, Katherine also works on fund raising with a library committee. A brown bag lunch program that features authors talking about their books has been a successful program sponsored by the library. Authors such as Frank Cabot and Wayne Winterrowd have spoken at this program in the past. CBHL members were invited to visit the reading room, and a volunteer who is helping with organizing the HSNY archives invited those interested to see the compact shelving area that houses the archives. There we saw the written text of a lecture given by Edward Steichen on delphiniums around 1937.

HSNY Green Ways Program

JANE COLE, LIBRARIAN, RETIRED
DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Kate Chura, CEO and Director of programs at HSNY, used a color slide program to tell us about the "Green Ways" programs in schools, prisons, and public libraries. Kate had an informal way about her that made it apparent that she is more comfortable digging in the dirt than she is with lecturing a bunch of librarians. The outreach program she told us about is to inmates in Rikers Prison where the people work in garden design and carpentry programs. When these prisoners are released, they can become interns and earn money as part of the "Green Team." Kate showed slides of PS 96 elementary school in East Harlem where school students were gardening and learning about ecology as a result of the background work done by the outreach and Green Team interns.

Keynote: Making a World of Difference

JANE COLE, LIBRARIAN, RETIRED
DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Diane N. Kresh, Library Of Congress (LOC) Director for public service collections, presented her talk in Power Point. She told CBHL members about "QuestionPoint," the professional online reference service with uses member input from around the world. She encouraged us to think globally. Information about this program is available from Diane at <dkre@loc.gov> or on the web at www.questionpoint.org.

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Making Magic in the City

JANE COLE, LIBRARIAN, RETIRED
DESERT BOTANICAL GARDEN LIBRARY
PHOENIX, ARIZONA



Lynden B. Miller was introduced after lunch and the CBHL business meeting by Anthony R. Smith, President/CEO of HSNY. We all knew Tony because he had served as bartender, bow tie and all, at the reception the night before. Tony pointed out that he had known our speaker for a long time. She was especially famous now in New York City

for bringing new life both to the Conservatory Garden in Central Park at 5th Avenue/105th Street near East Harlem and to Bryant Park -- formerly known as "Needle Park"--behind the New York Public Library. "Best of all," said Tony, "she was mentioned in a New York Times editorial — and the writer is still there." He concluded his introduction by saying "Gardens and libraries — they go together in a city. We are fortunate to have both and the people who make them effective."

Lynden Miller looks like a society lady - white hair, beautifully coifed, stylish suit - and sounds like one too. It was soon evident, however, that digging in the soil and designing gardens is her passion. She is the one who got people in the city to plant millions of daffodils after the September 2001 tragedy. Even more important, she not only had the idea, but she also obtained the donation of the daffodil bulbs from a Dutch bulb dealer.

Lynden has a good sense of humor and a good sense of who she is and what she can do. When she got into garden design in New York's Conservancy Garden at the edge of Harlem a few years ago, she thought, "I'll do the planting part and then I'm going back to my studio to paint." But she didn't. The change of season called for more plantings — 20,000 tulips, 2100 shrubs and perennials, 2000 Korean chrysanthemums — and then she had to raise money, a million and a half dollars, to make sure the garden was properly maintained. People return to see what is blooming. With seasonal blooms, people and families return over and over to enjoy the scene.

Lynden also told us about her work on Bryant Park, which we saw later when we visited New York Public Library. Support for design, planting, and maintaining this garden is from nine million dollars in Federal money as well as from donations made by the commercial buildings nearby. The message: "Make it gorgeous and people will come; keep it gorgeous and they will respect it."

She briefly mentioned other parks in New York and other cities, cited the huge difference between city-maintained and privately supported projects (private support is better), and then closed with the statement, "Everyone, rich and poor, responds to something beautiful."

Science, Industry, and Business Library

KATHY CROSBY, TECHNICAL SERVICES LIBRARIAN
BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Barely avoiding yet another NYC rainstorm, CBHLers gathered in the New York Public Library/Science, Industry, and Business Library's (SIBL) lobby. We all enjoyed identifying the inspiring quotes woven together in print along the top of one of the atrium walls.

Our guides split us up into groups; my group got the first chance to rest their walk-weary legs in the soothing computer training room. Therein, the quiet, the low light, and the gentle arches create a peaceful, but high tech monastery effect; many of the Library's 116 public education programs are run here. The classes are so popular they draw folks from Washington D.C. and Philadelphia fairly regularly— you can even get off the plane from Hong Kong on your first trip to New York and make SIBL your first stop.

SIBL, though, also might make an office in your neighborhood its first stop. The training team goes on road trips—the cost to the host, only a request by SIBL to use their services.

SIBL in and of itself has everything to recommend it as a "must see" or better yet, a "must use" in New York, but I still felt I was missing something about the CBHL connection. It was, after all, my first CBHL meeting, so maybe it was just me. During her welcome speech, Kristin McDonough, Director of SIBL, giving credence to those double vine-like strengths of family connection and librarian networking, cleared up the mystery. She and Pat Jonas have a family connection by marriage, and, yes, Pat has been helping to keep an entire range of the extended family's rooftop gardens alive and well for some time.

McDonough, who explained the collaborative nature of the development of SIBL, its support via a partnership of public and private funds and its many volunteer "luminaries" and practitioners who provide free business counsel to those starting up small businesses, is traveling to Berlin (another colleague is going to Japan) to explain to her European counterparts how this kind of partnership can be developed. I made a mental note to tell my friends who just opened a boutique about the business counseling opportunities offered through SIBL. SIBL even hosts small business breakfast sessions that my busy friends might be able to make.



Andrea, our group's guide, led us through the microform, reading and public technology areas and explained how they are used by patrons. Even though we are librarians, I think we all felt a little overwhelmed by the grand scale of technology and offering!

<http://www.nypl.org/research/sibl/index.html>

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June 12th: Tour of “GreenBranches” Garden

SUSAN EUBANK, LIBRARIAN
GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
GRAND CANYON, ARIZONA

Through a program sponsored by the Horticultural Society of New York and the Brooklyn Public Libraries, the Walt Whitman Branch Library grounds have been transformed. The Walt Whitman Branch is in a historic neighborhood in Brooklyn, where Walt Whitman actually lived. The library is a Carnegie Library built in 1903.

During the 1990s the grounds of the library had deteriorated. The Borough of Brooklyn provided no money for landscaping surrounding the library. The New York Horticultural Society GreenBranches program worked with Brooklyn Public Library and donors to determine which library would be the third site for their program. This sort of project works well in neighborhoods where there are appropriate schools nearby, active community groups, and a strong librarian. The Walt Whitman Branch project was funded by Chase Manhattan Bank and was designed by John Krawchuck who works for the Brooklyn Parks Department. The design process as well as the installation involved the community. It was installed in 1999. Contractors did all the earth work and non-structured workshops allowed the community to plant the garden.

The design of the garden is a historic-plant inspired design including roses, daylilies, miscanthus, lilacs, crepe myrtles, hydrangeas, and annuals. The garden is now maintained on a bi-weekly basis by the GreenTeam, the New York Horticultural Society internship program for graduates of their GreenHouse program, a horticultural vocational training program for Rikers Island penal system inmates.

Beyond maintenance, the garden at the library provides a setting for both adult and childrens learning opportunities. The local schools use the garden for art classes, plant identification, and butterfly and bug classes. The annual beds are also planted by the school children. Adult classes in plant identification and growing and using herbs also take place at GreenBranches sites. The CBHL librarians toured the site during a slightly overcast morning, making for perfect picture-taking.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Library

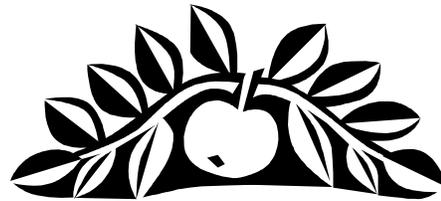
JANE ALLING, PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN
MCLEAN LIBRARY, PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Our visit to The Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG) began in the Library, housed in the Administration Building, designed by the architectural firm of McKim, Mead & White. Pat Jonas, Director of Library Services, described the services offered by the Gardener’s Resource Center, including vertical files, nursery and seed catalogs, and over 5,000 volumes that circulate to members. Staff on the Gardener’s Help Line answer questions by phone and e-mail, and collect information for a client management database in order to recruit new BBG members.

Charles Stewart Gager, the first president of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, was committed to establishing a “fine library,” and many of the original acquisitions are housed in the Rare Book Room. Several beautifully illustrated books, including herbals and volumes on rhododendrons, representative of the strengths of the collection, were displayed on the large table.

The research collection of the Science Library is housed in a separate building. Kathy Crosby, Technical Services Librarian, displayed several books that are part of the current Dewey conversion project. The Science collection consists of 50,000+ books and 350+ current serials. Kathy indicated the circulation is 18,000/year. The BBG Archives, including digitized images and ephemera, is housed here. Bibliographic records for all the collections are available through LINNAEUS, the library’s online catalog.

<http://www.bbg.org/lib>



Florilegium Exhibit

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

On Thursday, June 12, some of us were able to use our brief free time at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to view the Florilegium exhibit in the gallery on the lower level of the Steinhardt Conservatory. The exhibit consisted of 55 paintings by 43 of the nation’s leading botanical artists of plants raised at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Done in a variety of realistic styles and in numerous forms of media, the art represents an ongoing contribution by the member artists of the Florilegium Society, each of whom donates the work, which is based on plants viewed on the premises or on specimens provided by the garden for study at the artists’ homes.

BIOSIS Demonstration

JUDITH WARNEMENT, DIRECTOR
HARVARD UNIVERSITY BOTANY LIBRARIES
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Myra Shields, Senior Trainer/Educator, began by expressing the pleasure she experienced working with librarians at the New York Botanical Garden and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden to allow shared access to the BIOSIS database. She also conveyed greetings from the company’s botanical and horticultural indexers and described recent enhancements to BIOSIS that included improved access to taxonomic data.

Ms. Shields explained the company (<http://www.biosis.org/>) and its products. BIOSIS is a non-profit organization that delivers flexible information services to the global life sciences community.

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BIOSIS Demonstration, cont.

Indexers monitor thousands of life sciences publications worldwide, select articles (or other documents) for inclusion in its databases, and create citations that accurately describe their contents. Users worldwide looking for current information in the life sciences can find publications by searching through BIOSIS databases. Hundreds of thousands of new citations are added to the BIOSIS databases each year and there are now more than 13 million citations going back to 1969.

BIOSIS offers several products via a variety of platforms. *BIOSIS Previews* is a “complete guide” to life sciences and biomedical research worldwide, including more than 5,500 journals, meetings, patents, and books. *Biological Abstracts* (BA) offers comprehensive coverage and context-sensitive indexing from more than 4,000 serials each year and covers life science topics from botany to microbiology to pharmacology, serving to connect researchers with critical journal coverage. *BasicBIOSIS* provides citations from over 300 crucial life sciences and news publications. Other products include the Zoological Record and the recently launched *BiologyBrowser*, a free interactive web-based resource (www.biologybrowser.org).

Prior to the meeting Ms. Shields asked CBHL members to submit reference questions. She distributed the BIOSIS search strategies and results for discussion. Ms. Shields responded to questions from the audience that included costs, platforms (OVID, EBSCO Host, Silver Platter, etc.), and access to full text articles (depends on the platform). She closed her presentation by assuring the audience that BIOSIS is interested in working with CBHL member libraries.

Don Wheeler followed by giving a brief summary of the collaboration between the NYBG and BBG. Arrangements with other institutions might be possible and of benefit to all, especially in a tight economy. He asked interested parties to contact him at dwheeler@nybg.org and recommended that CBHL form a BIOSIS consortium.

Real-time ‘Chat’ Reference Panel

BRIAN R. THOMPSON
LIBRARIAN, SYSTEMS & TECHNICAL SERVICES
ELISABETH C. MILLER LIBRARY
CENTER FOR URBAN HORTICULTURE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Chat reference takes the traditional reference interview into the environment of the on-line chat room. Two librarians from very different facilities shared their experiences with this new style of providing a traditional service, including setup, adjustments for the library staff, a review of the available software, and even a live demonstration.

Steve Francouer from the Newman Library at Baruch College in New York City and Harriet Shalat, Director of the Ask Librarian Online service at the New York Public Library (NYPL) are both clearly proponents of chat and see it as one more tool in the reference librarian’s kit. They have found it especially useful when shar-

ing a website screen, such as the search results from the catalog, with a remote patron. Although not as yet cost effective, they believe chat reference shows promise and is rapidly evolving.

For more information you can visit ask.nypl.org to browse the Q & A archive or read more “About Our Service” (only NYPL cardholders can ask questions) or read through Steve’s excellent site (www.TeachingLibrarian.org), which includes a thorough review of the various forms of digital reference.

June 13th: Redefining Stewardship

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

Panelists included: John Reed, New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), Robert Fraker, Savoy Books, Don Wheeler, NYBG, Janet Evans, Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, Brad Lyon, Elisabeth Woodburn Books, David Andrews, and Joanne Fuccello moderator.

Our panel offered a lively and pithy discussion on buying, selling, and caring for rare and collectible books in today’s market. Gone are the days when a library could buy everything in a particular subject area, even with the assistance of generous benefactors. The scarcity and high prices of many botanical and horticultural books now prohibit the kind of collecting that built great libraries like the New York Botanical Garden’s. According to Robert Fraker, booksellers need to find out what libraries don’t have and help them determine a collection angle. Librarians now have to consider alternative collecting strategies, such as buying new limited editions. When accepting collections as gifts, librarians must also consider the appropriate intellectual access they will give the items, since collections may contain non-book ephemera.

David Andrews, a book collector and generous donor to libraries, offered his perspective on stewardship. His 8,000 volume collection not only reflects the depth of its subject areas, but in his attempt to collect multiple editions, represents the history of the book itself. He recommended librarians attend Rare Book School, if possible. Besides offering books for sale, Brad Lyon explained booksellers can act as brokers at auctions, appraise collections, advise on their development, as Elisabeth Woodburn did for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Library, and be advocates for librarians who may not have rare book expertise. Preservation is also a message that booksellers can promote. They want to see books get into the collections of people who will really care for them. As Brad said, “The books will outlive us, sometimes by centuries.”

Gallery Talk at New York Botanical Garden

SUSAN FUGATE, HEAD OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND

Elizabeth S. Eustis, Guest Curator presented an enjoyable gallery talk on her first solo exhibition, “*European Pleasure Gardens: Rare Books and Prints of Historic Landscape Design from the Elizabeth K. Reilly Collection*”, celebrating the gift of the Reilly collection to The LuEsther T. Mertz Library. The exhibition fea-

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tures 52 volumes and 10 prints from the 400 items in a collection which focuses on the print history of garden design. Among the exhibit were six Stefano della Bella prints in sequence, perhaps on display for the first time in America. We also viewed an original Humphry Repton “Red Book” for Whitton, Isleworth, Middlesex, 1796 – Reilley’s most treasured volume. Eustis’s gallery talk was informative, highlighting the historic influences on the principal movements in early garden design. It was also enjoyable as we shared the passion of both Elizabeth K. Reilley, the collector, and Elizabeth Eustis, the curator who carefully described and displayed the treasures that illustrate the richness of the Reilley collection.

June 14th: Tour of Battery Park and the Gardens of Remembrance

BARBARA PITSCHEL, HEAD LIBRARIAN
HELEN CROCKER RUSSELL LIBRARY
STRYBING ARBORETUM SOCIETY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The optional Saturday post-conference tour, led by Pat Jonas, began with a truly memorable bus trip through several distinctive and vibrant districts of lower Manhattan, along the Hudson River waterfront, to the site of the September 11, 2001 disaster and the renaissance represented by the life, hope, and vitality of the gardens of Battery Park and environs.

Battery Park City is a 1.2 mile public strip of public space at the foot of Manhattan, with stirring views of Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty (ferries leave from Castle Clinton in the park), the New Jersey waterfront, and the unquenchable life of New York City. The park, which has evolved over the past quarter century integrating the work of distinguished landscape architects, artists, and designers, is a stellar example of the public-private collaboration in enhancing public spaces at which New York has been so successful. Located directly across from the site of the ill-fated World Trade Center, the park was covered with a foot-deep layer of ash and debris. Within two weeks of the disaster, staff and volunteers had cleared the area and, by the time the first residents were returning, the gardens were blooming again.

Our visit focused on the Gardens of Remembrance, a project of landscape designer Piet Oudolf. Just planted on May 8, a stunning border of grasses and perennials, which will grow more lavish over time, has been designed to provide a healing space looking into the emptiness. Three acres of gardens in Robert E. Wagner Park feature plantings designed by Lynden Miller, who was one of the stellar presenters at our conference. A vibrant garden in golds, reds, yellows, and greens is juxtaposed against a serene garden predominating in blues, pinks, and purples. Miller’s choice of plants, use of color, and lifetime commitment to enhancing the beauty of publicly-accessible spaces are extraordinary. All these outstanding public gardens are made possible with the support of the Battery Park Conservancy.

The waterfront gardens are also rich in sculpture, and I was especially delighted with Jim Dine’s “Ape & Cat (at the Dance)”!

For me, this little side trip proved to be the most moving and enlightening highlight of an altogether exceptional conference.

Annual Meeting Evaluation Summary

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

Thanks to John Reed’s brilliant idea to use the evaluation forms as requirement for participating in this year’s book raffle, 63 out of 82 attendees filled out their forms for a whopping 76% return rate. There were many, very helpful comments that will assist future meeting planners. In compiling these results, several issues emerged backed by strong consensus.

Business meetings

The majority of respondents felt that committee meeting facilities were adequate and that there was enough time for committee meetings this year. Most also agreed that the business meeting topics were relevant and that the time allotted for them was about right. Those who did not agree said: we need more time for discussion of controversial issues before the business meeting, much could be resolved via email ahead of time (including committee reports), and the number of sessions could be reduced by dealing with only the most important issues in the business meeting. Many people felt that the business session and presentations at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden went too long and unfortunately cut into the time allotted to see the gardens. There was an overall feeling that there was not enough time for garden tours.

Programs

The most popular presentations were the panel “Redefining Stewardship,” Lynden Miller’s “Making Magic in the City,” Diane Kresh’s “Making a World of Difference,” and Olga Marder’s “Cleaning, Rehousing and Moving a Library Collection.” Least favorite were the BIOSIS presentation, the visit to the Science, Industry, and Business Library (SIBL), and the Chat Reference panel. Several people wanted more CBHL presentations and less from vendors, as well as more opportunities for questions.

Facilities

The majority rated the hotel, meeting facilities, and food excellent or good, only complaining of too much delicious food and too little bottled water. Some people requested sign-ups for group dinners out, as has been done at past meetings. The wonderfully organized tote bags with their daily packets of information and gift books got high marks, as did the conference in general, which was described as a nice balance of sessions and business, “informative, interesting, and inspiring,” and a “hard act to follow.”

Post-conference Tour to Battery Park and Planting Fields Arboretum

This relaxing day got high marks from those who filled out the separate evaluation form. Participants enjoyed the variety of tours, the slower pace, and the informed tour guides.

Please visit the CBHL web site members-only section to see the complete evaluation results and comments. Thank you all for your input and ideas.

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

Reports from recent Board meetings, submitted by Charlotte Tancin, CBHL Secretary. Complete minutes of these meetings will be posted in the members only section of the CBHL website after those pages have been moved to the Montreal web server.

Report from the May 13, 2003 CBHL Board meeting – Charlotte Tancin, CBHL Secretary

A meeting of the CBHL Board was conducted via teleconference on May 13, 2003. President Barbara Pitschel called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. EDT. All Board members were present: President Barbara Pitschel, First Vice-President Judy Warnement, Second Vice-President Laurie Hannah, Past President Susan Fugate, Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout and Secretary Chuck Tancin.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Secretary's report - Chuck Tancin

Chuck reported on the recent election results and on the Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship, which this year will go to Staci Catron-Sullivan of the Cherokee Garden Library. Judy Warnement volunteered to help check proposed Procedure Manual updates.

Treasurer's report - Mary Ellen Armentrout

Mary Ellen distributed statements to the Board. For 2002, our beginning balance in the savings account was \$17,725.14, to which was added \$21,312.59 in income, for a balance of \$39,037.73 at the end of the year. The year end balance in the restricted accounts was \$23,564.91. Total expenses for 2002 from the checking account were \$11,411.80. The update on our various money market funds as of April 30, 2003 is:

General Fund = \$35,073.54
Founders' Fund = \$13,707.26
Long Award = \$9,277.12
Literature Award = \$1,287.93
Total assets = \$59,345.85

Contributions to our various funds from members at the time of their 2003 membership renewal totaled \$1,025.00. Neither the Founders' Fund nor the Charles Robert Long Award fund currently hold enough money to cover the amount of the awards.

Second Vice-President's report - Laurie Hannah

This year the 2nd Vice-President takes over a new duty: evaluation of the Annual Meeting, formerly done by the Secretary. Laurie has contacted CBHL webmaster Celine Arseneault about handling meeting evaluations online.

First Vice-President's report - Judy Warnement

(only committee liaison reports)

President's report - Barbara Pitschel

Barbara reported on Annual Meeting logistics. Also, Gordon McDaniel of the New York Botanical Garden will represent CBHL at the 2003 EBHL meeting in Zagreb this month, and John Flanagan will represent EBHL at the 2003 CBHL meeting. Both will report at the business meeting.

Past President's report - Susan Fugate

(only committee liaison reports)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prior to the committee reports, the question was asked: to whom does the CBHL archivist, Susan Fraser, report? The Board will decide on a liaison to work with Susan. Judy asked whether Susan has, or might consider implementing, a records management plan, by which material would be turned over to the archives on a set schedule. The finding aid for the CBHL archives has been accessible for the past several years in the public part of the website. Might Susan Fraser also occasionally report in the *Newsletter*?

Standing committees:

Audit - Mary Ellen Armentrout, for chair Brad Lyon

Copies of the 2002 auditor's review were distributed late last year. Questions are now being submitted to Mary Ellen by the Audit Committee for the reviewer to answer.

Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship - Barbara Pitschel (chair)

Barbara will present the check to this year's award recipient at the business meeting.

Charles Robert Long Award - Barbara Pitschel, for chair Jane Cole

The committee has completed its business and will report at the Annual Meeting. To be discussed: review of terms and how the chair term works; a possible rating system for making award decisions; whether a unanimous vote should be required on giving the award. The Board will give the committee a charge for the coming year to formulate procedural guidelines to recommend to the COC and the Board for discussion.

Nominating - Susan Fugate (chair)

Susan reported that the committee has successfully completed its work. Committee members are looking forward to discussion of election procedures at the 2003 business meeting.

Publications - Mary Ellen Armentrout, for chair Judy Reed

1. Publication costs: Since the midyear Board meeting in November, \$1,557.86 has been spent producing and distributing the Membership Directory (two directories were produced within one calendar year this year). Newsletter costs for the last four issues were: Sept. \$308, Dec. \$220, Jan. \$236, and May \$212.50.

2. ISSN number: We now have an official ISSN number for the *Newsletter*: 1543-2653. Chris Robson from Harvard Botany Libraries has volunteered to apply for an ISSN number for the

electronic version of the *Newsletter*.

3. Newsletter: Marca Woodhams is columnist for the new "Member Profile" column, to appear twice a year in the spring and fall issues. Issues #84, #85, #86 of the *Newsletter* are archived on the CBHL website and the current issue will soon appear on the members only section.

4. Membership directory: Lisa DeCesare has just sent out the most recent issue of the Membership Directory. From now on it will appear annually at this time of year.

5. Membership brochure: Rita Hassert reports that she still has 50-75 copies of the brochure available. There are several issues to be resolved before she updates the current brochure and has new ones printed. The committee is also considering printing promotional bookmarks.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Annual Literature Award – Susan Fugate, for chair Kathy Allen [Prior to the report, Chuck reminded the Board that the Annual Literature Award Committee is supposed to be a standing committee, something that needs to be reaffirmed and documented. She was asked to confer with COC chair David Lane about this.] Winners were chosen in both the General Interest and Technical Interest categories this year. The committee is considering adding a Children's category next year. Susan's and Celine's terms will expire in June, and new appointees have not yet been identified. We may need an updated protocol for adding members. Judy asked for a "job description."

Bylaws – Barbara Pitschel, for chair John Reed

The committee will take a break over the summer and pick up again in the fall. In the meantime, Barbara suggested targeting issues to discuss at the 2003 business meeting.

Committee on Committees (COC) – Chuck Tancin, for chair David Lane

After much discussion, a schedule of committee meetings at the Annual Meeting was worked out. A revised draft of the list of committee members has been circulated. Strategic Plan action ideas were distributed, incorporating information from the committees' worksheets from the 2002 Annual Meeting. The draft was forwarded to the Board for further action. Discussion will continue at the COC meeting on June 10th, and in committee meetings.

David asked whether they should plan on electing committee chairs. The recommendation from the COC last fall regarding chair elections was reviewed and approved. Chairs will be elected in all committees for 3-year terms.

[Mary Ellen left the meeting at 3:42 p.m. EDT.]

Electronic Communications – Chuck Tancin, for chair Stan Johnston

After problems with our previous online distribution list ISP, List Manager Bernadette Callery has successfully found a new home

for the CBHL list. She is looking at additional options, and will report further when she has more information.

Webmaster Celine Arseneault reported that she needs help in checking the various links on the website. Migration of the members only section to the Montreal web server should be official at the Annual Meeting. Celine got a very good response to her online survey about an electronic version of the *Newsletter*. Most people felt that previous issues could be put on the public web pages, and the current issue would be included in the members only section of the site. Celine is discussing use of our domain name with the City of Montreal's technical support.

Membership – Judy Warnement, for chair Kathy Fescemyer

Kathy would like to try the Buddy System again at this meeting, assigning seasoned CBHL members to orient new members. Membership Manager Lisa DeCesare reports that we have 231 active members, and 5 members sent their dues in the past week.

Preservation and Access (PAC) – Judy Warnement, for chair Don Wheeler

Don has spoken with Kathleen Fisher, chair of the Resources Sharing Committee about meeting together, so they will set up schedules so that committee members could attend both meetings. The PAC plans to discuss its ongoing collection surveys. Don will resign as PAC chair this year, and Donna Herendeen has volunteered to become chair, but she is unable to attend the Annual Meeting this year. The Board supports Donna's taking it over if the committee elects her. Regarding whether or not the PAC and the Resource Sharing Committee might merge, it's uncertain whether there is enough overlap in their interests. The Board hopes that the COC will be able to facilitate this discussion.

Public Relations – Laurie Hannah, for chair Rita Hassert

The Annual Meeting press releases are starting to appear in a variety of print and electronic sources. Rita has met with a graphic artist to discuss the membership brochure and the possibility of a CBHL bookmark. She has also found a contact for a static cling decal. In Board discussion, Judy suggested that we could approve the expenditures for these items in advance of their preparation.

Resource Sharing – Laurie Hannah, for chair Kathleen Fisher

Laurie sees a number of resource sharing interests that seem to be overlapping a lot with PAC, Publications, and even Membership committee issues. Kathleen says that, based on the committee's identification of the need to create a directory of professional expertise in member libraries, she wants to collaborate with the PAC on surveys. In Board discussion, Judy suggested that both this committee and the PAC should work through their strategic plan action lists and see how similar or different their final short lists are.

OLD BUSINESS

Parliamentarian: Celine Arseneault has agreed to function as our parliamentarian at the upcoming business meeting.

Elections: A discussion of proposed changes to election procedures will take place early in the Old Business section of the business meeting.

Duties of the Board: Judy has reworked the Board's section of the strategic plan action items, and the Board will work on these by e-mail in the coming weeks. Board duties will be examined as part of this process.

Future Annual Meeting hosts: Missouri Botanical Garden has expressed interest in hosting the Annual Meeting in 2007. We still need a host for 2006.

Board resolutions: Board resolutions will be listed in the Procedure Manual and in the members only section of the website.

Special interest groups: Don Wheeler will be asked if he has a report to make at the business meeting on his initial efforts to stimulate interest in special interest groups via e-mail on the topics of collection development, acquisitions, and exchanges.

EBHL: Board consensus (Mary Ellen absent) was that we would draft a letter of support for the Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem, which is threatened by closure. Susan offered to write a first draft, and Barbara will let John Flanagan know that we're working on this.

Time management at the business meeting: We have agreed to stipulate in advance how much time to allot to various parts of the business meeting, in an effort to manage the burgeoning discussions that inevitably and necessarily arise. The agenda will be e-mailed via the online distribution list in advance of the meeting, and also distributed at the meeting. The Board will ask for a volunteer timekeeper during the business meeting.

BIOSIS consortium proposal: Don Wheeler had asked the Board to consider approving CBHL's pursuing funding for a consortial subscription to BIOSIS. He had also requested that BIOSIS be given a copy of the CBHL membership list. Regarding the funding question, the Board agreed that it would be premature to take any such action at this time. We need to see how much interest there is among the membership. Perhaps he and/or the BIOSIS representative could make a brief presentation on this at the BIOSIS demonstration at the Annual Meeting. Following this, the question could then be added to the business meeting agenda under new business on Friday. As for giving BIOSIS our membership list, we have procedures by which institutional members can purchase mailing labels.

Escalating costs and time commitments for Annual Meetings: Don Wheeler brought to the Board's attention a member's concern about the increasing expense and time commitments associated with Annual Meetings. Doug Holland also has some ideas to share on this topic. This will be brought up at the Annual Meeting.

Planning the June 2003 business meeting: Barbara will work with the Board and parliamentarian to streamline the agenda for the business meeting.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

Report from June 9, 2003 Board meeting, 601 Chrysler Room, The New York Helmsley Hotel, Manhattan, NY

President Barbara Pitschel called the meeting to order at 10:05 p.m. EDT. All Board members were present: President Barbara Pitschel, First Vice-President Judy Warnement, Second Vice-President Laurie Hannah, Past President Susan Fugate, Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout and Secretary Chuck Tancin.

Bank paperwork: Mary Ellen reported that she is arranging for all Board members to be able to sign checks if needed.

Parliamentarian: Barbara is arranging for Suzi Teghtmeyer to understudy 2003 parliamentarian Celine Arseneault. We would like to raise everyone's awareness in order to facilitate and improve discussions at business meetings. Barbara has suggested several times that we may actually need a year-round parliamentarian who could advise the Board as needed. No matter what else we do in this regard, we should get into the habit of laying out some ground rules for discussion early on in the business meetings.

EBHL news: Former EBHL Secretary Raymond Clarysse retired from his job at the National Botanic Garden of Belgium on June 1, 2003.

Procedure Manual: Chuck will e-mail the revised copy of the Procedure Manual, incorporating recently approved changes, to the Board and to Celine for the website. Chuck will also contact recent hosts for updates to the CBHL Meeting Manual.

Committee charges: Committee charges are to be approved by the Board. Committees will be asked to draft their own charges and send them to the Board as recommendations for review. Conflicts will be referred to the COC for discussion.

Robert's Rules: The Board passed this resolution: Upon recommendation of the Bylaws Committee, the Board has RESOLVED, to formally adopt the 10th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order New Revised* (Cambridge, Mass.: Perseus Publishing, 2000) as the official parliamentary authority for CBHL. This resolution was suggested by Mary Ellen, seconded by Susan and approved unanimously.

Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship: Barbara will introduce the idea of "grant" vs. "award", as suggested by a member. How to deal with contingencies such as the winner's being unable to attend the meeting will be discussed by the Board in the coming months. Judy suggested that Mary Ellen could share our financial concerns regarding this and other awards with the Audit Committee and then perhaps a recommendation could come from that discussion and be presented to the general membership, now or next year.

Charles Robert Long Award Committee: Barbara will raise the question of terms of office on this committee to the Bylaws Committee, as we have had some difficulty in keeping the terms straight over time.

Special interest groups: Don Wheeler or Gordon McDaniel might want to say something about these in the business meeting. This issue may also come up in a COC meeting.

Election procedures: Susan and Barbara will both mention in their reports that we have used volunteers this year to get people to serve on the Nominating and Bylaws Committees, and as a representative to the EBHL meeting. If there is no resolution to the election discussion on Friday, Barbara will ask for a working group to be formed to pursue this issue over the coming year.

Quorum: A quorum is 1/10 of our overall membership, as stated in the bylaws.

Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem: Regarding the threat of closing that has been raised, Susan has a draft letter of support in process, but will get an update from John Flanagan and then will attend the Saturday evening Board meeting to work on this with the new Board.

Business meeting: We did a quick read-through of the business meeting agenda.

Strategic plan: We will report at the COC meeting that the Board has been reviewing the strategic plan action lists and will refine the list and pursue the resulting action items.

Publications Committee: Mary Ellen is liaison but can't attend the committee's meeting. Both Barbara and Chuck will be there and will be able to report back to the Board as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.21 a.m.

Report from June 14, 2003 Board meeting, Osteria Laguna (restaurant), 42nd St., Manhattan, NY

President Judy Warnement called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. EDT. Five Board members were present, along with one guest. Present were: President Judy Warnement, First Vice-President Laurie Hannah, Second Vice-President Doug Holland, Past President Barbara Pitschel, and Secretary Chuck Tancin. Susan Fugate was present as a guest. Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout was absent, having returned earlier to Ohio for another engagement.

Committee liaisons: Board liaisons for 2003-2004 were assigned:

Annual Literature Award - Laurie
Audit - Mary Ellen
C. R. Long Award - Judy
Founders' Fund - Judy
Nominating - Barbara
Publications - Mary Ellen
Bylaws - Barbara
Electronic Communications - Doug
Membership - Judy
Preservation and Access - Doug
Public Relations - Chuck
Resource Sharing - Laurie

Steering Committee - Chuck
Archivist - Doug
Annual Meeting Hosts - Laurie

2004 Annual Meeting: We need to schedule a midyear Board meeting in Pittsburgh for October or November. Some potential program ideas for the Annual Meeting were briefly discussed.

Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship: The Board again considered how to make this award more meaningful. There was consensus regarding the idea of changing this from an award to a grant, reconsidering the requirement of a director's signature, and encouraging some sort of professional participation by the recipient. Judy suggested that we continue the discussion by e-mail.

Acknowledging contributions of chairs: The Board acknowledged the need to formally recognize the contributions of chairs, perhaps via an annual letter from the CBHL President. A bit more discussion is needed on this.

Annual Literature Award Committee: The Board discussed appointment of members to the Annual Literature Award Committee. Judy will contact Pat Jonas for a status report.

Charles Robert Long Award Committee: Next spring Judy will appoint another new Long Award Committee member.

CSC worksheets: The Board will complete Steering Committee worksheets for the Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship Award Committee and the Board by e-mail. Judy will forward a copy of our collective strategic plan comments to Doug.

Judy adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.



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

The first session of the business meeting of the 35th Annual Meeting of CBHL took place at the Horticultural Society of New York, 128 West 58th Street, New York City, on Wednesday, June 11, 2003. President Barbara Pitschel opened the business meeting at 11:29 a.m. EDT.

The officers of CBHL introduced themselves. Present were President Barbara Pitschel (Strybing Arboretum Society), First Vice-President Judy Warnement (Harvard Botany Libraries), Second Vice-President Laurie Hannah (Santa Barbara Botanic Garden), Past President Susan Fugate (National Agricultural Library), Secretary Chuck Tancin (Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation), and Treasurer Mary Ellen Armentrout (Herrick Memorial Library).

Barbara introduced members of the 2003 Annual Meeting planning committee: John Reed (New York Botanical Garden), Pat Jonas (Brooklyn Botanic Garden), Katherine Powis (Horticultural Society of New York), Rosemary and David Papayanopoulos (Planting Fields Arboretum), Brad Lyon and Joanne Fuccello (Elisabeth Woodburn, Books).

Barbara then welcomed first-time attendees and asked them to stand and introduce themselves, which they did, to applause. They were: Chris Robson (Harvard Botany Libraries); Kathy Crosby (Brooklyn Botanic Garden); Louise Notley (Royal Botanic Garden, Hamilton); Elizabeth Eustis (New York Botanical Garden); Robin Everly (U.S. National Arboretum); Carol Johnston (spouse of Stan Johnston); Maureen Horn (Massachusetts Horticultural Society); Kathleen Sharkey (Massachusetts Horticultural Society); Mara Arndt (Civic Garden Centre, Toronto); Elaine Nowick (University of Nebraska); Lisa Pearson (Arnold Arboretum)

Barbara then introduced Celine Arseneault (Montreal Botanical Garden) as meeting parliamentarian, and Suzi Teghtmeyer (Paul Evans Library of Fruit Science) as her understudy. She mentioned that we are using the 10th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as a frame of reference for conducting our meetings. She also asked for a volunteer to act as timekeeper to help keep our discussions on track. Linda Devito (New York Botanical Garden) volunteered.

Next, Barbara called for approval of the minutes of the 2002 Annual Meeting. Secretary Chuck Tancin noted that Jane Cole (retired, Desert Botanical Garden) had identified three typographical errors and had asked to have them corrected before the minutes were approved. They are:

Page 6, column one, third paragraph beginning 'Celine also reported,' third line from the end of the paragraph, 'determined' not 'determinted.'

Page 7, column one, paragraph beginning 'Committee reports resumed with a report,' fourth line from the end of that paragraph should read 'by the director of his or her' not '... or his or her.'

Page 8, column one, last paragraph, Kathy Fescemyer's name is

misspelled. No other corrections were suggested. John Reed moved that the minutes be accepted, Joanne Fuccello seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Chuck Tancin gave the Secretary's report. 71 valid ballots were received for the election of officers, and the results reported to Susan Fugate, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Another 14 ballots were received after the deadline and were not counted toward the election, but would not have changed the outcome of the election. 37 proxies were also received, and we have them in hand for this week's meetings. The counts have not yet been verified by the Treasurer, but this will be done later today and reported tomorrow.

The Board Procedure Manual is in process of being reviewed by the Board, and changes will be posted on the members only section of the CBHL website, once transfer of those pages of the site to Montreal has been completed. Last year's meeting evaluation forms were processed, the results were reported in the *Newsletter*, and the full report was posted on the website. Also, minutes from recent Board meetings will be posted on the website in the near future.

Since last year's Business Meeting, the Board has passed six resolutions, which are being read here for the record:

June 9, 2003 Board Meeting at the New York Helmsley Hotel in New York:

Upon the recommendation of the Bylaws committee, the Board has RESOLVED, to formally adopt the 10th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order New Revised* (Cambridge, Mass.: Perseus Publishing, 2000) as the official parliamentary authority for CBHL.

November 9, 2002, Board meeting at Horticultural Society of New York (three resolutions):

Regarding the membership year, the Board unanimously passed a resolution:

RESOLVED, that the period of membership in the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries is January 1 to December 31;
that renewal forms are to be sent out in November for the following calendar year;
that dues must be received by March 31st for inclusion in the Membership Directory;
and that dues received after September 30th will be applied to the next calendar year.

Following up on discussion at the April 2002 business meeting, the Board unanimously passed the following resolution:

Because CBHL is in the process of implementing the strategic plan its members created and voted to adopt, because in some instances the existing bylaws contradict some of CBHL's standard operating procedures and hinder implementation of the accepted plan, and because a new ad-hoc Bylaws Committee has been appointed and is working to clear up these discrepancies

and to recommend revised bylaws and procedures that more closely meet CBHL needs, the CBHL Board of Directors officially RESOLVES, for this interim period, to authorize setting aside those portions of the existing bylaws whose wording impedes the agreed-upon ongoing work of the organization.

There is general agreement among the Board that official CBHL correspondence that goes out from committees needs to be reviewed and approved by the Board, as we want to be sure that CBHL is being appropriately represented and that text of letters contains consistent and authoritative information. A resolution was passed unanimously:

RESOLVED, that all formal correspondence be submitted to the Board for review, and any revisions suggested by the Board be incorporated into the final text.

April 13, 2002 Board meeting in the Board Room of the Canterbury Hotel in San Francisco:

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.

July 14, 2001 Board Meeting in Denver, Colorado:

Susan raised the idea of increasing the number of contributed papers by CBHL members at annual meetings, following discussion at the business meeting. The Board passed a resolution:

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

John Reed moved that the report be accepted, Kathy Fescemyer (Pennsylvania State University) seconded the motion and the report was approved.

Mary Ellen Armentrout gave the Treasurer's report. For 2002, the beginning balance of our savings account was \$17,510.14, income was \$20,362.59, and \$10,160 was transferred to the checking account, leaving a balance at the end of the year of \$27,712.73. The beginning balance of the checking account was \$114.16, total expenses were \$11,043.57, interest accrued was \$16.67, and \$11,160 was deposited from savings, for a year end balance of \$247.26. The extra \$1,000 in the deposit was a repayment of the start-up seed money for the 2003 meeting.

Mary Ellen asked Susan Fugate to explain to those assembled why there was an item in savings account income labeled "uncashed 2000 checks - \$417." Susan said that some people had not cashed their refund checks or checks from payments for services from the 2000 meeting and so \$417 was forwarded to the CBHL Treasurer after several notes and calls to those who had not cashed the checks.

Mary Ellen then went on to discuss a problem with our restricted funds. Those accounts are earning lower and lower interest (currently between 1.25% and 1.75%), as a result of relatively low

balances and the poor state of the economy. At least now those funds are in money market accounts, with more flexibility and free checking. However, as of June 2nd the interest dropped another 1/4 point. Mary Ellen thanked the CBHL members who have contributed to the various funds, including an anonymous contribution to the Charles Robert Long Award fund. She reported that member contributions to CBHL have totaled \$1,025 in 2002-2003 to date.

Mary Ellen then gave an update on our current finances. As of Monday, June 9th, our general operating fund totaled approximately \$37,000, the Founders' Fund had \$13,000, the Charles Robert Long Award fund had \$9,000, and the Annual Literature Award had \$1,300, giving CBHL approximately \$60,400 in assets.

Pat Jonas moved that the report be accepted, Brad Lyon seconded the motion and the report was approved.

Laurie Hannah gave the Second Vice-President's report. She noted that she spent the last year learning to be a CBHL Board member. She served as Board liaison to the Public Relations and Resource Sharing Committees, and she has taken on a new task, formerly done by the Secretary: the Second Vice-President will now collect, process and report on the evaluation forms for the Annual Meeting.

Celine noted that it would be unnecessary to entertain motions to accept this and the remaining officers' reports, save those having to do with financial functions.

Judy Warnement gave the First Vice-President's report. She served as liaison to the Preservation and Access and Membership Committees. Regarding the former, she reported that Donna Herendeen (National Agricultural Library) had been elected new chair of the Preservation and Access Committee, and that the committee had recently distributed an archives survey questionnaire. Regarding the Membership Committee, she noted that a proposed commercial membership category that originated in earlier discussions of advertising in the *Newsletter* would be discussed on Friday.

Barbara Pitschel gave the President's report. She noted that in the past year she served as chair of the Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship Committee (as well as liaison), and as a member of and liaison to both the Charles Robert Long Award Committee and the Bylaws Committee. She noted that the Board will be more flexible in assigning liaisons to committees and that these assignments would be reviewed annually.

Barbara reported having sorted out the terms for members of the Annual Literature Award Committee, and that she functioned as the liaison to this year's Annual Meeting hosts. She said that her goal as President was to work to get information out to members and to get people involved in CBHL. She noted that the Nominating and Bylaws Committees were formed with people who responded to a call for volunteers, and that this year's CBHL representative to the EBHL meeting, Gordon McDaniel (New York Botanical Garden), had also responded to a call for volunteers.

Susan Fugate gave the Past President's report. She noted that in

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the past year she served as chair of the Nominating Committee (as well as its liaison), and as a member of and liaison to the Annual Literature Award Committee. Susan expressed appreciation to the Board for their support in the past year and to Celine Arseneault for filling the President's role in running last year's business meeting when Susan found that she would be unable to attend the 2002 Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

Susan also noted that the Board had been asked to consider writing a letter of support for the Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, which is threatened with closure. Susan is drafting a letter, citing the value of the institution's international standing as a scientific collaborator, the value of the garden, library and herbarium, and the value of their systematics program.

Following the officers' reports, Barbara asked for reports from Gordon McDaniel, the CBHL representative to the 2003 EBHL meeting in Zagreb, and John Flanagan (Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), the EBHL representative to the 2003 CBHL meeting. Barbara noted that such reports are often positioned later in the business meeting agenda and that this year she wanted to be sure that the full reports would be heard.

Gordon spoke first, saying that this was the 10th annual EBHL meeting and that it was sponsored by the National and University Library, Zagreb, Croatia and hosted by Grozdana Sirotic. Approximately 30 people attended, including representatives of five new participating institutions. Gordon gave a report on CBHL at the Zagreb meeting, and noted that it was wonderful to meet European colleagues. His report will appear in the CBHL *Newsletter*.

Then John Flanagan gave a report from EBHL. He has been associated with EBHL since its beginnings and was pleased to give an update. He spoke of their three Board members: Secretary Raymond Clarysse (Library of the National Botanic Garden of Belgium) has retired as of June 1st, Cees Lut (Nationaal Herbarium Nederland, Leiden University Branch) will retire at the end of December 2003 but will continue as Treasurer until the next meeting, and President Jane Hutcheon (Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh) recently broke a shoulder and so has been off work for the past five weeks, due to return soon. John will now replace Raymond as Secretary.

The 2004 meeting will be in Dublin, and there has been some discussion of having the 2005 meeting in Talin, Estonia. He also noted that there is an embryo proposal being considered regarding a possible joint EBHL/CBHL session at the 2005 International Botanical Congress in Vienna. He recognized the CBHL efforts at the 1999 International Botanical Congress (which included some involvement by EBHL members), and noted that the decision to start EBHL began at a side meeting at an earlier International Botanical Congress. He would like to see a small committee formed to explore a joint program.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Literature Award Committee – Chair Kathy Allen (Magrath Library, University of Minnesota) reported that the committee has selected two winners for this year's award. In the Tech-

nical Interest Category, the winner is *The Cactus Family* by Edward F. Anderson, (Timber Press, Portland OR, 2001). In the General Category, the winner is *The Greater Perfection* by Francis Cabot, (W. W. Norton & Company, New York NY, 2001).

Kathy offered special thanks to Brad Lyon and Elisabeth Woodburn, Books for donating review copies for the raffle to be held at the banquet. Kathy thanked this year's 11 nominators, and noted that there were 41 nominees, twice as many as last year. Celine has facilitated the nomination process via the CBHL website, and publishers' recommendations can also be found there.

The committee is looking for a good name for this award. They met yesterday and will meet again tonight. Persons interested in joining the committee should also make themselves known, to be considered in the pool for possible appointment. The committee has elected a new chair, Pat Jonas. Kathy, who has chaired the committee since it was formed, thanked committee members, past and present, for their support. Barbara Pitschel thanked Kathy for her work.

Audit Committee – Chair Brad Lyon reported that the committee met and discussed the audit reports for fiscal years 2001 and 2002. The 2001 audit was done by Ewers-Bogojevich & Co., the report was approved by the committee, and the committee also approved the 2002 Financial Report as submitted by the treasurer. The committee has also made minor recommendations to Mary Ellen regarding the format of her spreadsheet reports.

John Reed moved that the report be accepted, Judy Reed (retired, New York Botanical Garden) seconded the motion and the report was approved.

Charles Robert Long Award Committee – Chair Jane Cole reported that the new chair will be Nadia Aufderheide (Holden Arboretum). Committee members for the past year were Rita Hassert (Morton Arboretum), Nadia Aufderheide, Barbara Pitschel (ex officio) and Chuck Tancin (ex officio). For 2003-2004, Jane and Barbara will leave the committee, and new members will be Judy Warnement (ex officio) and Richard Isaacson (Andersen Horticultural Library).

The committee will meet on Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. in room 4014 of the New York Helmsley Hotel. The remainder of the report will be deferred until Friday at the New York Botanical Garden, so that Marie Long, widow of Bob Long for whom the award was named, can be present.

Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship Award Committee – Chair Barbara Pitschel reported that this year there was one applicant for the award, Staci Catron-Sullivan (Cherokee Garden Library), who was notified that she would be the recipient. Unfortunately Staci was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency, so the award was not given this year.

Barbara asked attendees why more people don't apply for this award. Louise Notley suggested that information on who may apply should be more prominently publicized.

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Nominating Committee – Chair Susan Fugate reported that the members of this year's committee were Celine Arseneault, Nadia Aufderheide, Mindy Bodenhamer (formerly at Birmingham Botanical Gardens) and herself. Nominations came from the committee and from members at large, and Susan encouraged members to nominate in the future. This year's candidates for Second Vice-President were Susan Eubank (Grand Canyon National Park Library) and Doug Holland (Missouri Botanical Garden), and Doug Holland has been elected. Susan thanked both candidates for running for office and for being active members of CBHL for so many years. Doug will join the Board at the end of Friday's session of the business meeting. Barbara Pitschel will be the new chair of the Nominating Committee for 2003-2004.

Publications Committee – Chair Judy Reed reported that the new chair of the committee will be Susan Eubank. As Susan said that she would prefer to have a co-chair, and as there were no other volunteers, Judy will co-chair for one year and then another co-chair will be elected next year in her place.

The CBHL *Newsletter* is now available on the website, the new issue accessible only to members and past issues posted in the public part of the site. Judy Warnement has procured an ISSN number for the *Newsletter*; Chris Robson will pursue getting an ISSN for the electronic version.

Marca Woodhams (retired, Horticulture Library, Smithsonian Institution) will edit a column highlighting member libraries twice a year. Barbara Pitschel will edit a yearly column highlighting the host(s) of that year's upcoming Annual Meeting.

The committee has been careful in the past year to inform the Board of costs associated with the newsletter, and will do so in the coming year as well.

This year's Membership Directory, produced by Membership Manager Lisa DeCesare (Harvard Botany Libraries) has a new format, and the Directory is now on a regular yearly publication schedule. Judy noted that it's important for members to renew their memberships on time in order to be listed in the Directory.

The committee met yesterday, and among other things they reviewed the list of action items from the strategic plan; they will meet again on Friday.

Bylaws Committee – Chair John Reed reported that, although they have been working together via e-mail for months, the committee met for the first time face to face yesterday. Members are Barbara Pitschel, David Lane (University of New Hampshire), Connie Wolf (Missouri Botanical Garden), Donna Herendeen and John Reed.

John referred to the 10th edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* to describe bylaws, and noted that the committee is trying to identify those items that are more procedural and move them out of the bylaws, to be included in the Procedure Manual instead. They hope to frame the bylaws in such a way so that in the future changes can be made by amendment rather than revision.

Barbara then asked John to identify those issues discussed so far that will require particular scrutiny. These include:

Standing committees – the Committee on Committees will help to define the responsibilities of each standing committee, and help to facilitate determination of which committees should be standing.

Election procedures – whatever the procedure is should be written into the bylaws.

Categories of membership – these need to be updated, and a proposed commercial membership category is still under discussion.

Proxies – our current proxy form originates in the financial world, and John thinks we should have a proxy option more suited to our organization, perhaps to designate the Board or another member as the designated voter for absentee members.

The committee hopes to have a draft ready to mail to members by the end of January 2004, with feedback due by April 15, 2004. The revised draft would then be discussed at the 2004 Annual Meeting, and after that a final version, revised as needed, would be mailed to members for a vote.

Following the standing committee reports, Barbara called for news and announcements from members.

Sally Williams (editor, *Garden Literature Index*) reported that after publishing the *Garden Literature Index* for 10 years, she has sold the database to EBSCO and she's now the editor of the online version. EBSCO plans to fill gaps and add titles, expanding coverage to include other languages, regional publications, society publications, trade catalogs, and other under-indexed content. While the previous audience was garden enthusiasts, now EBSCO can also use it to serve academics and professionals. The target date for product release is autumn 2003. She is putting together an e-mail advisory group, who may help in advising on building a thesaurus, recommending titles and non-traditional content.

Judy Warnement reported that longtime CBHL member Lenore Dickinson (retired, Harvard University) recently found some photos of the Chicago 1979 Annual Meeting, which will go to the CBHL Archives, but some help is required from older members in identifying the people in the photos. Also, former member Walter Punch is now the library director of Wentworth Institute. He's had some health problems in the past year but has good memories of CBHL and asked Judy to convey his greetings and good wishes.

Brian Thompson (Miller Library, Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington) gave an update on the library following the eco-terrorism attack that caused a fire there two years ago. Things are looking positive. They had a good year for fundraising. Construction is about to begin on a new building that will be 20% larger than the previous one. Groundbreaking will be on August 15th and the building to be finished in autumn 2004. Also, former Miller Library director Valerie Easton sends her greetings and reports having a wonderful time as an independent horticultural writer.

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lived documents and useful-to-print documents in PDF format, which would make site maintenance easier and facilitate member access.

Following this report, Susan Fugate rose to make a presentation. She said that the Board had recently discussed by e-mail the importance of the work accomplished over the last year by Celine and Chuck regarding the CBHL website. The Board acknowledged the amount of effort put forth to move the location and develop improvements to the website. They also discussed the problem solving efforts Bernadette has made to facilitate the continued improvement and functioning of the online distribution list, as well as her work as CBHL's first webmaster. Due to the committee leadership of Stan Johnston, these very important modes of communication continue to play a critical role in the successful growth and operation of the Council. The Board decided to acknowledge these contributions and honor those who have devoted so much by awarding them rosewood pens in engraved boxes. Susan presented the awards to Celine Arseneault, Bernadette Callery, Chuck Tancin, and Stanley Johnston. Chuck accepted Bernadette's award in her absence.

Membership Committee – Chair Kathy Fescemyer reported on the committee's accomplishments of the past two years. She recognized and thanked Gayle Bradbeer (University of Colorado at Denver) and Lisa DeCesare as past and present Membership Managers, respectively. Recently Lisa has transformed the membership database, worked with the Board to clarify the membership cycle, reworked the membership renewal letter, collected new member information and shared it with Kathy (to welcome new members to CBHL), Bernadette (to add new members to the online distribution list) and Christine Liebson (to list new members in the *Newsletter*). The 2002-2003 Membership Directory was produced and distributed in recent months, and includes new formatting and new sections, such as a first name index. Lisa also keeps membership statistics and reports them to the Board regularly. Kathy then asked Lisa to report on membership statistics.

Lisa thanked Gayle Bradbeer, Kathy Fescemyer and the Board for their patience and help. She reported that as of May 29, 2003, CBHL had 249 active members: 133 institutional members representing 77 institutions, 63 individual members, 9 student members, 28 retiree members, 8 EBHL affiliate members, 8 lifetime members and 1 complimentary membership. We have 30 non-U.S. members and 29 CBHL members who are also affiliate members of EBHL. This year, we gained 21 new members.

Kathy resumed the podium and made some observations about our membership and its involvement in CBHL, noting that there are 99 people attending the 2003 meeting, approximately 40% of our membership, and that there were approximately 39 people talking in the business meeting and taking an active role. She also noted the high number of past presidents still involved in the organization.

Kathy reported that the committee will continue the buddy system that connects new members with a "seasoned" CBHL member for their first Annual Meeting, and that the committee is finishing their input on the new membership brochure. Kathy asked for

members to consider suggesting two people each to whom the committee could send a recruiting letter in an effort to attract new members to CBHL. She asked us to consider how each of us found out about CBHL, as they are looking for more ways to market the organization. Finally, she will be looking for volunteers to help identify libraries that might be good targets for recruitment.

Preservation and Access Committee (PAC) – Chair Don Wheeler reported that Donna Herenden had previously volunteered to take over and chair, and she was elected in absentia during Tuesday's meeting. He then reported on the surveys of non-book collections in CBHL libraries being conducted by the committee. The archives survey is in progress and they hope for a 100% response by the end of the summer. Chuck Tancin will send out a seed and nursery catalog survey questionnaire later this summer.

The Resource Sharing and Preservation and Access Committees have been having joint discussions. An overlap in their interests was discussed at both committee meetings, with members of each committee attending the others' meeting. Both committees are interested in doing surveys to collect information. Some data collected from the initial PAC survey may be useful to the Resource Sharing Committee.

Kathy Crosby (Brooklyn Botanic Garden) volunteered to help Susan Fraser (New York Botanical Garden) compile data from the archives survey. Don asked CBHL members to cooperate and complete the surveys, noting that this project forwards goal 1.1 of the strategic plan, encouraging the identification, location and description of collections and information resources.

[At this point, realizing that Linda Devito was not in attendance, Barbara asked for another volunteer for timekeeper, and Connie Wolf volunteered.]

Public Relations Committee – Chair Rita Hassert noted that public relations is a message: promoting CBHL and CBHL member libraries to the world at large. In the past year, the committee produced press releases for the Annual Literature Award, the 2002 Charles Robert Long Award, and the Annual Meeting. A revised membership brochure is in process, pending updates following this meeting. A decal for CBHL members to advertise their membership is being considered. A CBHL bookmark, containing the organization's name, purpose, and web address, is in the design phase, and the committee is looking for distribution ideas for it.

In the coming year work will continue to produce the brochure and bookmarks as well as press releases as needed. Rita thanked the committee members: Celine Arseneault, Doug Holland, Carol Line, David Lane and Barney Lipscomb (Botanical Research Institute of Texas). She also reminded members of the organization's other PR vehicles: the website (our link to the world), the *Newsletter* and other publications, and our members (our most important public relations resource).

Resource Sharing Committee – Chair Kathleen Fisher (Strybing Arboretum Society) reported that she has been re-elected as chair. Last year the committee began discussions on the strategic plan

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action items, and decided that one of the things they wanted to do was to develop a database of information on areas of expertise of CBHL members. They talked with Don Wheeler of the Preservation and Access Committee (PAC) about possible cooperation, and hope to put together a questionnaire to send out to members. The committee also discussed the possible development of a web-based union catalog and interlibrary loan system for CBHL members, suggested by Larry Currie (California Academy of Sciences Library). Kathleen encouraged interested CBHL members to consider joining the committee, and noted that new PAC chair Donna Herendeen is also a member of Resource Sharing.

OCLC Group Access Capability (GAC) Users Group – Liaison Laurie Hannah reminded members about what the acronym GAC stands for, noting that the group was formed as a committee in the mid-1990s and now has 22 libraries involved in what has become a user group. The focus of the group's activities is on reciprocal lending at no charge. Laurie distributed statistic reports to GAC members and reported 443 borrows and 452 loans in the past year overall.

Committee on Committees (COC) – Chair David Lane began his report with a joke, saying that he had been asked about doing an overhead slide presentation again this year but his agent couldn't work out enough seconds to do it in (referring to Barbara's assigning time limits to items on the business meeting agenda this year).

David reported that the committee worked mostly by e-mail, and in the past year they worked out the committee meeting schedule for the Annual Meeting, updated the committee list, mapped out the next steps in the strategic plan, and implemented an election procedure for electing committee chairs. He once again distributed work sheets to committee chairs this year, to finish processing the strategic plan action lists and help identify areas of overlap or conflict between committees. The committee also tries to capture new ideas so that they don't get lost, and to help to find someone to work on them.

The committee also completed a committee worksheet, and David reported that the Committee has been renamed the CBHL Steering Committee (CSC), whose purpose is to provide a forum for communication among committee chairs, volunteers and the Board, and to act in an advisory capacity to the Board (as opposed to functioning as a second Board).

Then David asked, how would we know if the Steering Committee was getting too self-important? Gold stars would appear on Steering Committee members' badges. While other committees would be hard at work, CSC members would be lounging in the executive suite, eating elegant desserts. CSC members would pull up to the hotel in stretch limos, and at the banquet would occupy a special high table. Attendees enjoyed this touch of classic David Lane humor.

Back to the report, David noted that the committee will oversee the implementation of the strategic plan (a 10-year plan, and we're two years into it), review committees annually, review ideas and discuss how to accomplish them, discuss overlaps in committee

purposes, work to enhance cooperation and collaboration, and inform members of ongoing developments. An election for CSC chair will take place at the second CSC meeting on Friday afternoon, 5:15-6:15 (a time change from what was posted) at the Watson Building at the New York Botanical Garden. David reminded the group that all chairs, including newly elected chairs, should attend.

Regarding the strategic plan, a long list of ideas generated in the planning process has been being processed at the 2002 and 2003 Annual Meetings, and lists for various committees have been weeded and prioritized, with timelines assigned to chosen action items. This will help the Board and the CSC to keep an eye on the overall picture of CBHL activity. David reminded committees to complete and turn in their worksheets.

Louise Notley suggested that perhaps at the next Annual Meeting we might consider having a committee fair at one of the receptions, to acquaint members with the various committees, what they do and who's involved. Kathy Fescemyer voiced support for the idea and offered to help to organize such a fair.

Anne Lubrecht (Lubrecht & Cramer, Ltd.) said that she would like to see a map marked with the locations of members, to get some sense of the spread and distribution of CBHL's membership.

This marked the end of committee reports.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Chuck Tancin reported on plans for the 2004 meeting to be held at Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation in Pittsburgh, PA during the week of June 14-18, 2004. The planning committee consists of Institute staff Chuck, James White, Angela Todd, Don Brown, and Donna Connelly, along with Bernadette Callery. Much of the meeting will take place on the Carnegie Mellon campus, and both dormitory and hotel accommodations will be available. The committee is still working on a theme and programming, and is open to suggestions. They are talking about programs having to do with collections, working with collections, access to collections, and collection records, and are considering panels, papers, and forums, and possibly a preconference session on specific topics. Possible visits to nearby locales include the Rodef Shalom Biblical Garden and Phipps Conservatory. Preservation Technologies, Inc. (PTI), developer of the Bookkeeper deacidification process, is based in the Pittsburgh area and will sponsor a tour and reception. Chuck encouraged all attendees to come to Pittsburgh next June.

Then Janet Evans (Pennsylvania Horticultural Society) reported on plans for the 2005 Annual Meeting to be hosted by PHS. She and co-worker Jane Alling will head the planning committee, and the meeting will be held in late May or early June. The theme will be historical, as PHS is the oldest horticultural society in the U.S., and Philadelphia has the oldest botanical garden in the U.S. along with many other important historical sites. She hopes to highlight member projects during the 2005 meeting, and noted that there are many rare book libraries in the Philadelphia area.

Doug Holland offered an invitation for CBHL to come to the

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Pat Jonas - Pat will share *New York Times* articles on Lynden Miller with any CBHL members who are interested in Lynden's work. Also, the Heronswood Hurrah to Lynden can be found in Brooklyn Botanic Garden's online catalog. Pat noted that she has Diane Kresh's PowerPoint presentation from Wednesday's talk and will e-mail that to the online distribution list. Anyone who wants any of the other PowerPoint presentations should contact Pat.

Barbara Pitschel conveyed greetings from Jane Gates (retired, National Agricultural Library), who was absent attending her granddaughter's graduation.

Following the announcements, John Reed was given a retirement gift by Barbara Pitschel from the Board. The gift was a Leatherman multi-purpose tool. John thanked the Board and thanked CBHL for his long association with the group.

This ended the third session of the meeting.

The final session of the business meeting was opened by Barbara Pitschel on Friday, June 13, 2003 at 1:35 p.m. at the New York Botanical Garden.

Charles Robert Long Award Committee – Chair Jane Cole gave the remainder of the committee's report, which had been deferred so that Marie Long (New York Botanical Garden), widow of Bob Long, could be introduced. Jane also introduced the other committee members: Nadia Aufderheide, Rita Hassert, Barbara Pitschel and Chuck Tancin. She noted that her term is up and Nadia will become chair, that Judy Warnement will replace Barbara as one of the two ex officio members, with Chuck continuing as the other, and that Richard Isaacson has been appointed to the committee by Barbara.

Jane named past awardees of the Charles Robert Long Award: 1988 - Elisabeth Woodburn; 1990 - Ian MacPhail; 1992 - Richard Isaacson; 1994 - Barbara Barton; 1995 - John Reed; 1997 - Bernadette Callery; 1999 - Jayne MacLean; 2000 - Jane Gates; 2002 - Joan DeFato.

Nadia noted that the award was begun by CBHL and has been contributed to by CBHL members, and she asked contributors present to stand. Brenda Weisman (retired, Brooklyn Botanic Garden), Kenneth Hayward (Quail Botanical Gardens) and Lenore Dickinson stood to applause, and Nadia encouraged future donations from the membership.

Jane then read this statement. "The award will be given this year to someone who has shown meritorious service in the field of botany and horticulture libraries and literature. We discovered in our midst a librarian who grew up in Wisconsin, was at one time an art librarian in Iowa, wrote articles with colleagues about collections, participated in the founding of CBHL, and has served as a botany librarian since 1966. She has worked well with her colleagues in botany. She has worked well with us - her colleagues in libraries. So, from the Smithsonian Institution, I give you the 2003 Awardee

for the Charles Robert Long Award Award of Merit, Ruth Schallert."

Following this, committee member Rita Hassert handed the framed award certificate to Marie Long who presented it to Ruth Schallert. Jane also presented Ruth with a check for \$500.

Ruth thanked CBHL and noted that when she was new at the Smithsonian's Botany Library, her chairman suggested that she go to an upcoming meeting at the Massachusetts Horticultural Society to get in on the beginning of what became CBHL. She's still working after all this time and now has the horticultural collection to integrate into the botanical collection.

This ended the Charles Robert Long Award Committee report.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first item on the agenda for old business was CBHL's election process. Barbara asked three members - Chuck Tancin, Judy Reed and Stan Johnston - to read prepared statements. Chuck Tancin read the article she wrote on behalf of the Board for the June 2002 *Newsletter*, outlining the current procedure, its recent history, and pro and con arguments for changing the process.

Judy Reed then presented the procedure followed by the Guild of Bookworkers (GBW), while emphasizing that she herself is neutral on the topic. She observed that two points of view surfaced at the 2002 annual meeting: (1) those who are aware that, in a small organization, it is difficult to find enough members who are willing to run for office, and that identifying one candidate is more realistic; and (2) those who feel that CBHL members should be able to make a choice between two candidates when voting for officers. She added that she believes we can accomplish both objectives in a simple, straightforward manner.

The GBW process is as follows: The Nominating Committee presents, to the GBW Executive Committee, a slate with one candidate per office. That slate is mailed to the membership early enough for one or more members in good standing to identify a second candidate to add to the slate. The procedure for doing this is described at the end of the slate first presented by the Nominating Committee. A member suggesting a second candidate must secure from the prospective candidate a letter of agreement to run for office, and obtain the signatures of five members in good standing supporting the candidate. When the Executive Board receives this information, the name of the additional candidate is added to the final ballot sent to the membership. Judy added that, to the best of her knowledge, only once has a member added another candidate to the slate.

Judy added that, regarding hurt feelings or other problems experienced by those candidates who have lost elections, she would hope that CBHL members would be mature enough to understand that only one person can win, and that she cannot comment on those unfortunate people whose supervisors create difficult work situations for them following an election loss.

Then Stan Johnston presented his ideas on the two candidate slate and the electoral process. He noted that some years ago there was

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consensus at the Annual Meeting that whenever possible the Nominating Committee should put forward two candidates for any position, which is what we have done since. Those who pushed for that resolution believed then and continue to believe that the members of CBHL deserve a choice in elections and that there are enough potential candidates among our membership to continue this practice. At over 200 members we are not that small an organization. If only one candidate is put forward by the Nominating Committee, the Committee is in effect choosing the officer, and the member vote becomes meaningless and a disenfranchisement of that member privilege. He added that although some past members of the Nominating Committee have indicated a difficulty in finding two candidates, at least one other past member has indicated it has not been a problem in the elections they were involved in.

Stan said that one of the main problems with two candidates is that someone loses, and he urged potential candidates to be realistic and accept the honor of the nomination for what it is with the realization that only one candidate can be elected. He added that there are many in the organization who will never be nominated.

Under the current system a nominating committee is appointed by the outgoing President, and they then draw up a list and solicit candidates until two agree to run. Under Judy's suggestion, we would go back to only one nominee put forward by the committee, with the possibility of a second candidate being added as Judy previously described. Judy has said that only once has she known a second name to be added. Stan argued that this last statement is clear evidence that the system does not work. Also, he said that the nomination of a second candidate under these conditions would amount to a slap in the face of the first candidate, who would be far more hurt than if they were simply defeated in a two candidate election.

Stan said that he would also like to see if there were not some way to better insure the independence of the Nominating Committee. Perhaps the Committee could be used only as a last resort and instead, building on Judy's concept, we could solicit interested members to apply for the candidacy by submitting a letter to the Secretary indicating their desire to run for the office, perhaps a statement of how they feel they can contribute to running CBHL (i.e., a platform), and four signatures of support from members in good standing. The Nominating Committee would only come into play if fewer than two applicants applied by the deadline. This would ensure that those who want to serve are nominated. On the downside we might get into partisan wrangles over issues, but that might actually be beneficial in the long run.

Stan concluded by saying that we still need two candidates in order to present the membership with a choice, and that we would be better off with the current rules. But he also thinks that by putting our collective heads together we might well be able to come up with a better solution for choosing candidates who both desire the office and have the ability to serve CBHL.

Following these three prepared statements, Barbara went to a point of procedure and opened the floor to discussion prior to soliciting a motion. Jane Cole moved to have open discussion for about five minutes before a motion is made, Suzi Teghtmeyer seconded this

and it was passed.

Mary Ellen Armentrout said she liked Stan's idea, but suggested having the Nominating Committee identify two candidates and then also inviting other nominations from the membership, providing a mixed solution.

Nadia Aufderheide also favored a combination solution and suggested first putting forth requests for interested individuals, giving those to the Nominating Committee, and seeing who else the Committee wants to nominate.

Connie Wolf supported Judy's suggestion, saying that it could be modified so that the Nominating Committee could request suggestions from the membership, and then after consideration would put forward one or two candidates. In general, however, Connie said that she thinks a single candidate works best and that it represents consensus.

Richard Isaacson added that if Connie would make a motion to this effect, he would enthusiastically second it.

John Reed noted that there were two separate issues being discussed: how the Nominating Committee works and what the Nominating Committee does. He said that he liked the idea of suggestions coming from the membership, but would like to see the final decision left to the Nominating Committee as to whether one or two candidates are put forward, depending on the pool of candidates being considered.

Connie added that, in addition to someone's coming forward, members could also put someone's name forward.

Doug Holland voiced a caution about self-nominations, asking what happens if someone presents himself or herself and then doesn't make it onto the slate.

Robin Everly said that biographical information about all candidates must be prominently made available.

Nadia noted that when she sees a single candidate slate being presented in other organizations she belongs to, she doesn't vote because there's no choice presented. She added that she doesn't recall any problem in getting people to run for office when she served on the Nominating Committee. She went on to voice support for the idea of soliciting nominations from the membership.

Judy Reed, responding to Doug's question, said that she doesn't think we would have to worry about self-nominations not getting onto the slate, because those persons would have the endorsement of several members. However, that's assuming that the Committee would be required to accept all candidates who have the necessary support.

Louise Notley asked what CBHL does to support the candidate who is not elected. She asked whether CBHL follows up with communication to that person's director to say what an honor it was for the person to have been a candidate for office.

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Joanne Fucello asked whether there is anything in the current bylaws to stop us from trying one or the other process, to which Barbara replied that there is not.

Nadia asked whether we really want to solidify this process before the bylaws are revised.

At this point, Barbara asked for a motion. Jane Cole moved that we remain with the rule as it exists now in the bylaws, and that we create a process to recognize to their institution the person not elected. Richard Isaacson seconded the motion. [The reference “recognize to their institution” means to notify the candidate’s institution of their nomination and the importance of their participation in CBHL. — C.T.]

Connie suggested leaving the bylaws as they are and giving extra recognition to those candidates not elected. She added that CBHL used to grant recognition to the point of embarrassment, and so this isn’t always desirable.

Stan said that the discussion isn’t about fulsome praises within CBHL, but about recognition going back to the candidate’s institution. The fact that we nominated the person in the first place IS the praise within CBHL.

Chuck corrected Jane Cole who had moved that we remain with the rule as it exists now in the bylaws, noting that there is no rule regarding elections in the current bylaws.

Jane then amended her motion to say: I move that we remain with the rule as it exists now, and that we create a process to recognize to their institution the person not elected. Brenda Weisman seconded the motion.

Kenneth Hayward noted that it’s an honor to be nominated for any office.

Jane Cole called for the question on the amendment, seconded by Brenda Weisman. The amendment was passed with 6 opposed.

Asked whether more discussion was needed, 15 voted to have more discussion and 45 voted to stop discussion. The amended motion, to remain with the rule as it exists now, and that we create a process to recognize to their institution the person not elected, was voted on and passed with 36 voting for the motion and 16 voting against it.

The next piece of old business to be discussed was the idea of a commercial membership category. Barbara asked Judy Warnement to conduct the discussion, and Judy distributed two handouts, one on membership statistics for the past year and one outlining the proposed commercial membership category. In summary, the latter sheet proposed instituting a commercial membership costing \$125/year, for which the member would receive these benefits: one representative, one free set of mailing labels, a web link on the public pages of the CBHL website, a listing or business-card-sized announcement in the *Newsletter*, their business address and URL listed in the CBHL Membership Directory, and authorization to

post commercial announcements on the CBHL electronic distribution list. When questioned, she added that they would also receive the *Newsletter*. Judy noted that this idea of a commercial membership originated in discussions in recent years regarding whether and how to include advertisements in the newsletter, as well as questions regarding provision of mailing labels, including listings on the website, and allowing postings via the online distribution list.

Pat Jonas made a motion to accept the proposed commercial membership, with the addition that no pop-up windows would appear on the CBHL website. Kathy Fescemyer seconded the motion. [The reference to pop-up windows referred to pop-up advertisements.]

Richard Isaacson asked whether commercial members could still take an institutional membership. Peter Fraissinet (Mann Library, Cornell University) asked why the cost is higher, and was told that it was for profit, provision of labels, and advertising opportunities.

Joanne Fucello thought it would be inappropriate to add the online distribution list to the benefits, and Brad Lyon agreed. Janet Evans noted that there is currently no wording in the proposal that would prohibit spam (unwanted e-mail messages). Pat Jonas felt that the announcements of new publications that come over the list now are valuable.

Doug Holland asked whether the benefit of “one free set of mailing labels” means literally one free set. The answer was yes. Judy Warnement explained that the membership list is dynamic, that it changes frequently, and so sending multiple copies for successive uses would not be a good idea. John Reed noted that commercial members who receive the proposed benefit of one free set of mailing labels could always purchase additional sets if they wanted to, just as institutional members who currently purchase mailing labels can make additional purchases.

Gordon McDaniel suggested that, as is the case on other distribution lists he’s part of, with commercial vendors on the list members might not feel that they can comment freely about those commercial members via the list.

David Lane suggested that it appears that commercial members wouldn’t be full members. Barbara responded that they would indeed be full members.

Anne Lubrecht said that “this started in Phoenix,” and asked where she (as a retired bookseller) fits in.

Don Wheeler asked how the Board decided on a price, noting that as CBHL has a number of issues under discussion regarding money shortages, we should charge more for this type of membership. Don also responded to Gordon’s comment, saying that we should exclude commercial members from the online distribution list. Judy Warnement explained that the Board debated the cost, and that \$125 was arrived at by consensus. Mary Ellen noted that she had suggested \$150 but was outvoted. Brenda Weisman agreed that the price isn’t high enough. Judy said that she has been of two minds regarding use of the online distribution list, and that the

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announcements of publications are useful. She added that the Board did talk about potential misuse of the list by members and felt that individual abusers could be contacted directly.

Kathy Fescemyer suggested that there was a need to define “commercial announcement” in the proposed benefits list and to limit the number of such announcements. Ginger Jusko (formerly at Chicago Botanic Garden) asked whether we would somehow want to limit this membership category to only those businesses appropriate to our subject area.

At this point a vote was taken on the motion to accept the proposed commercial membership, with the addition that no pop-up windows would appear on the CBHL website, and with 26 voting in favor and 35 opposed the motion was defeated.

Stan Johnston then made another motion, to accept the concept of a commercial membership category but work on it further. Sally Williams seconded this motion.

Kathy Fescemyer noted that whoever takes this project forward needs some guidance from the membership, suggesting that lack of such guidance is why it was voted down. Barbara suggested that the membership try to work out the problems via the online distribution list.

Pat Jonas suggested that a vote be taken. Louise Notley amended the motion to say: I move that we accept the concept of a commercial membership category but work on it further, in particular regarding the price of membership, which types of commercial enterprises may join, and the definition of acceptable advertising. Gayle Bradbeer seconded this amendment. Stan noted that an additional concern is advertising on the online distribution list, to which Louise replied that her amendment covers all advertising. A vote was taken and the amendment was passed with one opposing vote.

Kathy Fescemyer then said that the Membership Committee would be willing to help, and that she would be glad to take the next steps. Barbara asked for a vote on Stan’s original motion to accept the concept of a commercial membership category but work on it further, and it was unanimously approved.

For the next item of old business, Barbara asked Gordon McDaniel if he would report on special interest groups.

Gordon had sent a message out on the online distribution list saying that he would like to have in informal discussion of several cataloging issues at some point during the Annual Meeting. A dozen people responded and met on Wednesday evening to discuss three issues: analyzing monographic series, cataloging nursery and seed catalogs, and cataloging ephemera. Gordon asked others interested in these topics to send him e-mail, after which he would begin a discussion list. He noted that regarding analyzing monographic series, he has a preliminary list of titles that he’ll share so that it can be expanded and possibly form the basis for a collaborative project. Regarding seed and nursery catalogs, he would like to see institutions with large collections of such material get together and apply for grant funding for some sort of collaborative catalog-

ing project. And regarding ephemera, he’s looking for creative cataloging approaches.

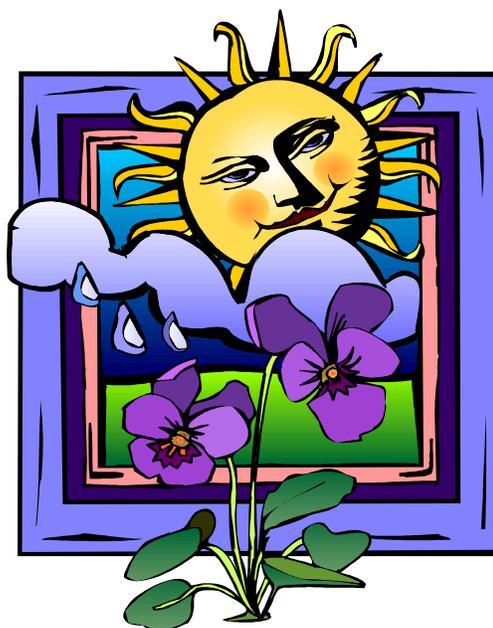
NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara asked Don Wheeler to report on his discussions with BIOSIS representatives. Don said that he would appreciate feedback via the distribution list regarding the BIOSIS presentation on Thursday afternoon. BIOSIS representatives have come to Don with an open-ended proposition on how to provide their data to CBHL members at a reasonable cost. Don wants this to go NOT through New York Botanical Garden (a current subscriber) but instead through CBHL, and he’s not sure how we would do that.

Also, regarding the previous discussion of special interest groups, Don forwarded a suggestion from earlier in the week, that we consider the development of a collection management group.

The next item of new business was whether the Committee on Committees (COC) should be a standing committee. Committee chair David Lane made a motion, based on previous discussion at the COC’s Tuesday meeting, to change the ad hoc COC to a standing committee called the CBHL Steering Committee. John Reed seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

No other new business was introduced. Barbara thanked the hosts of the 2003 Annual Meeting, and presented each with a check for \$100. Gifts were presented to outgoing Past-President Susan Fugate: a copy of *New York City Trees* by Edward Sibley Barnard (edited by Pat Jonas) and a lapel pin. Newly elected 2nd Vice-President Doug Holland joined the podium, and Barbara handed the microphone to new President Judy Warnement who thanked Barbara for all of her work as President. Judy adjourned the last session of the business meeting at 3:04 p.m.



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but not since the wars, so I was interested in seeing what changes were noticeable. The chief one in Zagreb appeared to be an epidemic of cell phones. The bus trip to the Plitvice Lakes goes through a part of Croatia (south of Karlovac) that was the scene of heavy fighting and ethnic cleansing in 1992, when local Serbs drove out Croats, and 1995, when the Croatian army drove out many Serbs in advance of the Dayton accords. Much had been built or rebuilt (the Balkans have for years been a scene of constant construction), but one could still see damaged and destroyed houses along the road.



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