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Northwest Horticultural Society

Ted Marston, Editor

President's Message:

The new board members were welcomed at the NHS Annual Meeting April 17th (you were all invited) and our heartfelt thanks to the retiring and ongoing board.

To all Northwest Horticultural Society members plaudits for your loyal support throughout the past year.

The next year promises to be an exciting and busy one especially in September when the our expanded annual plant sale will be held.

We need your help and assistance and if you would like to become involved in either of these projects please call our office (527-7410) and leave a message. We promise to get back to you.

I hope to see you at many of our events.

Mrs. James R. Scott

Fern Festival Resounding Success

The June NHS Fern Festival had higher participation than ever, with good attendance at Ed Alverson's lecture, the garden tour and the fern sale at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

Thanks to some outstanding publicity, (including a major news story in the Tacoma News Tribune), virtually all ferns were sold the first day, with emergency supplies found quickly for Saturday's sale.

Rare Book Donated To Library

Betty Miller provided the funds to allow NHS to donate a very special book to the Elisabeth Miller Library at the Center for Urban Horticulture.

The book entitled *Two East Anglican Picture Books*, was published by Paul Mellon for the Roxbury Club and is a facsimile of manuscripts done in the 1500's.

Fall Plant Sale

By Agna deClercq

Fall Plant Sale: Friday, September 22 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. • Saturday, September 23 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Plant Sale Committee is working hard to make the 1989 Fall Plant Sale an outstanding event. Be on the alert for our August flyer. Let the office know if we can find any special plant you might desire. We will buy in Washington, Oregon and Canada.

It would be much appreciated if you can assist us in selling, cashiering or otherwise. "Your calling" to let us know would save us so much time.

A special thank you to Mrs. Sylvia Duryee and the seven willing members who helped at the potting session.

If you have good plants to give, please remember to inform this office by September 1 what your contribution will be. Tax deduction forms are available for your donations. Delivery should be on Thursday, September 21, in the afternoon.

The NEW Book department at the Fall Plant Sale would be grateful to receive any gardening books you no longer have room for. Kindly deliver at N.H.S. office at C.U.H.

Elisabeth Miller Library Expansion Ground Breaking

Ground breaking will be held in July for the planned expansion of the Elisabeth Miller Library. This addition, made possible by Betty Miller will double the shelving and seating, provide room for offices and storage as well as a rare book reading room and a new courtyard entrance.

As a recognition of the growing stature of the Library, the Council for Horticultural and Botanic Garden Libraries will meet in Seattle in 1993.

Expanded Plant Sale Sept. 22 and 23

The fall plant sale in a much expanded format will be held at the Center for Urban Horticulture on September 22 and 23.

It will be held simultaneously with CUH's annual Open House. The hours of both will be the same: From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22 and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 23.

New departments at the plant sale will include garden books, dried flowers, specialty tools, herbs and a children's corner. A special emphasis will be placed on plants native to China, recognizing the Chinese garden being planned for Seattle in which NHS has played an instrumental part.

The Open House at CHU will include exhibits by local and regional plant societies as well as CUH displays featuring the unique horticultural programs developed by the school.

Fall Lecture by Janet Meakin Poore

"Plants That Merit Attention" will be the subject of a lecture to NHS members and friends at the Center for Urban Horticulture on Tuesday, November 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Mrs. Poore is a landscape architect and editor of the book, *Plants That Merit Attention - Trees*, the first volume of a series of books on outstanding plants. She is currently President of the Chicago Botanic Society and Vice President of the Garden Club of America.



Record Year For Seed Exchange

By Sylvia Duryee

Our seed exchange for 1989 was better used than ever before...with 94 orders and 1710 packets ordered, 383 more than 1988. Of course, we did have a second go at it with the Japanese seed. As a matter of interest, the highest requests were as follows: *Lewisia rediviva*, *L. tweedyi*, *Allium narcissiflorum*, *Clematis alpina*, *Euphorbia griffithii*, *Gentiana verna*, *Loiseleuria procumbens*, *Meconopsis grandis*, *Tropaeolum speciosum* and *Asplenium viridii*. Do remember that you can grow some of the species listed.

You might be interested to know that we sent some 62 large packets of seed off to the New Zealand Alpine Garden Society and hope to have a return packet from them.

Collecting Seed

Now is the time to think seed as you enjoy your favorite and special plants (Garden grown and natives). You might even tag some of the best bloomers. If you are taking forest or mountain trips, keep our seed exchange in mind. Take along a collection of paper envelopes and a pencil. (If it is wet or seed is in berries, use plastic and plan to carefully dry later). Label each as collected, the date and where found. If you are not sure of the name, press a flower or leaves to go in the envelope. We especially appreciate cleaned seed if possible and stored in paper envelopes to prevent mildew.

As soon as practical, send it along to be stored under refrigeration by:

Mrs Alan Kohn
18300 Ridgefield Drive
Seattle, WA 98177

If you have questions on what to look for on a forest or mountain excursion, feel free to call Mrs. Gordon Anderson, Mrs. James Scott, or Mrs. Hugh Baird. Their numbers are in the NHS Directory.

Seed collecting is already underway for the early plants, *Hepatica*, *Lewisia*, *Mitchella*, *Camassia*, *Petrocallis*, *Syntheris*, *Dryas*, and others. Good luck and we hope to hear from you during summer and fall.

FREE WORKSHOP

Come Join your fellow members!
Sow Seed & Propagate

Instructor • Sylvia Duryee
Date • Tuesday, October 10, 1989
Time • 10:00a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Call
NHS Office to sign-up
527-1794
Space is limited

Fall Planting

Autumn is the best time for planting most plants, giving them a long season to become established before our short winter and a burst of growth the next spring. It's appropriate that the NHS Plant Sale is held in the fall at the ideal planting season.

Its also a good time to consider some of the plants which will provide fall and winter color and fragrance. A few of these include:

Sarcococca humilis, *S. confusa* and *S. hookerana*, with their small, white, fragrant flowers.

Camellia sasanqua, and a Chinese native, which may pop open with a few buds in the fall but keeps flowering through the winter whenever the weather warms.

Viburnum x bodnatense with its tiny pink fragrant blossoms throughout the winter.

Cornus mas whose tiny white flowers and prominent yellow stamens highlight the dark season.

Hamamelis mollis and *H. chinensis* in a variety of cultivars for twisted yellow, orange or reddish bloom.

Lonicera setifera a medium-sized deciduous honeysuckle from China whose white and pink flowers appear on bare stems in the winter and early spring.

A variety of daphnes add both color and fragrance to the winter and early spring garden.

Chimonanthus praecox, a deciduous shrub with pale, waxy flowers on bare stems.

Among herbaceous perennials, hellebores of many kinds open during the winter and early spring, providing much needed spots of color.

Anemone japonica in many cultivars are

highlights of the fall garden, as are many species and varieties of anemones. And don't forget *Primula acaulis*, always good for a few blossoms from early autumn through the spring.

New Officers and Trustees Installed

New officers and trustees of the Northwest Horticultural Society were installed at the annual meeting in April at the Center for Urbane Horticulture.

They are:

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Mrs. James R. Scott

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Book, Briefly Noted

The Smaller Bulbs by Brian Mathew, B.I. Batsford, Ltd, distributed in the U.S. by David & Charles, North Pomfret, VT.

What was originally planned as a revision of his book *Dwarf Bulbs*, became an entirely new book. In addition to the A-Z listing (Albuca-Zephyranthes), the book contains cultural information, a glossary and an index, 96 color photos and 8 line drawings. Those who've heard Brian Mathew speak (here in the Northwest or elsewhere) know he knows his subject. Speaking as a botanist, he sorts out the bulbs accurately taxonomically, but it's as a collector and gardener that his text is most useful to gardeners everywhere.

The Annual Garden by Peter Loewer, Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA

Loewer touches on many different annuals...including flowers, foliage, fruits, grasses and vines. Loewer's crisp drawings and design make leafing through his book a delight...and his opinionated text adds spice to the search for the different. One wishes Loewer had suggested more good varieties of the annuals he proposes, but he does give a good list mail order seed catalogs, the only place many of the uncommon are available.

Pergolas, Arbors, Gazebos, Follies by David Stevens, Ward Lock, Ltd., distributed in the U.S. by David & Charles, North Pomfret, VT.

A pretty book from England.

The Hillier Book of Garden Planning and Planting by Keith Rushforth, Roderick Griffin and Dennis Woodland. David & Charles, North Pomfret, VT

From England, it's a book to keep handy with pages marked for your landscape architect (I want one of this...and this).

Water Gardens for Plants and Fish by Charles B. Thomas. T.F.H. Publications, Neptune City, NJ

Producing a good book is different from putting out a good catalog. This very informative book could have been spectacular - it starts with water lilies and other beautiful aquatics, pools and fish (including koi), but it's crammed in too tight, photos are badly cropped and the color is harsh and garish.

New Books At Miller Library

Trees In The 21st Century: based on the first International Arboricultural Conference. Berkhamsted, Eng. A B Academic Publishers, 1983. 113p.

Adams, Hohn Festus. **The Epicurean Gardener.** New York: Button, 1988. 246p.

Anderson, Alexander Walter. **How We Got Our Flowers; Coming Of The Flowers.** New York: Dover Publications, 1966. 283p.

Armitage, Allan M. **Seed Propagated Geraniums:** the why and hows of production of hybrid geraniums. A Growers hand-book series, b. 1. Portland: Timber Press, 1985. 44p.

Bagust, Harold. **Miniature and Dwarf Geraniums** (Pelargoniums) Portland: Timber Press, 1988. 163p.

Bartholemew, James. **The Magic Of Kew.** New York: New Amsterdam, 1988. 127p.

Boisset, Caroline. **Vertical Gardening:** climbing plants, hanging plants, trellises, wall planting, terraces, window boxes. New York: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1988. 143p.

Buczacki Stefan T; Durmond-Hay, Alice, III. **Creating A Victorian Flower Garden.** New York: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1988. 160p.

Burn, A.J.; Coaker, T.H.; Jepson, P.C. **Integrated Pest Management.** London: Academic Press, 1987. 474p.

Bye, A.E. (Arthur Edwin). **Art Into Landscape, Landscape Into Art.** Mesa, AZ: PDA Publishers Corp., 1983. 178p.

Chalk, Douglas. **Hebes and Parahebes.** London; Portland: Christopher Helm; Timber Press, 1988. 152p.

Chesanow, Jeanne R. **Honeysuckle Sipping:** The plant lore of childhood. Camden, ME: Down East Books, 1987. 201p.

Clafin, Edward B. **Garden Pools & Fountains.** San Remon, CA: Ortho Books, 1988. 112p.

Clark, David. **Pelargoniums.** Portland: Timber Press, 1988. 124p.

Clayton, W.D.; Renvoize, S.A (Stephen A.). **Genera Graminum:** grasses of the world. Kew bulletin additional series, 13. London: H.M.S.O. 1986. 389p.

Courtright, Gordon. **Tropicals.** Portland: Timber Press, 1988. 153p.

Cox, Peter Alfred; Cox, Kenneth N.E. (Kenneth Nicholas Evan). **Encyclopedia Of Rhododendron Hybrids.** Portland: Timber Press, 1988. 318p.

DeBray, Lys. **Borders:** a guide to spring, summer & autumn colour. London: Ward Lock, 1987. 176p.

Fairweather, Christopher. **Azaleas.** Chester, CN: Globe Pequot Press, 1988. 96p.

Ferguson, Katharine, ed. **Rock Gardens.** Camden, Ont: Camden House Pub, 1988. 96p.

Fitter, Alastair; Hay, Robert K. M. **Environmental Physiology Of Plants.** 2nd ed. London: Academic Press, 1987. 423p.

Franklin Stuart, **Building A Healthy Lawn:** a safe and natural approach. Pownal, VT Storey Communication, 1988. 168p.

George A.S. (Alex S.). **The Banksia Book.** 2nd ed. Kenthurst (Australia) Kangaroo Press in association with the Society for Growing Australian Plants, NSW, 1987. 240p.

Halliwell, Brian. **Old Garden Flowers.** London: Bishopsgate Press, 1987. 168p.

Hedrick, U.P. **A History Of Horticulture In American To 1860.** Portland: Timber Press, 1988. 634p.

Hitchmough, James. **Gardener's Choice:** fine plants for all seasons. Kenthurst (Australia): Kangaroo Press, 1987. 88p.

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