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Eclectic Cincinnati: Legacies, Legends, and the Lloyds:

CBHL Annual Meeting, June 5-9, 2007

Maggie Heran, Director
Lloyd Library and Museum
Cincinnati, Ohio



BB Riverboat on the Ohio River, courtesy of the Lloyd Library and Museum.

Cruise on in to Cincinnati! This year CBHL will visit the city that has been variously called “the Queen City” and “Porkopolis.” In 1854 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote his poem “Catawba Wine” to memorialize Cincinnati’s vineyards and closed it with praise for “the Queen of the West, In her garlands dressed, On the banks of the Beautiful River.” But Frances Trollope wrote in her piercing book *Domestic Manners of the Americans*, published in 1832, that Cincinnati was a barbaric urban center where pigs freely roamed the streets eating garbage. And, allegedly Mark Twain once said, “When the end of the world

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comes, I want to be in Cincinnati because it's always twenty years behind the times."

Cincinnati was a well-known and important stop along the Underground Railroad and was home to Harriet Beecher Stowe when she wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. It is my distinct pleasure to invite you to eclectic Cincinnati, a city that seems to inspire strongly held opinions, both pro and con, and whose citizens proudly embrace both. This is your chance to form your own view—and possibly create other memorable quotes—about the city and region where the Lloyd family lived, worked, and established their greatest legacy, the Lloyd Library and Museum, your 2007 meeting host. Assisting the Lloyd in making your stay in Cincinnati educational, enjoyable, and entertaining are the Cincinnati Museum Center and the Greater Cincinnati Civic Garden Center. The conference theme is "Eclectic Cincinnati: Legacies, Legends, and the Lloyds," in which we will introduce CBHLers to fascinating facts (and maybe some fictions) about Cincinnati's history, the characters involved, and the institutions they left behind.

Keeping the focus on things past, we have issued a call for papers (see Newsletter 103, November 2006) titled "Historical Resources: Preservation, Access, Collection Development." This is your opportunity to share your successes as well as your problems and concerns in managing the treasures you steward. Please reread page 26 of the last newsletter for more information and get your abstracts to me ASAP.

The conference begins Tuesday, June 5, 2007 with an optional morning workshop, "Archives 101," conducted by Lloyd Archivist Anna Heran. Anna has worked as a professional archivist since 1999 and has served as the Society of Ohio Archivists' Education Chair for four years during which she was instrumental in updating, revising, and creating new educational offerings. She continues to teach workshops throughout the state. That afternoon, CBHL committees will

meet. Both the workshop and committee meetings will be held at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. In the evening, a Welcome Reception, including the announcement of the CBHL Annual Literature Award winners and a variety of vendor tables to visit, will be held at Cincinnati's Mercantile Library, which was organized in 1835 by the city's merchants and clerks. It is Cincinnati's senior library and one of the oldest cultural institutions in the Midwest.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007 will be what has come to be known by your local arrangements committee as "Lloyd Day." We begin the day there with continental breakfast, a welcome to the Lloyd and Cincinnati, and keynote speaker, John S. Haller, Ph.D, Vice President of Academic Affairs and History Professor at Southern Illinois University. Dr. Haller is the author of numerous books on the history of sectarian medicine, many of which were researched using Lloyd Library's extensive resources. He is also a member of Lloyd's Board of Directors. Dr. Haller will speak on the 19th century medical sect known as the Eclectics, whose distinction from others included medicines that were more highly concentrated botanical preparations than those advocated by the U.S. Dispensatory. His lecture will highlight the roles played by both Cincinnati and the Lloyd's founder, John Uri Lloyd, in its history. This will be followed by CBHL members' presentations,



The Lloyd Library, courtesy of the Lloyd Library and Museum.

business meeting, lunch, and tours of the Lloyd. Small groups will then be escorted back to the conference hotel, the historic art deco Hilton Netherland Plaza, via walking tours of downtown Cincinnati conducted by docents from Cincinnati Heritage Tours. The day concludes with dinner and a lecture in the Continental Room of the Hilton. Mark Blumenthal, Founder and Executive Director of the American Botanical Council will speak on the current state of herbal medicine and products. Your dinner will be provided through a generous gift from Procter & Gamble, some of whose employees working with botanical products will be in attendance.



The Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal, courtesy of the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning Department website.

The next day, Thursday, June 7, 2007 will be spent at the Cincinnati Museum Center. You will board buses at the Hilton and be transported to the Museum Center located in the historic Union Terminal. Originally built in 1933 as the Union Terminal train station, the building was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1977. In the late 1980s, the building was renovated and then reopened as Cincinnati Museum Center in 1990. It is the largest half-dome structure in the Western hemisphere. The day there will begin again with continental breakfast, introductions and welcomes, CBHL presentations, business meeting, and members' news. After lunch CHBLers will

be toured through the Cincinnati History Museum, the fascinating rotunda of Union Terminal, and the Cincinnati Historical Society Research Library for an exhibition of the remarkable Hauck Botanical Book Collection and other interesting displays of historical material, such as catalogs from regional seed companies. There is also scheduled time in the afternoon for optional activities from which you may choose a self-guided tour of the Natural History Museum, view a film in the newly renovated Omnimax Theater, shop in the gift shops, or merely enjoy wandering the beautifully landscaped grounds. Our day will end between 5:30 and 6:30 when attendees will be shuttled

back to the hotel and choose from a variety of excellent downtown, or regional, restaurants for dinner on their own.

Friday, June 8, 2007 begins with us boarding buses at the hotel for the Greater Cincinnati Civic Garden Center where we will again start the day with continental breakfast and introductions. Speakers Kevin Grace and Tom White, authors of *Cincinnati Cemeteries: the Queen City Underground*, will entertain us with a talk focusing on Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, a 733-acre arboretum, park, and the final resting place of many famous Cincinnatians.

The morning will continue with CBHL presentations and business meeting as well as a presentation on and tours of the Civic Garden



Greater Cincinnati Civic Garden Center, courtesy of the Greater Cincinnati Civic Garden Center website.

Center gardens, including the Hauck Botanic Garden. After lunch, we will board the buses for



A mausoleum at Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, courtesy of the Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum website.

Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum where we will be given guided tours of the grounds, either by foot or by tram. Then, it's back on the buses again to return to the hotel for a quick "refresh" before (sigh) back to the buses for a trip to the BB Riverboat docks in Newport, Kentucky where we will board an authentic riverboat for a cruise and our banquet, featuring Cincinnati favorite foods and entertainment by a banjo-playing expert on riverboat life. This, you won't want to miss!

There will also be two optional post-conference tours on Saturday, June 9, 2007. The full-day tour will take us to "Kentucky—the Lloyds' Backyard." The Lloyd brothers, John Uri, Nelson Ashley, and Curtis Gates, were raised in Northern Kentucky and there are several sites in the area with ties to the Lloyd family. The first stop will be Big Bone Lick State Park, home to some of America's oldest fossils. There we will have a short tour and history of the park, whose website touts it as the "Birthplace of American Vertebrate Paleontology." The Lloyd boys, especially John Uri, were well-acquainted with this prehistoric site where mammoths once roamed and they reportedly used mastodon teeth they found there to crack nuts. Later in life, John Uri and his son, John Thomas, were instrumental in forming the Big Bone Lick Association that ultimately helped

preserve the site as a state park. Next, we will travel to Crittenden, Kentucky, the site of the Curtis Gates Lloyd Wildlife Management Area, which claims one of Kentucky's oldest virgin tree stands. Curtis Gates inherited and purchased 324 acres of farm and woodland to preserve the old growth woods and other native botanical species. Before it came under the management of the Kentucky Wildlife Department, it was known as the Lloyd Library Botanical Park and Arboretum. We will do some botanizing there with Miami University professors Nicholas P. Money and Michael Vincent and have a picnic lunch. No doubt, we will also be regaled with some entertaining stories about Curtis Gates Lloyd, who was quite a character and whose amusing antics are often recounted by Dr. Money. After lunch, the buses will take us to Pleasant Hill, Kentucky for an afternoon touring Shaker Village, which, according to its website, is "America's finest, largest, and most completely restored Shaker community and living museum." After the tours, the day will conclude with a unique dining experience at the Village and then it's back on the buses to return to Cincinnati.

The half-day tour will be conducted by CBHL member Mary Ellen Armentrout, author of *Carnegie Libraries of Ohio: Our Cultural Heritage*. Mary Ellen will lead a small tour group to various regional Carnegie Libraries and impart her knowledge regarding them. The tour will conclude with a "Dutch" group lunch before returning to the hotel.

We are truly looking forward to showing off our eclectic and fascinating city and region, and we hope that you will all be able to attend. Our plans promise an experience unlike any other—so mark your calendars and make your plans to meet in Cincinnati, "the Queen City," "Porkopolis," or whatever in June 2007. Watch for your registration packet to come via mail in mid-February. There may also be an opportunity to register online this year—we're working on it! Get those registrations in; and see you in June!

From the President

**Susan Fraser, Director
New York Botanical Garden
LuEsther T. Mertz Library
Bronx, New York**

Winter 2007

Dear CBHL members,

As we enter into 2007 with a sense of renewal, it is good to remember that the CBHL community is one of support and encouragement. It is a good time to consider becoming more active in the organization. By joining a committee and sharing your vision and ideas with the membership you can make a difference.

The Board met in Cincinnati in early November. We spent a day at the Lloyd Library and met with this year's meeting hosts, Maggie Heran and Betsy Kruthoffer. Cincinnati is a vibrant and lively city and we were delighted to hear about the wonderful meeting plans Maggie and Betsy have put together for us. We can be assured of having another wonderful, productive and memorable annual meeting. Remember to check the CBHL website for all the current information on the annual meeting.

We owe Bernadette Callery a debt of gratitude for so ably managing the CBHL listserv for so many years. Gayle Bradbeer will now be managing the listserv in addition to her other CBHL responsibilities. Thank you both.

In the next few months we have the opportunity to make good progress on the work being done by the committees. Chuck Tancin and Kathy Crosby and other PAC (Preservation and Access Committee) members have been hard at work finalizing the surveys, so please take the time to complete them when they arrive in your mailbox.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Susan Fraser
CBHL President (2006-2007)

Board Meeting Report

**Gayle Bradbeer, Distance Support Librarian
Auraria Library
Denver, Colorado**

October 28, 2006, 9:00 am – 5:45 pm
Cincinnati, Ohio

In the morning the Board walked to the Lloyd from the Hilton Netherland Plaza hotel. It's a fascinating hotel, especially visually, and a nice stroll to the Lloyd. The Board met with our 2007 meeting hosts for about three hours in the morning, awed at the organization our hosts demonstrated. The Board hopes to add some tools to the meeting manual to help future hosts. We went through the budget, the schedule, and the speakers. There will be plenty of time for networking and lots to talk about, especially if you present a paper (the deadline to submit is February 1, 2007). The full minutes of the Board meeting will be published on the members-only section of the website. If any member is unable to access the minutes, after they are published, please contact the Secretary.

The Board meeting proper started with approval of the previous meeting's minutes and the Treasurer's report which shows we are a healthy organization. The Treasurer/Board is working on credit card payments for memberships and the annual meeting, investigating a financial advisor to determine if our cash/investment balance is prudent for a non-profit organization, and perfecting the accounting system. The Treasurer is now the official "registered agent" for CBHL in the tax filings with the State of New York.

Committee reports submitted by the committee chairs were received and discussed in detail. Here are some of the items discussed:

- The submissions for the annual literature award are proceeding well. The final deadline for submitting titles is in December 2006.
- The Archives Committee will be developing procedures for accessing the archives. When

completed, the committee will offer extra copies of the CBHL bibliographies to members via the electronic list.

- Please consider volunteering as a member of the Nominating Committee and play a role in finding our next President.
- The Public Relations Committee has been exploring a relationship with the Garden Writers Association and has had requests for our members to speak at their activities. The PR Committee would like to develop a mini speakers bureau in each region and complete the CBHL brochure to take advantage of this interest. Consider responding to their call.
- The Board thanks the ad hoc Resource Sharing Committee and it's outgoing chair for its service and completion of it's tasks. The committee is dissolved. Any remaining responsibilities will be taken on by existing standing committees.
- The Preservation and Access Committee will be sending out an electronic version (Zoomerang) of its survey of CBHL library holdings of seed catalogs, photos, art, etc. Please take the time to complete the survey.
- The electronic list continues to be a great aid to us professionally. Bernadette is surveying for a replacement as list manager. Gayle will take it on if no one else wants the experience. Leora will work with our webmaster Celine to develop a support system to copy-edit the web much like the newsletter.
- The major changing of the guard has been completed for the Publications Committee. A draft to handle the EBSCO Garden, Landscape & Horticulture Index™ contract changes and a disclaimer needed from authors about copyright has been sent out to the committee to review.
- Founders' Fund Travel Fellowship Award will be offered again. Look for the application in the Annual Meeting Packet.

- The Audit Committee report will be out after the end of the fiscal year in December.

More was discussed though many items require more information, which the Board will be pursuing before the next meeting via conference call. One of the major topics will be reviewing the strategic plan and its implementation through the committees and the Board. The Board will also be drafting a letter for our official representative to carry to the 14th EBHL meeting which will be held in Madrid, April 19-21, 2007.

Members' News

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**SHELLY KILROY, LIBRARIAN
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**Janet Evans, McLean Library Manager
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**McLean Library Accepted in CCAHA Advanced
Preservation Stewardship Program**

In 2007, we will work with staff at Philadelphia's Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) to develop and write a long-range Preservation Plan for the McLean Library to cover activities for the next 3 to 5 years. In addition, library staff will be able to attend CCAHA training workshops at no charge; and we will have an opportunity to apply for a \$5,000 matching grant to accomplish preservation goals.

New Exhibit in McLean Library

Flora of North America
January 16 - June 30, 2007

The *Flora of North America* is an ambitious publishing project to be completed in 2011 in 30

volumes. It presents in one published reference, information on the names, relationships, continent-wide distributions, and characteristics of all plants native and naturalized found in North America north of Mexico. This small exhibit in the McLean Library consists of selected volumes of the *Flora* as well as earlier American floras, field guides, photographs, collected plants, and a lesson plan. Its intent is to explain why, with habitat destruction and the fact that new plants are still being discovered, we need a 21st century flora for the North America region.

Class on Five Centuries of Botanical Illustration

In the fall, PHS's education department organized a well-attended three-part class "Five Centuries of Botanical Illustration" using books from our library. This class, taught by Dr. Alfred E. Schuyler, explored how botanical illustrations have communicated information about plants for medicinal, botanical, and aesthetic purposes. It was a highly-successful class and we hope to repeat it in the future.

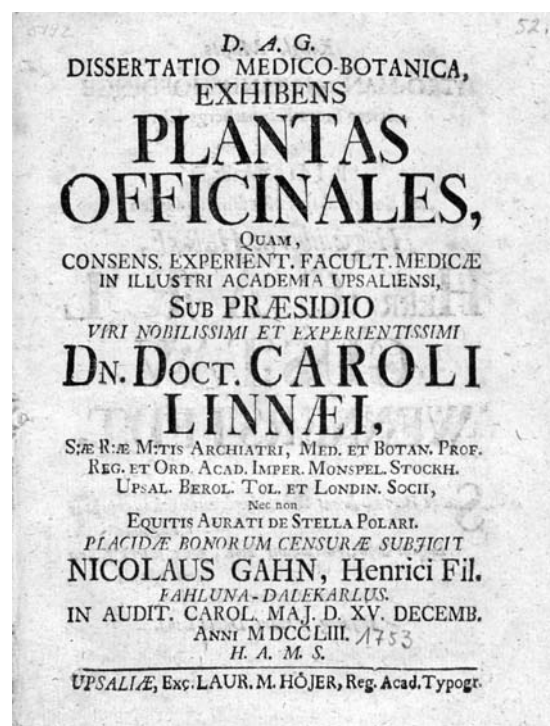
Information Services Librarian Hired

We are extremely pleased to announce that Elena Sisti is our new Information Services Librarian. Elena comes to us from the Riddle Memorial Hospital where she was the medical librarian. She has also worked at Philadelphia's University of the Sciences and Lansdowne Public Library. Prior to her librarian career she taught French and Spanish to grade school and high school students and English as a second language to adults.

Charlotte Tancin, Librarian Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation is digitizing all 186 Linnaean dissertations from the Strandell Collection of Linnaeana and making them accessible online in PDF format. These are the doctoral dissertations that were defended by students of Carl Linnaeus, with Linnaeus serving

as praeses. Unlike the common practice today in which doctoral students write their own theses and defend them, in 18th-century Sweden the respondents typically expounded and defended the ideas of the praeses. For this reason the Linnaean dissertations capture Linnaeus' thoughts on many aspects of botany, zoology, mineralogy, health, medicine, nutrition, and other topics. Access is from the Institute's databases web page at <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/HIBD/Departments/Databases.shtml>. Click on the database title "Original Linnaean Dissertations." As of this writing there are 118 PDFs online. There is also a page containing an introduction and brief summaries of the contents of each dissertation at <http://huntbot.andrew.cmu.edu/HIBD/Departments/Library/LinnaeanDiss.shtml>.



Plantae officinales. Defended December 15, 1753 by Nils Gahn (1733-1820). A pharmaceutical essay for Swedish apothecaries, and the first enumeration of medicinal plants with Linnaean Latin binomials. It provides three catalogues: (1) Plants of the *Materia medica* (ca. 580 spp.) with binomials, identifying the parts used medicinally, with directions for preparation and use of selected parts; (2) Native plants of Sweden, which should be used for medicinal needs rather than any imported material of the same species; (3) Plants that should be cultivated in Sweden to preclude any excuse for their importation.

**Christine Liebson, Librarian
The Herb Society of America Library
Kirtland, Ohio**

The Herb Society of America (HSA) Library has had some staffing changes this past year. Many thanks are given to Holly Ferkol for her years of friendly, excellent service to members at the Library of HSA. We all wish her good luck on her new job as Manager at the Willoughby Hills Public Library in Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

We are pleased to welcome Helen M. Tramte as the new Assistant Librarian and a new member of CBHL. Helen has had many years of experience at the Cleveland Botanical Garden (CBG), first as a garden intern, Assistant Horticulturist, Flowering Plant Indexer, and most recently as Librarian. Helen joined our staff in April of 2006. She brings a wealth of horticultural knowledge to our library services and we are thrilled to have her on staff.

In June 2006, the library made available to Society members a new tool for locating articles of the Society's annual journal, *The Herbarist*. The HSA Abstract Database includes citation information (author, title, pages, issue date) for *Herbarist* articles from 1985 to 2005 and abstracts of each article. The database is searchable by keyword and may be browsed by author and subject. Although the database is only available to HSA members, it is very helpful for staff use in locating articles of interest for reference inquiries from the public as well as members. We hope to add records for 1935-1984 to complete the full run of *The Herbarist* by 2008. The lead programmer and database designer for the project was Mike Meyers, mike@brightwatch.com, assisted by consultant and beta tester, Maureen Meyers, maureen.meyers@gmail.com. Abstracts were written by Christine Liebson, Maureen Meyers, and Jodie Lyons.

HSA's 2007 annual educational conference and meeting of members will take place May 3-5, 2007 at the Chaparral Suites Resort, in Scottsdale,

Arizona. Set your bookmarks to: <http://www.herb.society.org/confer.php> for upcoming information about speakers and events.

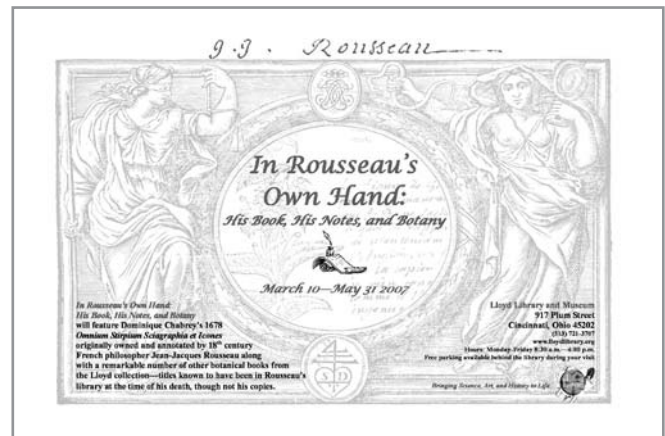
I am also happy to announce the birth of my second child, Jacob Elliot, born September 8, 2006.

**Maggie Heran, Director
Lloyd Library and Museum
Cincinnati, Ohio**

Lloyd Library's Grand Re-Opening Celebration

The Lloyd Library and Museum will commemorate several momentous events on Saturday, March 10, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at its Grand Re-Opening. Please join us as we celebrate:

1. the Library's updated, colorful, and inspired new look following a complete renovation of the first floor;
2. the discovery and verification that a volume once owned by Jean Jacques Rousseau, Dominique Chabrey's 1678 *Omnium Stirpium Sciagraphia et Icones*, has been in the Lloyd collection since at least 1893;
3. the Lloyd's first exhibition of contemporary botanical art in the newly remodeled conference room;



The celebration will include lectures, gallery talks, special guests, exhibitions, and a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and wines.

Our featured book exhibition will be “In Rousseau’s Hand: His Book, His Notes, and Botany.” It will display the Chabrey once owned and annotated by Rousseau, as well as a remarkable number of other botanical books from the Lloyd collection—titles known to have been in Rousseau’s library at the time of his death, though not his copies. Two lectures will complement this exhibition. Pierre Sotteau, Professor Emeritus of Miami University will speak on Rousseau’s copy of Chabrey; and, Rousseau expert, Takuya Kobayashi of the University of Neuchâtel in Switzerland who verified the ownership of the book, will speak on

Rousseau and botany, showing images of eight books verified as having belonged to Rousseau along with some of Rousseau’s herbarium specimens.

The Lloyd’s first exhibition of contemporary botanical art will feature works from the renowned Harper’s Studio of Cincinnati. Artists Charley, Edith, and Brett Harper will all have pieces on display in the exhibition. They will also be available for gallery talks after the Rousseau lectures.

This event promises to be one of the finest and most significant ever to be held at the Lloyd. Watch for press releases and announcements on our new website regarding these activities. Hope to see you there!



Contemporary botanical art from Harper's Studio of Cincinnati exhibited at the Lloyd Library and Museum, Cincinnati, Ohio.

James J. White
Curator of Art
Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation
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Hunt Institute Presents

**Virtues and Pleasures of Herbs Through History:
Physic, Flavor, Fragrance and Dye**

March 22 - June 29, 2007

Through history the virtues and pleasures of herbs have enhanced our daily lives and connected us to the natural world through all of our senses. Although botanists consider an herb to be a small seed-bearing, non-woody plant that dies back to the ground, for this exhibition we are using the broader horticultural description of any plant that is useful for many purposes. From the countless cultivated or wild herbs with overlapping applica-

tions, we have chosen a selection within the four categories of physic, flavor, fragrance and dye.

Each topic provides highlights of the usage of five herbs at specific points in history. For physic—comfrey, ginger, mint, sage, and thyme—herbs that were considered a panacea for health in ancient medicinal texts, those that continue to be used for their therapeutic properties as in earlier times, and those with components that are considered medicinally promising or now deemed toxic. For flavor—basil, coriander, fennel, garlic, and marjoram/oregano—herbs now used to enhance our culinary pursuits that were once only



Watercolor of variegated basil, lettuce-leaved basil, basil with oregano-shaped leaves and lemon balm by Marilena Pistoia (Italy, 1933-) published in Francesco Bianchini and Francesco Corbetta's *I Frutti della Terra* (1973, p. 205).
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Watercolor of mint with butterflies and moths by an unknown artist (18th century?).
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used symbolically, were reviled for their pungency, or were introduced from other cultures. For fragrance—lavender, monarda, rosemary, scented geraniums, and southernwood—herbs that were used for the first perfumes, as protectors from the plague, and as substitutes for imported teas following the Boston Tea Party. For dye—bloodroot, madder, saffron, tansy, and woad—familiar European herbs that were cultivated in colonists' kitchen gardens for everyday use in the New World and unfamiliar herbs about which they learned from Native Americans, those that were part of the powerful Italian dye and woolen guild systems, and those

that strongly affected economies and trade. All twenty herbs are illustrated by original watercolors and prints, rare books, or manuscript pages from the Hunt Institute's Art, Library, and Archives collections.

In conjunction with *Virtues and Pleasures of Herbs through History: Physic, Flavor, Fragrance and Dye*, the Hunt Institute will hold an open house on June 3 and 4, 2007. We will offer herb-themed talks, a guided gallery tour of the exhibition by our assistant curator of art, tours of our departments and reading room, and opportunities to meet one-on-one with our staff to ask questions and see items in the collections. We encourage everyone to consider visiting us during this open house. It will be a good time to see the



Watercolor on vellum of *Monarda didyma* by Pancrace Bessa (France, 1772-1835), published in Mordant de Launay and Loiseleur Deslongchamps's *Herbier Général de l'Amateur* (1824, vol. 7).

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Watercolor of *Tanacetum vulgare*, tansy by Richard Crist (United States, 1909-1985).

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new exhibition and an opportunity to have an inside look at our collections and our work. A schedule of events will be available soon on our website. We are looking forward to your visit.

The exhibition will be on display on the fifth floor of the Hunt Library building at Carnegie Mellon University. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. (except April 6-8, May 20 and 27-28). The exhibition is open to the public free of charge. For further information, contact the Hunt Institute at 412-268-2434.

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**Douglas Holland, Library Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
Saint Louis, Missouri**

New Digital Projects Cataloger

Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) Library is happy to announce the recent hire of Anna Vani, a new Digital Projects Cataloger. Anna was brought in specifically to wrangle some of the cataloging metadata issues associated with our Botanicus.org project. She is doing an excellent job of creating new records for our digital volumes, cleaning up our older records, and matching them all up with the Botanicus.org digital library site.

Progress of Botanicus.org

By the time you read this, Botanicus.org should contain more than a half million pages comprising more than 900 volumes. We are constantly working to improve functionality and the interface. All pages are now being served with zoom-able JPEG 2000 images, are fully text searchable, and page images can be viewed online or downloaded as high-quality PDFs. We really

welcome suggestions and criticisms and want to make the site as open and useful to researchers as possible. Write to me directly at doug.holland@mobot.org.

You can find the current list of nearly 700 titles the we have scanned or hope to scan at <http://www.botanicus.org/completelist.asp>. We are open to suggestions about other titles important to botanical nomenclature that we may have missed, or do not hold at MBG. We are also interesting in hosting content from any institution. If you have a scanned book you need hosted, or a rare book you would like scanned and are willing to temporarily lend to MBG, we have a turn-around time of about one week between the time we receive a book and when it is available online. Feel free to contact me to discuss any possibilities or thoughts, even wildly speculative ones!

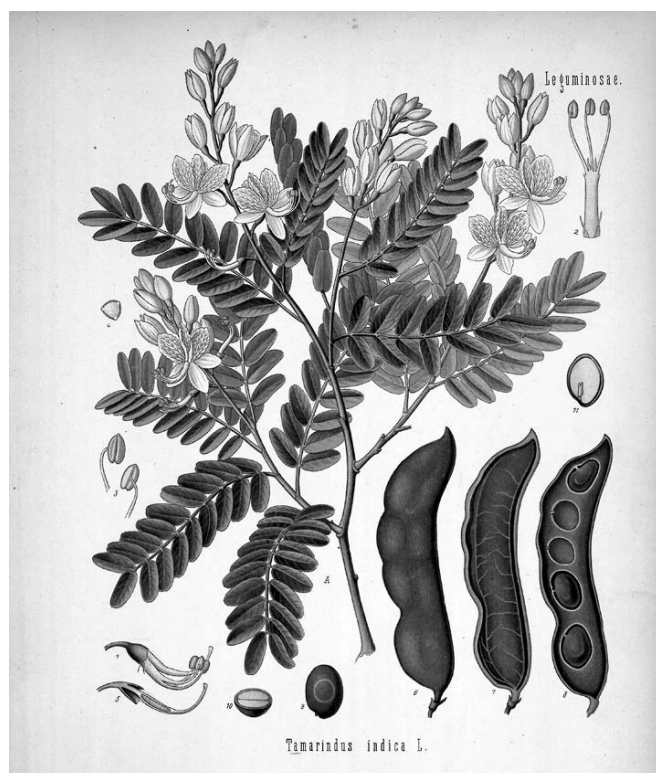
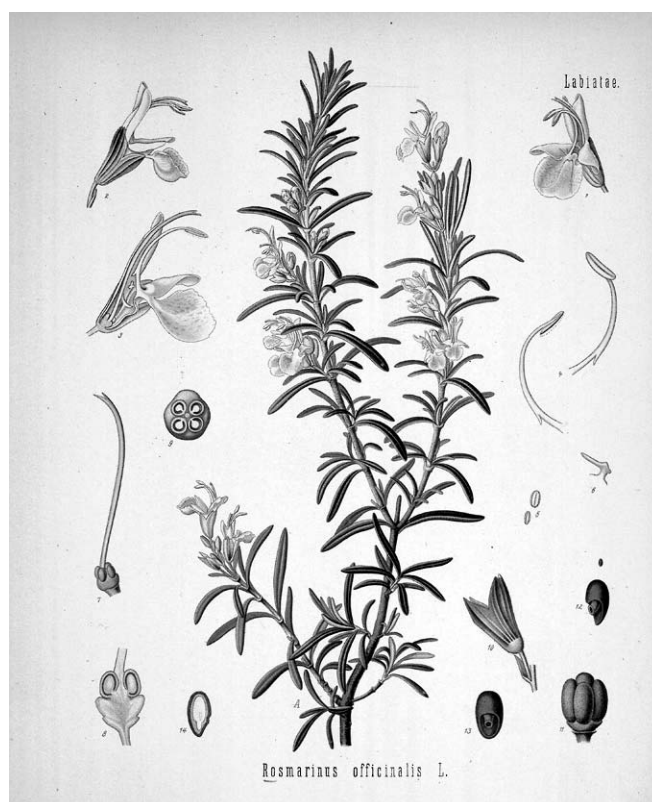
We are also interested in working with any professional society or publishing entity that is willing to let us host digital versions of their post-1923 publications. We are currently scanning only pre-1923 material to stay safely within the public domain, but have already seen some interest from professional societies that are anxious to have a free and open venue to host digital versions their back issues. All we need is permission! So if you are involved with any groups who may have an interest please have them get in touch with me directly.

**Patty Lindberg
Acting Director of Information Services
Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
Claremont, California**

New Publication

On behalf of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Allen Press has recently printed: *Monocots: Comparative Biology & Evolution (excluding Poales)* by J.T. Columbus, E.A. Friar, J.M. Porter, L.M. Prince, and M.G. Simpson (editors). The

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Illustrations from Köhler's *Medizinal-Pflanzen in naturgetreuen Abbildungen mit kurz erläuterndem Texte: Atlas zur Pharmacopoea germanica*, Volume 2 of 3; from left to right: *CAPSICUM annuum* L. 127 (*Capsicum annuum* L., cayenne pepper), Illustration of *ROSMARINUS officinalis* L. 122 (*Rosmarinus officinalis* L., rosemary), Illustration of *TAMARINDUS indica* L. 131 (*Tamarindus indica* L., tamarind), and Illustration of *CARYOPHYLLUS aromaticus* L. 125 (*Syzygium aromaticum* (L.) Merr. & L.M. Perry, clove), courtesy of the Missouri Botanical Garden Library's rarebook digitization project, <http://www.Botanicus.org>.

book contains 50 original scientific papers and is more than 700 pages in length. *Monocots* is published as volume 22 (October 2006) of *Aliso*, the journal of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, ISSN 0065-6275, in hard cover. It is copiously illustrated including several color plates. \$99.95

The volume and its companion, *Monocots: Comparative Biology and Evolution (Poales)* (to be published shortly as volume 23 of *Aliso*), contain papers presented at the Third International Conference on the Comparative Biology of the Monocotyledons ("Monocots III") and the Fourth International Symposium on Grass Systematics and Evolution ("Grasses IV"), as well as some contributions submitted subsequently for inclusion in the volumes. Hosted by Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California, the conferences were held concurrently in spring of 2003. Some 305 researchers and students from 37 countries attended.

The *Monocots* volumes present original, peer-reviewed papers on a wide range of monocot groups, and cover an equally wide range of topics including phylogeny, classification, biogeography, paleobotany, morphology, anatomy, palynology, development, molecular biology, and reproductive biology.

Susan C. Eubank, Arboretum Librarian
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Grant Received for Retrospective Conversion

The Arboretum Library is pleased to announce that we have received a multi-year grant totaling \$20,000 from the Marcia A. and George C. Good Family Foundation to be used for a retrospective conversion project. The Foundation funds "qualified charities who will use the funds in

California to help educational, health, and cultural causes."

The Arboretum Library will contract out the conversion and will use the criteria of existing Library of Congress call numbers, currency, and high use to pick a subset of items to create a core online catalog. This will also add our holdings for those records to OCLC's WorldCat and increase our participation in the OCLC interlibrary loan network. The seed money from this grant will give us a significant start on moving the library forward to circulating and to bringing our cataloging up to 21st-century standards. This is the beginning of a comprehensive project for full online connectivity. We continue to seek additional funding for that endeavor.

Dr. James W. Markham
Retired Librarian
University of California
Santa Barbara, California

Retirement News

After somewhat more than 20 years (June 1986-September 2006) of a split personality as Science/Atlas/German Cataloger, Biology/Marine Science Librarian, and German Librarian, at the University of California, Santa Barbara, I retired September 15, 2006. This was a second career, and my first and only library job. Twenty years as a librarian, all in Santa Barbara, contrasts with my first career in seaweed research as a marine botanist, which also covered about 20 years, but in seven places in four countries. I seem to have finally landed in a place to stay, and we will remain in Santa Barbara, except for trips every once in a while to our beach cabin in Oregon. I may become more involved with botany again, so I will think about CBHL. As a botanist, albeit an aquatic botanist, as well as a librarian, I have enjoyed the association with CBHL and the meetings I was able to attend. My new email address is jimella@cox.net.

**Larry Currie, Academy Librarian
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California**

Promotion

Lawrence Currie has been promoted to the position of Academy Librarian at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, where he has served as the Associate Librarian for User Services for the past 12 1/2 years. The Academy has been at a temporary location at 875 Howard Street for the past three years and will start moving back to its new facility in Golden Gate Park in early 2008. Information about the new Academy can be found at <http://www.calacademy.org/newacademy/overview.php>.

**Barbara M. Pitschel, Head Librarian
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San Francisco Botanical Garden
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Staffing Changes in 2007

We begin the new year with a bad news/good news mix.

We are sad to lose Associate Librarian Kathleen Fisher. Kathleen has worked with us for six-and-a-half years: four years as full-time associate, a year dividing her time between managing our online catalog project and coordinating associate librarian duties, and the past year working part-time with us and part-time at academic libraries, testing the waters for the next step in her career. The good news for Kathleen is that she has accepted a full-time position with Innovative Interfaces, a job that will combine exciting professional challenges with a work site only a few miles from home.

The good news is that former Assistant Librarian Jane Glasby has accepted promotion to our full-time Associate Librarian position. Many of you already know Jane, who originally began working

for us a couple of years ago as a temp substitute, and who has been job-sharing the second-librarian position with Kathleen for more than a year. We are indeed fortunate to be able to make such a smooth transition. Jane already knows the job very well. She is an exceptionally skilled librarian, who also has a masters' degree in computer science, a strong educational and practical art background, and a wicked sense of humor! She has been a CBHL member for the past year.

Personal News

This is not "library news," but I can't resist sharing with my dear CBHL colleagues that I'm a great-grandmother! On September 27, granddaughter Jennifer and her husband Chase gave us Ayden Anthony Medina, a cute, smiling little guy, whom we were delighted to meet during the holidays.

**Brian R. Thompson,
Curator of Horticultural Literature
Elisabeth C. Miller Library
University of Washington Botanic Garden
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George Waters' Collection Donated to Miller Library

George Waters, editor of *Pacific Horticulture* from 1976 through 1997, has donated his personal library of some 1,200 books, and several extensive runs of serials to the Elisabeth C. Miller Library. Highlights include a 1731 first edition *Miller's Dictionary*, "The New Naturalists" series, and numerous late 19th-century and early 20th-century titles combed from used bookstores throughout George's native England prior to his move to California in the 1970s.

In early December, Miller Library Manager Karen Preuss and I visited George's current home in Oregon City, Oregon, to box, load, and return with this magnificent collection. The process took two days and required some skilled maneuvering of the large, University of Washington cargo van

("other duties as assigned..."-Great job, Karen!). A two-day adventure, we used our one evening in Portland to explore Powell's Books and to have a delightful dinner with CBHL member Lisa Cipolla.

On the Web: Genetically Modified Plants, the Complete Darwin, and a Major Crop Site

STANLEY JOHNSTON
CURATOR OF RARE BOOKS
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In past columns we have occasionally noted sites dealing with the controversy over genetically-altered plants, often posted by skeptics or critics, so in order to give balanced coverage in this issue, we present several pro-biotechnology pages, posted, not surprisingly, by those involved in the industry. The widest-ranging is **Council for Biotechnology Information** www.whybiotech.com/, which features a positive spin on the subject, emphasizing the products' safety and coming up with news headlines worthy of tabloid newspapers in their sensationalism (even if true). It highlights items such as the promise of biofuels, cancer-fighting tomatoes, and new gene research which may lead to allergy-free nuts, as it provides access to the latest developments in the field. The council is composed of eight of the largest biotechnology and trade organizations.

Conversations about Plant Biotechnology

www.monsanto.com/biotech-gmo/asp/default.asp is Monsanto's site, which features news releases and videos promoting the latest developments in the field.

TreeBiotechnology.org

www.treebiotechnology.org/ focuses on how biotechnology can be used to help meet the growing demand for wood products by producing more wood on less land; contribute to sustainable forestry by improving plantation productivity and

reducing the need to harvest in natural forests; restore endangered tree species and protect forest species endangered by fungal pathogens and insect pests to which they have no natural resistance; increase wood quality and yield; create better lumber and pulp; and reduce the need for chemicals in the paper-manufacturing process.

NewCROP™ Homepage

www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/default.html is Purdue's site for its Center for New Plants and Plant Products and features a wealth of useful material. The CropINDEX is arranged as an alphabetical list of scientific and common names of plants. Clicking on a name brings up an entry citing the plant's family, its common names, and links to online articles dealing with the plant. CropSEARCH is a means of searching the database by keywords. CropMAP leads to a clickable map of the United States which, on the county level, provides information from the *1997 United States Census of Agriculture*, detailing total acreage by crop, number of square feet under class per type of crop, etc. Current Projects features classes, presentations, and online papers. CropREFERENCE provides an extensive bibliography. CropEXPERT provides a current directory of people working with a specific crop. There is also a section listing forthcoming meetings of interest, an email discussion group, a section providing plant quarantine information and phytosanitation permits for all countries, a Famine Foods database dealing with plants consumed in time of famine which are not normally considered as crops, as well as the usual series of external links to sites, databases, and libraries.

Thanks to Cambridge University Press, **The Complete Works of Charles Darwin** darwin-online.org.uk/ are now available online as both image and text files. The site also includes a brief biography, an extensive bibliography, and a search engine. It is complemented by **The Darwin Correspondence Project**

www.lib.cam.ac.uk/Departments/Darwin/ which currently provides online access to all Darwinian correspondence from 1837 to 1859.

Following along in an evolutionary vein, we turn to **Palaeos Plants: Chlorobionta: Land Plants** www.palaeos.com/Plants/default.htm, which details the evolution of plants in the different prehistoric periods with discussion of specific early plants.

Tropical Flowers Forum

www.tropicalflowersforums.com/ is a free open forum for anyone interesting in asking questions about or discussing tropical flowering plants; however, registration with a legitimate email address is required.

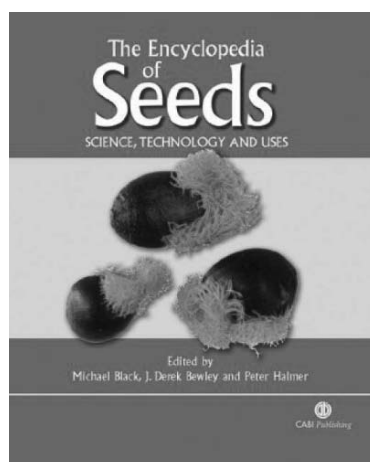
Finally, although **Youtube** www.youtube.com is best known for uploaded outrageous material, it also has a wide range of plant films covering a broad gamut of material. As a sampling, this column concludes with a strange entry entitled **Alien Plants** www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLk1qDPqx1g.

Literature Review

**Katherine Allen, Associate Librarian
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The Encyclopedia of Seeds: Science, Technology and Uses / edited by Michael Black, J. Derek Bewley and Peter Halmer. Wallingford, UK ; Cambridge, Ma : CABI, c2006. xiii, 828 p., [16]

p. of plates: ill.
(some col.), maps.
ISBN: 0851997236
(hbk.) \$350.00.



“Our goal in producing this encyclopedia is to provide comprehensive coverage of seeds – for the first time together in a single

volume.” —Preface. There is enormous value in having everything on seeds together in one volume, or even one set of volumes. Someday, that may happen.

Nearly 800 pages (not including the indexes) does cover a lot of ground, however. A network diagram maps out the major contents of the volume—about two dozen broad topics—including History, Reproductive Structures, Food Seeds, and Industry. The Encyclopedia’s 560 authoritative articles (contributed by 110 experts from around the world) cover major facets of seed science and technology, including basic biology of seeds; principles of sowing, processing, and storage; food and industrial uses of seeds; and the role of seeds in history and society.

Entries are arranged alphabetically and cross-referenced to connect related entries. They range in length from a single sentence to several pages. Many of the shorter entries are definitions of terms—over 650 are included. Many of the articles provide suggestions for further reading, including references to websites. Hundreds of illustrations and tables and nearly 100 color photographs of seeds add to the usefulness. The Crop Atlas Appendix provides an overview of world crop areas harvested, world commodity balances, major routes of the international grain trade, and seed contribution to the human diet in terms of calories/day.

The Encyclopedia of Seeds was published in mid-December 2006, nearly a year and a half after the manuscript was consolidated and cross-referenced, and almost four years after the first articles were received by the editors. That said, I happily discovered occasional references from the past few years, including 2006. The editors are to be commended for creating a cohesive whole from so many contributed parts.

The frequent use one would expect of such a reference book, coupled with the \$350 price tag, should result in a sturdier binding, or better yet, two volumes of wieldy size. I was frustrated to

find no entry for “Weeds” or for “Weed seeds” (we receive frequent questions about them). The index does cite “Weeds,” but lists 97 separate pages. I would likely give up and go find a book on that specific topic before going to each page! The cover has a beautiful close-up photograph of *Strelitzia reginae* seeds. I was further frustrated to find that the common name (the well-known bird-of-paradise plant) is not mentioned and one of the pages the index lists for *Strelitzia* has no reference to the plant.

While *The Encyclopedia of Seeds* is a very good place to begin one’s search for information on seeds, because it does gather articles on many aspects in one place, there are many wonderful resources that address specifics. A few of possible interest include:

Seeds: Time Capsules of Life, by Rob Kessler (artist) and Wolfgang Stuppy (seed morphologist for the Millennium Seed Bank at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew) has more than 250 absolutely

stunning close-up photographs and scanning electron micrographs and authoritative, well-written text (Papadakis; Firefly, 2006). 264 p., richly illustrated. ISBN (10 digit): 1554072212; (13 digit): 9781554072217. \$60.00. [For equally breathtaking photos, check out Kessler and Harley’s *Pollen: the Hidden Sexuality of Flowers*, Firefly, 2006.]

Seeds: the Definitive Guide to Growing, History, and Lore, by Peter Loewer (Timber Press, 2005). 229 p. ISBN: 0881926825 (pbk.) \$17.95.

Flower Seeds: Biology and Technology, edited by Miller B. McDonald and Francis Y. Kwong (CABI, 2005). 372 p. ISBN: 0851999069 (alk. paper) \$175.00.

Ball Culture Guide: the Encyclopedia of Seed Germination, by Jim Nau. 3rd ed. Batavia, IL: Ball Publishing, 1999. 243 p. ISBN: 188305219X (paperback). \$49.95.

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<http://www.iasummit.org/2007/>

March 28-31, 2007. Berkeley, Calif. Society of Ethnobiology 30th Annual Conference.
<http://ethnobiology.org/>

March 29-April 1, 2007. Baltimore. ACRL National Conference. "Sailing into the Future-Charting our Destiny."
<http://www.acrl.org/baltimore>

April 15-21, 2007. National Library Week.
"Come together @ your library."
<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm>

April 16-18, 2007. Washington, DC. 22nd Annual Computers in Libraries Conference.
<http://www.infotoday.com/cil2007/>

May 13-17, 2007. Chicago. AAM Annual Meeting & MuseumExpo. "Why Museums Matter."
<http://www.aam-us.org/am07/>

June 3-6, 2007. Denver. SLA Annual Conference.
<http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2007/>

June 5-9, 2007. Cincinnati. CBHL 39th Annual Meeting. "Eclectic Cincinnati: Legacies, Legends, and the Lloyds."
<http://www.cbhl.net/meetings/meetings.htm>

June 10-22, 2007. Charlottesville, Va. Historic Landscape Institute. "Preserving Jefferson's Gardens and Landscapes."
<http://www.monticello.org/education/gardeninstitute.html>

June 21-27, 2007. Washington, DC. ALA Annual Conference.
<http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/annual/2007a/>

June 26-30, 2007. Washington, DC. APGA National Conference. "Defining Your Garden's Culture." <http://www.aabga.org/>

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Hosted by The Lloyd Library
June 6-8, 2007
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Spring 2008
Grand Rapids, Michigan
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Hosted by The Missouri Botanical Garden
Missouri Botanical Garden Library
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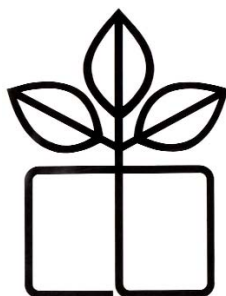
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