

American Horticulturist



An arch frames a Kentucky coffee, *Gymnocladus dioica*, growing in the ballroom yard at River Farm. For a schedule of Society-sponsored events, turn to page 10.

Society Presents 1985 Awards

The American Horticultural Society honored the achievements of several outstanding horticulturists at its Annual Awards Banquet, held September 14 in conjunction with the Society's 40th Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois. President Edward N. Dane presented awards to 15 individuals and firms.

The coveted Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal was presented to Ernesta D. Ballard, director of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) from 1963 until 1973, and president of that organization from 1973 until 1980. Under her leadership, PHS took over production of the Philadelphia Flower Show and developed it into an event that has received national and international recognition. Ballard also led the effort to raise money to plant 10,000 trees in Philadelphia parks, and to create a film about trees for the city's schools, among other Bicentennial-related projects. In addition, she directed the PHS celebration of its 150th anniversary with a two-day symposium on horticulture in the next decade and the next 150 years. Ballard also led PHS in the development of outreach programs such as a city garden contest and Philadelphia Green, both of which bring gardening within reach of all the city's residents. Ballard has served as a director of the American Horticultural Society, and has assumed a wide variety of other civic and community posts. She is the au-



Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal winner
Ernesta D. Ballard

thor of *The Art of Training Plants* and *Garden in Your House*, both published by Harper and Row. Ballard has received many awards in recognition of her outstanding contributions to horticulture, including the Arthur Hoyt Scott Garden and Horticulture Award, the Distinguished Achievement Medal from PHS and the George Robert White Medal of Honor from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

The G. B. Gunlogson Medal, which is awarded each year to an organization or individual whose creative use of home gardening has benefited people-plant relationships and the future of American life, was awarded to Charles A. Lewis. Lewis has been a lifelong advocate of community gardening and the benefits it brings to inner-city residents. From 1972 to 1976, he was coordinator of the American Horticultural Society's People/Plant Program, which sought to understand and identify the kinds of benefits associated with gardening. He has also served as an advisor for the New York City Housing Authority Garden Contest (1963-1972) and the Chicago Housing Authority Garden Contest from 1973 to the present. He has served on the board of the National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation Through Horticulture (NCTRH), and has written numerous articles on urban gardening, horticultural therapy and the benefits gardening brings to mankind. Currently, Lewis is a horticulturist and an ad-

ministrator of the Collections Program at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois.

The Society is pleased to announce the establishment of a new award that will recognize extraordinary and dedicated efforts in the field of horticulture—the Catherine H. Sweeney Award. No other individual has supported the Society more generously than Mrs. Sweeney, who best exemplifies the criteria for which the award is given. The Catherine H. Sweeney Award was presented to Janet Meakin Poor in recognition of her outstanding contributions as chairman of the Garden Club of America (GCA) committee that produced the much-needed reference work *Plants That Merit Attention*. Volume 1, published by Timber Press in 1984, is devoted to trees; additional volumes devoted to shrubs and herbaceous plants are also planned. Poor has served as chairman of the GCA's National Plant Exchange and Horticulture committees. Currently, she is corresponding secretary of GCA and a director of both the American Horticultural Society and the Chicago Botanic Garden. She also serves on the National Advisory Board of Filoli near San Francisco.



Janet Meakin Poor Claude Hope

The Commercial Citation for an individual was presented to Claude Hope, president of Linda Vista, S.A., a subsidiary of George J. Ball Seed Company, Inc. After working at the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction in Glenn Dale, Maryland, Hope served in the Army. He was stationed in Costa Rica, where he stayed after World War II to begin producing seed for double-flowered petunias with Charles Weddle. Eventually, the two men became pioneers in the production of F₁ hybrid grandifloras. Hope has also done much

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work with impatiens, and was instrumental in producing the Elfin series cultivars, which have since been developed into the Super Elfin cultivars. Today, Linda Vista, S.A., is one of the leading producers of F₁ hybrid flower seeds. Hope has received awards from the Society of American Florists, All-America Selections and Bedding Plants, Inc., as well as a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas Tech University.

The Commercial Citation for a firm was presented to Roger's Gardens, Corona del Mar, California. This seven-acre garden center is internationally recognized for its lavish demonstration gardens, which are spread throughout the sales area and around the periphery of the entire property. These gardens are designed to be educational as well as ornamental, and demonstrate the use of everything from bedding plants and large trees to a wide variety of California flora suitable for gardens in the area. Unlike many garden centers, Roger's labels plants with both botanical and common names. Roger's Gardens was chosen by WGBH Public Broadcasting Station in Boston to be the Victory Garden West for the 1985 Annual Victory Garden Program.

The National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation Through Horticulture (NCTRH) received the Society's first Citation for Horticultural Therapy. This citation recognizes the vital contributions this unique organization has made in developing the field of horticultural therapy. Founded in 1973, NCTRH publishes a newsletter, conducts annual conferences, develops regional workshops and seminars, and provides professional consultation as well as a resource and information service. It has also developed a professional certification process for horticultural therapists. NCTRH serves institutions and individuals at all levels of interest in the field of horticultural therapy.

Allen Lacy received the Society's Horticultural Writing Citation. Garden columnist for *The Wall Street Journal* since 1981, Lacy is an avid gardener and writer. He writes frequently for *American Horticulturist* and *Horticulture*, among other publications. His first book of gardening essays, *Home Ground: A Gardener's Miscellany*, was published by Farrar,

Straus and Giroux in April 1984. A second book, *Farther Afield: A Gardener's Excursion*, is scheduled for publication in April 1986. Lacy is a professor of philosophy at Stockton State College in Pomona, New Jersey.



Allen Lacy



Roy G. Thomas

Roy G. Thomas was the recipient of the Citation for Landscape Architecture. Thomas is a resident of Woodstock, Vermont, and a graduate of England's Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew. A recognized expert in the field of tropical resort gardening, he is a former superintendent of parks for the city of Hamilton, Bermuda. Currently, as director of horticulture for Rockresorts, Inc., he is responsible for the landscaping and maintenance of resort properties developed by Laurence S. Rockefeller and managed by Rockresorts, Inc., including Little Dix Bay in the British Virgin Islands; Caneel Bay, Inc., and Fountain Valley Golf Course in the American Virgin Islands; Grand Teton Lodge in Wyoming; and the Woodstock Inn and Country Club in Vermont. His work embraces island, mountain and desert environments.

The Citation for Local Horticulture was awarded to Ralph A. Bard, Jr., chairman of the board of directors of the Chicago Horticultural Society since 1979. The Chicago Horticultural Society, a non-profit membership organization, manages the 300-acre Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, Illinois, and conducts a research program as well as extensive educational programs. Six new gardens have been completed at the Chicago Botanic Garden during Bard's tenure as chairman, including a water garden, a bulb garden, an American prairie restoration, and a fruit and vegetable demonstration garden. In addition, a waterfall garden and a rose garden are under construction. Bard has led a dedicated board of directors and staff, as well as a large volunteer force, in the development

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The Society was especially pleased to honor Catherine H. Sweeney with the Meritorious Service Citation. A dedicated member of the Society's board of directors, she also serves on the boards of Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami; Pacific Tropical Botanical Garden in Kauai, Hawaii; Coolidge Center for Environmental Leadership in Beverly, Massachusetts; and World Wildlife Fund-US. Mrs. Sweeney is an enthusiastic horticulturist who maintains a collection of tropical plants in Florida. (See "The Kampong" in the February 1984 issue of *American Horticulturist*.) She has been awarded an honorary doc-



Ralph A. Bard, Jr.



Catherine H. Sweeney

torate from Wilson College and has received the Award of Merit from the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta.

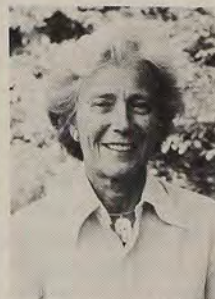
Myron Kimnach, curator and superintendent of the Huntington Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California, was awarded the Society's Professional Citation. Kimnach has participated in or led 18 plant-hunting expeditions to Mexico, the West Indies and South America during his career. In addition, he has published over 50 papers on cacti and other succulent plants. He has served as president of the International Palm Society and of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America. During his 22-year service at Huntington, a number of new gardens and important programs have been established.

World-renowned rhododendron expert David G. Leach was presented with the Scientific Citation. The author of *Rhododendrons of the World* Leach has also contributed to numerous books as well as both popular and professional horticultural publications. He was president of the American Horticultural Society from

1970 to 1974 and has served as director of both the American Rhododendron Society and the International Plant Propagators' Society.



David G. Leach



Jean Woodhull

Jean Verity Woodhull received one of two citations for Urban Beautification. A founding board member of the Cox Arboretum in Dayton, Ohio, Woodhull served on the Dayton City Beautiful Commission from 1970 to 1976, the Garden Club of America Board from 1973 until 1975, and the Dayton Greenway Committee in 1984. She has been a driving force in the effort to beautify urban Dayton, and remains an active member of the Garden Club of America.

F. Raymond Brush received the

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other Citation for Urban Beautification in recognition of his long and dedicated service at the American Association of Nurserymen (AAN). As secretary of AAN, Brush was involved in a wide variety of activities related to plant quarantines, pesticides, horticultural standards, research, nomenclature, trade practices, ethics and horticultural education. He has also served as administrator of the National Landscape Association, which is under AAN's management and provides management information and services for firms offering landscape design, installation and maintenance. Through his important contributions to AAN's programs, Brush has helped improve the quality of horticulture in this country.

Judith Garden was presented with the Teaching Citation. For many years, Garden was a successful commercial florist in New York City. After her retirement, Garden started the



F. Raymond Brush



Judith Garden

unique Fresh Flower Program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan. Garden teaches weekly classes in flower arranging to hospital patients, and each patient receives flowers upon entering the hospital. There are also flower arrangements throughout the public areas of the hospital. The program, which began in 1974, is supported by volunteers and contributions, and has been endowed in perpetuity by a grant from Enid A. Haupt.

National Garden Week

The American Horticultural Society has joined the National Garden Bureau in supporting legislation that would establish a National Garden Week. The week-long celebration would recognize the 43 million American households who garden, and would attract those Americans who need encouragement to garden. National Garden Week would be celebrated each year during the third week of April. Gardening demonstrations, community beautification projects and other garden-related events would bring gardening to the attention of all Americans. The legislation supporting National Garden Week is supported by 17 co-sponsoring organizations, including the American Horticultural Society, All-America Selections, American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, Men's Garden Clubs of America, National Junior Horticultural Association, Society of American Florists and American Association of Nurserymen.

The Senate has passed a resolution that would authorize President Reagan to proclaim a National Garden Week, but the resolution must still be passed by the House of Representatives. The National Garden Week resolution is in House committee,

and it must have 218 sponsoring congressmen before it can be introduced for a vote. All Society members who support the establishment of a National Garden Week are urged to write to their congressmen. By indicating your support for the National Garden Week resolution and mentioning the numerous benefits gardening brings to all Americans, we may all have a National Garden Week to celebrate in April 1986.

Board Nominations

It is time to begin thinking about nominations for the Society's Board of Directors election scheduled for the Annual Meeting in San Francisco, August 13-18, 1986.

Members are encouraged to submit names to the Nominating Committee, appointed by AHS President Edward N. Dane. Suggestions should be accompanied by résumés detailing the candidate's horticultural and/or professional interests, and should be addressed to the Nominating Committee in care of the Society.

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Now, however, we would like to let you know how our membership programs work. We depend heavily on direct mail to recruit and retain members. Here are answers to the most frequently asked questions about our direct mail and membership service activities:

Acquiring New Members

Several times each year we mail letters describing the Society's programs to people who may not be familiar with us. We send these recruitment packages to people on horticulture-related mailing lists procured from other organizations. Although we try to eliminate duplications so our current members do not receive any recruitment mailings, our computer catches duplications only when names match letter for letter. So if you're John Doe on our membership rolls but J. Doe elsewhere, the duplication won't be eliminated. If you receive such a letter from us, please pass it along to a friend who might be interested in joining AHS.

Mail Preference Service

Non-profit organizations often exchange mailing lists for fund-raising and membership purposes. To keep costs down, we participate in such exchanges. We also rent our membership lists to selected organizations. If you prefer that we not give your name out, please let us know by writing to Sallie Hutcheson in care of AHS.

Renewing Your Membership

To keep our membership level healthy, we send a series of renewal notices to members, starting several months in advance of membership expiration dates. When we receive your renewal payment, we enter it into our automated system. Once the payment is credited, we issue no more renewal notices, but sometimes your payment and your next renewal notice cross in the mail. If you have just renewed and you receive another notice, please disregard it. You can check the mailing label on your next *American Horticulturist* to make sure that your renewal payment has been properly credited. Your membership expiration date is at the top left on the label and reads year/month—for example, 8511 means your membership will expire in November 1985. A one-year renewal payment should change this date—in this case, to 8611. If you receive more than one renewal notice after you have paid, please notify us.

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Foreign Members

We must ask our foreign members to pay their membership dues with a check payable in U.S. dollars through a United States bank, or by an International Money Order payable in U.S. dollars. Unfortunately, the high fees charged by banks to convert foreign currencies into dollars have made



these steps necessary. Thank you for your cooperation; you are helping to keep our membership fees low.

Complaints, Questions and Loose Ends

For questions or comments about the following matters, please write or call the person whose name is given for a particular area:

Gift Memberships, Membership Programs, Missing Magazines/Newsletters: Sharon Barnes or Sallie Hutcheson.

Gardener's Information Service (including Plants Wanted): Ray Rogers.

Book Buyer's Service: Jeanne Eggeman.

Tours, Meetings, Symposia and Special Events: Robin Williams.

Seed Program: Steve Davis.

President's Council: Charles Huckins, Executive Director, or Edward N. Dane, President.

We all look forward to keeping you happy as a Society member!

—Connie Clark,
Membership Director

New Publications

• **Botanical Clubs and Native Plant Societies of the United States.** This useful list includes the addresses of over 60 native plant societies and botanical clubs in the United States. Prepared by the New England Wild Flower Society, it is updated every few months. To order a copy, send \$1.00 to New England Wild Flower Society, Inc., Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701.

• **Longwood Gardens Plant and Seed Sources.** Longwood Gardens has updated its useful guide to sources for plants grown at the Gardens. This 64-page booklet lists, by botanical name, over 2,000 species and cultivars grown at Longwood, as well as wholesale and/or retail sources for each. The booklet is divided into chapters on annuals, perennials, conservatory plants, herbs, vegetables, fruits and trees.

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1986 Awards Nominations

Members are invited to recommend candidates for the Society's 1986 awards, to be presented at the Society's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, August 13-18, 1986. The Awards and Citations Committee will meet soon to nominate individuals, and welcomes suggestions from the general membership. The Committee will be determining a roster of candidates for the Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal, the G. B. Gunlogson Award, the Catherine H. Sweeney Award and the Citations.

The Liberty Hyde Bailey Medal is the highest award the Society can bestow on an individual. To qualify for this award, an individual must reside on the North American continent and must have made significant contributions in at least three of the following areas of horticultural activity: teaching, research, writing, plant exploration, administration, art, business and leadership.

The G. B. Gunlogson Award is given to an organization or individual whose creative use of home gar-

dening has benefited people-plant relationships and the future of American life. The Catherine H. Sweeney Award is given in recognition of extraordinary and dedicated efforts in the field of horticulture.

Citations are awarded to individuals, firms or institutions that have accomplished something unusual and of national importance in one of the following ten areas of horticulture:

scientific, commercial, professional, teaching, landscape architecture, horticultural writing, horticultural therapy, local horticulture (in the Annual Meeting host city), meritorious service and urban beautification.

If you would like to suggest nominations for any of these categories, please forward the name(s) of your nominee(s), as well as pertinent biographical information, to the Awards Committee Chairman, in care of the Society, no later than October 31.

Plants Wanted

Members who are growing or who have access to any of the plants in this month's column are invited to help their fellow members locate seed, plants or cuttings of their "Plants Wanted" by writing directly to the addresses listed below.

Please send your "Plants Wanted" lists, including genus, species, common name and a brief description, to "Plants Wanted" in care of the Society. Please type or print neatly.

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The Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. Information: Conference, The Arnold Arboretum, The Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, (617) 524-1718.

SEPTEMBER 8-12

Association of Zoological Horticulture Annual Meeting

Columbus, Ohio. Information: Steven Beard, Columbus Zoological Gardens, 9990 Riverside Dr., Box 400, Powell, OH 43065, (614) 889-9471.

SEPTEMBER 11-14

American Horticultural Society Annual Meeting: "Plants & People"

Chicago, Illinois. Information: Sharon Barnes, American Horticultural Society, PO Box 0105, Mt. Vernon, VA 22121, (703) 768-5700.

SEPTEMBER 12-15

Walt Disney World "Gardener's Holiday"

Orlando, Florida. Information: Walt Disney World Co., PO Box 40, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830, (305) 828-1500.

SEPTEMBER 20

American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

American Horticultural Society, Mount Vernon, Virginia. Information: Ray Rogers, American Horticultural Society, PO Box 0105, Mount Vernon, VA 22121, (703) 768-5700.

SEPTEMBER 21

Berry Botanic Garden Plant Sale

Western Forestry Center, Portland, Oregon. Hours: Noon to 3 p.m. Admission: Free. Information: Mary Hoffman, 19766 S. Impala Lane, Oregon City, OR 97045, (503) 656-1575.

SEPTEMBER 22-28

Men's Garden Club Week

North Dekalb Mall, Atlanta, Georgia. Information: Eugene Boeke, Jr., 3039 Westminister Circle NW, Atlanta, GA 30327.

SEPTEMBER 22

Arnold Arboretum Plant Giveaway, Sale and Rare Plant Auction

Case Estates, 135 Wellesley Street, Weston, Massachusetts. Information: The Arnold Arboretum, The Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, (617) 524-1718.



The 3rd Annual Central Florida Lawn & Garden Show will be held at the Harry P. Leu Botanical Garden in Orlando, Florida. For details, see October 18-20 on page 11.

SEPTEMBER 28

Wildflower Symposium

National Arboretum, Washington, D.C. Information: Robert F. Lederer, Exec. Vice President, American Association of Nurserymen, 1250 I St., NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20005, (202) 789-2900.

SEPTEMBER 28

Long Island Horticultural Society 15th Annual Plant Symposium

Planting Fields Arboretum, Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, New York. Information: Henry Feldman, Vice President, Long Island Horticultural Society, 15 Sycamore Lane, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577, (516) 621-4851.

SEPTEMBER 28-29

Brooklyn Botanic Garden 75th Anniversary Conference

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, New York. Information: BBG, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11225, (212) 622-4433.

SEPTEMBER 28-29

1985 Harvest Show

Horticulture Center, West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Information: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106, (215) 625-8250.

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New York Botanical Garden 3rd Annual Symposium on Perennials: "Landscaping with Perennials"

The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York. Admission: \$65. Information: Cindee Howard, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458, (212) 220-8743.

OCTOBER 3-5

Conference: "Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes"

Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Information: Gene Capps, RSGL Registrar, Old Salem Inc., Drawer F, Winston-Salem, NC 27108, (919) 723-3688.

OCTOBER 4-6

1985 National Seed Conference

Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri. Information: Kit Anderson, Managing Editor, National Gardening Association, 180 Flynn Ave., Burlington, VT 05401, (802) 863-1308.

OCTOBER 5

New York Botanical Garden 3rd Annual Symposium on Perennials: "Landscaping with Perennials"

The Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. Information: See October 3.

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Arnold Arboretum and New York Botanical Garden Symposium on Perennials

State Laboratory of Massachusetts, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information: The Arnold Arboretum, The Arborway, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, (617) 524-1718.

OCTOBER 5

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Seattle, Washington. Information: Peter D.
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OCTOBER 10

**New York Botanical Garden 3rd
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 "Landscaping with Perennials"**

The Garden Center of Greater Cleveland,
 Cleveland, Ohio. Information: See
 October 3.

OCTOBER 10-14

ColorFall Flower Show

Springfield Civic Center, Springfield, Mas-
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 Horticultural Society, Horticultural Hall,
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OCTOBER 12

**New York Botanical Garden 3rd
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 "Landscaping with Perennials"**

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 October 3.

OCTOBER 12-15

**American Society of Landscape
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Cincinnati Convention Center, Cincinnati,
 Ohio. Information: Pam Jensen, ASLA,
 1733 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington,
 DC 20009, (202) 466-7730.

OCTOBER 18-21

Texas Rose Festival

Tyler, Texas. Information: Texas Rose
 Festival Association, PO Box 390, Tyler,
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OCTOBER 18-19

**Missouri Botanical Garden 32nd
 Annual Systematics Symposium:
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St. Louis, Missouri. Admission: General,

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September 7

(Rain Date: September 8)

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September 11-15

AHS Annual Meeting

Chicago, Illinois

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Harry P. Leu Botanical Gardens, Orlando, Florida. Information: Barbara Holt, Publicity Chairman, Frailey & Wilson, Inc., 837 N. Garland Ave., Orlando, FL 32801, (305) 422-4481.

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American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta Northeastern Regional Meeting

Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Information: Freek Vrugtman, Curator of Collections, Royal Botanical Gardens, PO Box 399, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3H8, Canada, (416) 527-1158.

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Hyatt Regency, Lexington, Kentucky. Information: NJHA, 5885 - 104th St., Fremont, MI 49412.

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 3

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The regulators were applied at rates ranging from 500 to 1,000 parts per million (ppm). Embark and Atrinal were applied at about the label rate of 2,500 ppm. The higher rates were generally more effective in reducing regrowth and increasing the time before retreatment was necessary. Embark caused some leaf yellowing and slight leaf cupping when used at high rates. Atrinal darkened the leaves slightly and stimulated axillary growth, which increased the

density of the growth. EL500 and PP333 compressed the growth somewhat, and some cupping and curling of leaves was observed; however, the growth remained attractive. Maintain also compressed growth but caused small leaves and deformed shoot terminals.

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Two Board Members Retire

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The Society extends its heartfelt thanks for years of good service to Mrs. Catherine H. Sweeney and Mrs. A. Lester Marks. Without the dedicated efforts of board members such as Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Marks, many of the activities of the Society would not be possible.

Society Formed

Crab apple enthusiasts will want to join the newly formed International Ornamental Crabapple Society. Individuals interested in becoming charter members are asked to make a special one-time donation of \$25 to help cover start-up costs. Membership grades and corresponding dues were determined at an organizational meeting held August 8 in Wooster, Ohio. To become a charter member or to request more information on this new organization, write International Ornamental Crabapple Society, c/o Dr. Thomas L. Green, The Morton Arboretum, Lisle, IL 60532.

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