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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1977

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*Left before end of 1977

Plant Sale — Before the Rush

The Herb Garden in Winter
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS 1977

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nineteen hundred seventy-seven has been an outstanding year in the history of Denver Botanic Gardens. It has been marked by a recognition by the Board of Trustees that a number of important projects needed to be done and that it would be necessary to go to the public for the funds to make them possible. As a result the largest fund raising campaign in the history of the Gardens was mounted and at the time of this writing is approaching what promises to be a successful conclusion. Details of this important effort are given below following a report of a number of official items.

There was a number of changes in the make-up of our Board of Trustees. We note with sadness the loss of two of our Life Trustees, Mrs. Ed H. (“Marnie”) Honnen and Dr. Robert L. Stearns, both of whom served the Gardens long and well almost from the beginning. We shall miss them immensely as associates, but their enthusiasm and inspiration will rest with us for many years. Changes which occurred at the annual meeting of the Board on January 24, 1978 included the election of Mrs. George H. Garrey as a Life Trustee. Retiring from the Board were: Mrs. John Brooks, Jr., Mr. O. B. Hahn, Charles Alemano, L. Kirkpatrick, Mr. James C. Owen, Jr., and Mr. Kenneth G. Wilmore. They have all been effective and valuable members of the Board for a number of years, and we are very grateful to them for their contribution. Newly elected at that meeting were: Mrs. Joseph (Holly) Coors, Mrs. William C. (Elaine) Jackson, Mrs. Thomas E. (Bea) Taplin, Mrs. James J. (Betsy) Tracy, Jr., and Mr. Don Elliott. We look forward to their joining us in this important public endeavor.

We regret that the Assistant Director, Glenn Park, recently resigned his post to enter business in California. We are grateful to him for the marked progress which has occurred during his tenure.

Our membership reached a new high of 3,088 as of year end. This is only a small increase over last year, and means are under study to acquaint more persons with the purposes and advantages of membership. As a member you can be very instrumental in enlisting the support of new members.

The attendance recorded at our main gate also reached a new high of 294,000, a 7% increase over last year. This is indicative of growing interest in the Gardens, and we hope that this can be translated into membership support in time.

As an agency of the City and County of Denver, The Gardens receives a major portion of its operating expenses from City funds. The allocation for 1977 was $529,000. A citywide policy of budgetary reduction for the year, on the average approximately 16%, dictated a serious reduction of personnel at a time when our expanding program was calling for additions in order to achieve desirable standards of maintenance, as well as to carry out planned improvements. Expenditures for supplies also were curtailed under this budget or required the use of privately raised funds which otherwise could have been used for capital improvements. The latter, of course, are the responsibility of the citizen Board of Trustees which has endeavored to “hold the line” to the greatest extent possible and conform to the spirit of the City’s conservative budget. Programs requiring capital expenditure or additional personnel have been avoided to a great extent during the year.

The operating financial statement of Denver Botanic Gardens, Inc., as distinguished from the City provided funds, reflects receipts of $185,613. Larger items were: public contributions of $43,062, plant sale proceeds of $77,362, and member expense, $51,483, grounds expense, $37,953, Chatfield Arboretum, $35,967, and general operations, $24,081. Disbursements exceeded receipts by $49,540, which reflects the need to supplement City provided funds, as mentioned above.

The need to supplement the City budget allocation for operating purposes has brought home the realization that private funds must be available when necessary requirements cannot be met from public sources. Consequently in an action that marked the resolve of the Board not only to provide this margin of operating support but also to meet a number of capital goals, a fund raising campaign was launched during the year to raise $1,500,000. Known as the “To Fulfill a Promise” Campaign, an effort, still continuing, was commenced under the leadership of Mr. J. F. Baxter, Chairman, and Mr. Richard A. Kirk and John C. Mitchell, Co-Chairmen. To date approximately ninety per cent of the announced goal has been raised. The response of many segments of the community, individuals, foundations, and corporations, has been very heartening. Support is still most welcome from any who have not yet been contacted.

The purposes of this campaign fall into four major categories: 1) the completion of the York Street Gardens; 2) the development of the participatory gardens in the York-Josephine Street area; 3) Chatfield Arboretum development; and 4) an addition to the Endowment Fund. Completion of the York Street Gardens involves two prominent gardens, the Rock-Alpine Garden and the Japanese Garden. The Rock-Alpine Garden construction has been funded by a $110,000 grant from the Gates Foundation, and should be under way in the spring of 1978.

The Japanese Garden has been designed by Professor Koichi Kawana, a native of Kyoto, Japan, now on the faculty of the University of California at Los Angeles, but execution of the plan must await funding. Funds to the extent of $250,000 in the campaign goal have been allocated for this project, and it is hoped that sufficient money will be raised to commence construction in 1978. Some members of the Japanese community are seeking to elicit support from that group, and a number of individuals, including the Ikebana International membership in Denver, are interested in helping to provide an example of this beautiful garden art form for this area.

In addition to a deep well to furnish untreated water for the gardens and the waterways, a particular need in times of water scarcity, which has been funded by a contribution of the Associates of Denver Botanic Gardens, the other major item in the campaign for the York Street Gardens is an orchid and bromeliad display house and special greenhouses for these rapidly growing collections.

The area between York and Josephine Streets, roughly from Tenth to Eleventh Avenue, to the north of the existing parking area, has been designated for participatory gardens for handicapped persons, senior gardeners, and children, all of whom cannot be accommodated at the existing Children’s Gardens. This project, estimated at $250,000, has been partially funded by grants from the Adolph Coors Foundation and the Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation. Presently there are several rental properties on this land.

Development of the new Chatfield Arboretum will receive a welcome stimulus if the campaign goals are reached. A Master Plan for this arboretum recently has been accepted by the Board and promises an exciting and interesting additional unit for...
Denver Botanic Gardens. This project was discussed at length in the 1976 Annual Report and remains a very important long-range program. An area large enough for extensive tree plantings and testing, it will provide an additional dimension to our service to this entire area. The amount, allocated to Chatfield is $200,000.

The planned addition of $500,000 to the Endowment Fund of Denver Botanic Gardens will increase the capacity of the present small fund to produce income to supplement operating funds when needed or to provide a margin of excellence in our maintenance. It is hoped that the existence of this fund, although still quite small, will be emphasized, and interested persons will be reminded to add to it over the years through additional gifts and bequests.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I wish to here record our continuing gratitude to the Mayor and City Council, to the Manager of Parks and Recreation and his staff, to our own loyal staff, and to the hundreds of volunteers, who all are responsible in one way or another for the progress which we are making. The thousands of hours of volunteer time which have been contributed by the Associates, the Guild, the Around the Seasons Club, and the Garden Club of Denver members are essential to the development of the Gardens and to our overall program.

In the current year, 1978, it is hoped the campaign can be concluded successfully and that a number of the projects it has been designated to fund will be under way.

John C. Mitchell
President

DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
1977

Looking ahead to the fulfillment of promises made for the future of Denver Botanic Gardens, during 1977 we of the staff spent much time with the trustees in planning. Along with this, in spite of cuts in employees due to a slashed budget, much has been accomplished in the day to day work of planting, testing, building, and serving the public with beauty to observe, advice on horticultural problems, and educational classes and meetings. The Director is proud to outline in the following pages what has been done during the year 1977 and is grateful to all of those involved — City and County officials, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Board of Trustees, the membership, the dedicated volunteers, and the staff.

Dr. William G. Gambill, Jr.
Director

Construction and Development of Physical Facilities

During 1977 the irrigation system started in 1976 was extended to include a number of flower beds, the Home Demonstration Garden, the Lilac Garden, the Hildreth Garden mound, and the Juniper Collection. Repairs and adjustments were made to the irrigation system in the Herb Garden as well as in several other parts of the Gardens. This work was done in 1977 as well as in other years by the maintenance workers of the Gardens under the direction of Mr. Jerry Lehr, maintenance repairman.

The pergola around the Herb Garden was completed during the year, and the gazebo at the northeast corner of the Herb Garden will soon be finished.

Harmon, O'Donnell and Henninger Associates, Inc. started a master plan for landscaping and planting at Chatfield Arboretum. The Colorado Forest Service contracted to cut down weeds there and the Army Corps of Engineers paved a walkway in the Arboretum to serve as the basis for a self-guided tour when plantings are done. A grant of $58,000 from the Colorado State Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation was made to the Arboretum in 1977.

The very important matter of the development of the water resources at Chatfield is being undertaken by W. W. Wheeler Associates. Already a state permit to drill a replacement domestic water well has been received. Apparently some existing water wells may be re-drilled to develop a larger supply of water. Irrigation water will continue to be a major problem. The drilling of new wells and the utilization of the water from Deer Creek are matters to be settled in the future by adjudication.

Grants from the Colorado State Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation will be used to start developing the land between York and Josephine Streets and between 10th and 11th Avenues, all of which except for one parcel of land, is now owned by Denver Botanic Gardens. Plans developed in 1977 for this area call for a green oasis, a community garden, a garden area each for senior citizens, the handicapped, young people, and families. A mini-park, with a picnic shelter, a fountain, tables, and a turf area will also be included. Two other areas will be developed — a small solar greenhouse and a parking lot for handicapped. When completed, this area will be a noteworthy extension of Denver Botanic Gardens' services to the Denver community.
The generous bequest of the late Pauline Roberts Steele of 30 acres of land northeast of North Table Mountain near Golden will enable Denver Botanic Gardens to develop another display area of native vegetation.

Plantings and Acquisitions

Spring of 1977 arrived early without extremes in temperatures and no late snows or freezes. The spring bulbs (over 17,100 tulips and 7,200 hyacinths) did very well. The narcissus started in February (along the conservatory) and continued into early April, with beautiful displays of flowers.

This year woody plantings were concentrated on the mound to the south of the greenhouses and in the Lilac Garden. The mound was designed to demonstrate low junipers interspersed with dwarf flowering shrubs and other low evergreens. The juniper collection consists of 34 cultivars. These were planted in groups of three to 25 of each. The low types were planted along the sidewalk, the taller plants higher on the slope, and the upright kinds on the back slope. Blue, green, and mauve types were alternated to give a pleasing aspect in winter as well. The total of junipers planted reached 416.

In addition, a small collection of Chaenomeles was interspersed with the junipers. Fourteen cultivars were planted, ranging from five to 16 of each kind. One hundred twenty-four plants were placed. Three cultivars of Taxus and three of Mahonia were planted on this berm, along with two cultivars of Viburnum and two cultivars of Potentilla. One of the Potentillas is a white-flowering sport of Potentilla fruticosa 'Katherine Dykes'.

A dwarf pine (Pinus densiflora Sieb. and Zucc. umbraculifera Mayr.) and a mock orange (Philadelphus coronarius L. aurea Rehd.) complete the plantings to date. All of these miscellaneous kinds amounted to 323 plants.

The Crape Myrtle collection now totals 28 varieties and 136 plants with the addition of two new varieties this year. Another collection installed this year was the Spirea group. This consisted of 30 varieties and 110 plants. Both of these collections now enhance the south side of the east-west walk that parallels the Conservatory.

The Lilac Garden is another major space which was planted this year in the southwest portion of the grounds. This area consists of two sloping banks that face each other across a flat center area. A sprinkler system installed in 1977 will provide irrigation to two flower beds, several grass pathways, and a drip system of irrigation for the lilacs. The sod has been installed and steel edging placed alongside it on all the grass pathways. Thirty-four kinds of lilacs have been planted in the center area this year. These are all cultivars of Syringa vulgaris L., commonly known as French hybrids. The garden will eventually have 53 kinds, ranging in flower color from white to deep reddish-purple.

An addition to the Rose Garden this year was a small collection of miniature roses, 13 cultivars which totaled 146 plants. In addition eight kinds of miniature tree roses were interspersed among the lower plants.

A total of 140 roses representing 35 varieties was planted in the All-American Rose Selection beds during the year. They will be retained for two years. The Denver Botanic Gardens is one of 26 gardens used for testing the nominees for All-American Rose selection.

Over 20 other species and cultivars were planted in various locations around the Gardens to complete the plantings for 1977.

As to herbaceous plantings, over 45,000 plants of annuals (bedding plants) again dominated the scene. The major theme this year was an Indian motif reflected in some of the flower bed designs. The comments were very favorable as to the beauty of these displays.

Forty-five new varieties of annuals were tested this summer. Basic groups included were ageratum, alium, asters, begonia, calendula, cosmos, dianthus, geranium, marigold, petunia, portulaca, salvia, snapdragon, verbena, vinca, and zinnia.

Two of the new ageratum varieties are worthy of mention Biscay and Blue Danube (also listed as Blue Puffs). Biscay is a taller variety 8-10" with mounds spreading up to 14" and Blue Danube is a shorter 4" variety with 9" mounds. Both are heavy bloomers. Aster 'Pinocchio' has mixed colors of white, red, light pink, purple, rose, and yellow. It is a late summer bloomer. The compact mounded plants are 10" high and are covered with tiny 1" dahlia type blooms.

The hybrid geraniums (seedling grown) have increased in popularity, and ten new ones were tried in 1977. Geranium 'Sprinter' was outstanding and was used extensively in the flower beds. As they become better known, their popularity should increase even more.

The Dahlia Garden received a major overhaul this year. Many new dahlia tubers were purchased (252) and the Dahlia Society donated others for a total of 359 plants. This made a spectacular display in late summer and early fall.

A cutting garden was attempted this year, primarily for the Around the Seasons group to use at the fall Christmas sale. Late planting caused mixed results. A perennial trial area was planted in September in this location. About 118 perennial species and cultivars were planted.

The Hemerocallis garden, with both tetraploid and diploid plants, furnished spots of color over a long blooming period, which extended from the middle of May to fall. Varieties in the diploid section which attracted attention in 1977 were: Ed Murray — a small flower, very deep red; Irish Conquest — a tall yellow with a green throat; and Jersey Peach. In the tetraploid area of the garden Rocket City, Chicago Full Moon, Mary Todd, and Mountain Violet were notable.

During the year 280 iris varieties were added. Tall bearded species account for about half, the others being divided among miniature and arilbred bearded. This planting completely replaced the original Iris Display Garden, consequently the Iris display in 1977 was not as showy as it probably will be in 1978.
In the Gladiolus Garden more than 6000 corms were planted during the year. These were in addition to the All-American test garden west of the Conservatory. Red Freckles, Little Sweetheart, El Toro, and Night Owl were All-America choice bulbs of notable beauty. All bulbs planted were a gift of Selected Glads, Inc.

As summer waned, a large bed of flowering kale and flowering cabbage was planted along the sidewalk by the east entrance gate. This planting received the most comment of any of the flower beds. It was quite striking by September and the plants were attractive until November.

Twenty-seven flower beds made the total for this past summer.

The Demonstration Vegetable Garden was planted heavily this year. Most vegetables grew very well; only the corn, potatoes, and tomatoes performed poorly. There were 14 kinds of snap beans, four of beets, ten of cabbage, six of carrots, seven of corn, ten of cucumbers, four of eggplant, seven of lettuce, six of muskmelon, eight of peas, ten of peppers, six of radish, nine of summer squash, four of winter squash, and 22 of tomatoes. Some of these vegetables were grown in hanging baskets or containers. A row of dwarf apple trees was planted along the east side of these gardens and will eventually be espaliered.

The receipt by the Conservatory of the extensive bromeliad collection of the late Walter R. Smith of New Orleans was an event of major significance for the Denver Botanic Gardens. Through the generosity of Mrs. Miriam Smith the conservatory and greenhouses now can show many genera and species of bromeliads not before present in the collection. Mr. William W. Harris presented the Gardens with a nearly complete collection of the bromeliads of Guatemala. The two collections numbered 1325 plants as of December 31.

Significant numbers of orchids from Dr. George Kennedy and from Mr. and Mrs. William Thurston have added 524 plants to the orchid holdings.

Ground covers added in the Conservatory in 1977 made an additional attractive display.

**Flower Displays**

Flower displays arranged by members of the Conservatory staff were especially outstanding in 1977. Visitors to the Conservatory are always entranced by the flower arrangements in the Lobby Court. These displays form the first impression of the Denver Botanic Gardens for everyone who visits the Conservatory building. For many, who come just for meetings or classes, they are almost the only impression of the Gardens and hence are of great importance in their impact. However, these are only a part of the displays. Attractive flowers are always to be seen in the offices and public rooms in Botanic Gardens House and in the Helen Fowler Library. Special exhibits are always set up for groups which have affairs in Horticulture Hall.

Displays in 1977 in the Lobby Court were ushered in by a fragrant collection of spring bulbs which scented the whole area. Adding visual beauty as well as perfume in the early spring exhibits were tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, scilla, muscari, aconites, and snow drops. Spanish, Dutch, and English iris stood tall to catch the attention of the viewers’ eyes.

Begonias, when on display, featured many tuberous varieties as well as fibrous rooted Reigers from Germany. In shades of pink, red, and yellow they flaunted their beauty in their turn. Lilies on display during the year started before Holy Week when white Easter lilies formed part of an attractive lay out.

**Plant Give-Away**

Attendance at the Plant Give-Away on May 14 and 15, 1977, more than doubled that of the affair in 1976. Denver Botanic Gardens members carried away 780 free plants during the event.
Plant Sale

Managers of the 1977 Plant Sale, held May 6 and 7, estimated that more than 20,000 people attended. Four abreast, the queue waiting for the 10 a.m. opening on the first day of the sale stretched from the east entrance down York Street and on to Ninth Avenue.

Many people in the metropolitan area wait each year until the Denver Botanic Gardens plant sale gives them an opportunity to buy high quality plants for their gardens. Useful as the sale is to the Associates to raise funds for the activities of the Gardens, the sale is also an opportunity for people to become aware of the many services provided by Denver Botanic Gardens.

Seeds Exchange

For the second season the Denver Botanic Gardens distributed its Index Seminum to several European countries including the Soviet Union. Approximately 60% of the recipients returned the favor. The Gardens provided three taxa of bulb seeds to the American Horticultural Society for its annual distribution. The exchange of seeds between botanic gardens is an old tradition and is certainly one of their important functions.

Children's, Youths', and Adults' Gardens

The program for children at the Ruth Porter Waring Children's Garden completed its 18th year with a total of 53 children participating. Early in September more than 125 parents and friends saw those children receive diplomas.

Because of the depleted soil -- worn by 18 years of heavy gardening -- the staff decided to let this area lie fallow in 1978 for at least one growing season except for green manure cover crops.

At the Barrett Elementary School Garden 42 children participated in the program. The teacher was Mrs. Judy DiCroce. The Bell Plumbing and Heating Company made a generous contribution to the Barrett School Garden by moving the meters and controls of the watering system to an area where they can be controlled better.

The Youth Gardens program at Eleventh Avenue and York Street was continued in its second year. Thirty-five adult gardeners cultivated a section of this land which had been set aside for them.

Mr. Lee Schwade and Ms. Beverly Nilsen of the Gardens staff coordinated all of these garden programs. Mr. John Brett acted as instructor. Mrs. William C. Jackson took charge of the Experimental Garden.

Education Program

Even though ten more classes were offered in 1977 in the Education Program of Denver Botanic Gardens than in the previous year they still were over-subscribed with many on waiting lists. The classes covered a wide range of subjects providing some for every interest. Most of them numbered at least 20 students, though a few were limited to 15.

Classes taught were: Landscape Horticulture (Mr. Rollinger and Mr. Watson), Conifer and Flowering Plant Taxonomy (Dr. Denham), Indoor Light Gardening -- two classes -- (Mr. Davis and Mr. Riley), African Violet Workshop (Hi Hopes Study Club), Carnivorous Plants (Mr. Woodward), World of Palms (Mr. Pierce), Bread Baking -- four classes -- (Mrs. Price), Basic Mushroom Identification (Mr. Grimes), Dried Flower Arrangements (Mrs. Kosanke), Meet the Grasses (Dr. Zeiner), Field Taxonomy (Dr. Denham), Vegetable Gardening (Mr. Schwade), Fun with Herbs -- two classes -- (Mrs. Falkenberg), Rose Symposium (Rose Society Members), Tofu, Granola, and Sprouts (Mrs. Price), Starting Plants from Seed (Mr. Schimming), Edible Wild Plants (Miss White), Macrame, Plant Hanger Workshop (Mrs. Kunish), Patio Totems -- two classes -- (Mr. Latta), Botanical Illustration (Dr. Wingate), Beginning Beekeeping (Mr. Washecka), House Plants as Ground covers (Mr. Pierce), Summer Lawn Care (Mr. Schwade and Mr. Wecal), Rose Beads (Mrs. Clifford), Techniques of Collecting and Drying Flowers in Silica Gel (Mrs. Kosanke), Winter Pruning Tips (Mr. Park), Go Vegetarian, Italian Style Seed Exchange (Mrs. Price), Basic Propagation, House Plant Culture, and Plant Groups (Mr. Pierce), Chrysanthsanthemum Culture (Mrs. Collins), Waterwise Gardening (Mr. Rollinger and Mr. Watson).

Instructional Field Trips, in addition to Plant Identification Field Trips conducted by Dr. Brunquist from March through September, included: Tour of Elitch Gardens Greenhouse (Ms. Goeders), Field Trip to Mrs. Shepherd's cabin (Mrs. Shepherd), Tree Walk in Boulder (Mr. Robertson), Field Trip to Mushroom Farm (Mr. Wardle), Conservatory Tour -- Plants of the Bible (Mrs. King), Field Trip to Plains Conservation Center (Miss White), Field Trip to Pawnee Grasslands (Mr. Pease), Grass Field Trip (Dr. Zeiner), Field Trip to Colorado Springs (Mr. Long), Field Trip to Mt. Goliath -- three classes -- (Mrs. Shepherd), Field Trip to Roxborough Park (Dr. Wingate), Field Trip to St. Mary's Glacier (Dr. Gambill), Field Trip to Hoosier Pass (Dr. Denham and Dr. Wingate), Field Trip to Deckers (Mrs. Shepherd and Dr. Wingate).

Mrs. Litschel conducted two classes for children on Pottery and Plants. Tropical Plants of the Conservatory -- two classes -- were taught for prospective guides by Mrs. Hayward. Guides from these classes led tours for 7,375 people during the year. Eight free films were shown to an average attendance of 22 people.

Student Intern Program

Two high school interns served terms at the gardens, Joan Narverud from Abraham Lincoln High School in Denver from January to May and Kevin Jenkyns from South Denver High School from September to mid-January, 1978. Joan later was hired to work in the Gardens for the summer. From Metropolitan State College came two college interns for the summer months: Joyce Deming and Ron McLellan.

Use of Facilities

Visitors to the Denver Botanic Gardens in 1977, as recorded by the turnstile at the East Entrance, numbered 294,293 -- an increase of nearly 20,000 over 1976. Scheduled meetings, lectures, and shows in Horticulture Hall attracted 10,858 persons. Attendance at classes and meetings in the classrooms of the Education Building totaled 10,508. Almost 3500 people came to meetings in Botanic Gardens House.
The annual membership dinner, the Rose Symposium, the Gladiolus and Dahlia Bulb Sale, Historic Denver Garden and Terrace Tour, the membership Plant Give-away, the Colorado Water Color Exhibition, the award party for Dr. Brunquist, and the Children's Garden Graduation Exercises were each attended by several hundred persons.

Estimates based on sales indicated that more than 20,000 visitors crowded the grounds and buildings on May 6 and 7 for the Annual Plant and Book Sale. Thousands were attracted to each of the following: Denver Orchid Society Show, African Violet Show and Sale, Iris Society Show, Colorado Mycological Society Fair, Denver Bonsai Show, 4-H Fair, Gladiolus Society Show, Rocky Mountain Succulent Society Show, Colorado Potters' Guild Show and Sale, Gift Shop Christmas Sale, Audubon Society Exhibition and Sale.

Two long-time members of the Editorial Committee were lost in 1977. The death of Mrs. Pauline Roberts Steele removed a worker whose charming sketches had graced the pages of the magazine for many years. Ms. Suzanne Ash resigned from the Editorial Committee. Her talents as artist and writer will be missed.

The Green Thumb Newsletter appeared monthly under the editorship of Miss Margaret Sikes, Education Director. A regular article on gardening written by Dr. J. R. Feucht accompanied information about the activities of Denver Botanic Gardens in each issue of the newsletter.

Dr. Janet Wingate served as editor of The Jolly Green Gardener for the year. This publication was designed for the young people working in the Children's Gardens. Ms. Beverly Nilsen acted as consultant for this project.

**Helen Fowler Library**

During the year 1977 a micro-film reader and printer was added to the equipment in the Helen Fowler Library. This machine is a real asset to the Denver Botanic Gardens, since it permits the use of much material not before available.

Books added to the collection in the library totaled 746 (including 297 volumes donated) bringing the total collection of books to 7788. More than 5500 books and 451 pamphlets were circulated. Visitors came to the library in the number of 29,403 and 9470 of them used the services and facilities in some way. Staff members of the Denver Botanic Gardens used the library reference material 1311 times.

Without the help of volunteers who put in 4344 hours of work, the services of the library would be severely curtailed. These volunteers and the librarian answered 1751 telephone requests for information.

New memberships in the Denver Botanic Gardens originating in the library numbered 333.

Much of the income for purchase of new books for the library comes from the annual sale of books held each spring in connection with the plant sale. The Associates of the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Applewood Seed Co., the Tremont Foundation, and the Cherry Hills Heights Garden Club all made valuable and appreciated contributions.

Library Lines, a bi-monthly newsletter about the library, made its debut in 1977. The editor is Mr. Ellsworth Mitick, a volunteer.

"Dr. Green"

"My plants froze, will they come back?" "Can I take my plants to California when I re-locate?" "How should my Norfolk Island pine be cared for?" "Is Rhus triobotata edible?" "How do you dry cat-tails?" were among the thousands of questions asked of "Dr. Green" in 1977.

Probably as many as 4,500 citizens of Denver called the Denver Botanic Gardens on the telephone or came in person to inquire of "Dr. Green" concerning problems they were having with their gardens or house plants. Ten competent staff members shared in providing this service during two periods each week.

**Kathryn Kalmbach Herbarium**

The Kathryn Kalmbach Herbarium has been a busy place during 1977. In addition to classifying and filing several small private collections which have been received
as gifts during the year, including one from Mrs. Ruth Ashton Nelson, much time has been spent in serving the public. Many visitors spent time on the balcony where permanent exhibits have included lichens and poisonous plants, as well as specimens of native plants which were on display each week during the season.

During the height of the blooming season as many as 85 native plants were on display at one time, and other weeks there were nearly as many. Visitors use this display for aid in identification of plants on the days in which the herbarium is not open. When the curator and volunteers are there, they spend much time in naming plants and identifying color slide photos for people interested in the Colorado flora. A class in the identification of grasses was taught in the herbarium, and the staff led field trips on grasses and allergy plants.

Students from Metro State College, high schools and junior high schools of the metropolitan area – even from as far away as Boulder – have come to seek information from the specimens and the displays. Student interns have spent time learning while helping in the herbarium during the year.

The herbarium has proved, as in past years, a valuable asset to the public relations of the Gardens.

Mycology Laboratory and Herbarium

Under the direction of Dr. D. H. Mitchel, Honorary Curator, and Shirley W. Chapman, Assistant Curator, the Mycology Laboratory and Herbarium continued its vigorous activities in the area of research, education, and community service.

During 1977 over 1,000 specimens of fungi were collected, described, photographed, studied microscopically, dried, labeled, indexed, and stored for further study. This brings the total number of collections in our herbarium to over 8,000. Specimens were exchanged with other herbaria including the United States Department of Agriculture National Fungus Herbarium in Beltsville, Maryland; the herbaria at the Universities of California, Michigan, North Carolina, and Virginia; and the Canadian Department of Agriculture Herbarium in Ottawa, Canada.

Dr. Mitchel spent the month of August with Dr. Alexander H. Smith in Alaska collecting and identifying fungi and collaborating on two manuscripts now awaiting publication. Shirley Chapman spent a week on the east coast collecting fungi and studying the collections at the USDA Fungus Herbarium with Dr. Farr, the Curator of Myxomycetes. Plans are made and approved, except for funding, to have Dr. Farr review the Colorado Myxomycetes in our herbarium next spring and collaborate on the publication of an annotated list of Colorado Myxomycetes.

One of the most fortunate occurrences than can befall a laboratory that receives no financial support is to receive volunteer help! This happened to us this year in that Vera Evenson, a biologist from Boulder, has worked every Wednesday helping identify and index collections and Kevin Jenkyns, the high school intern for the last quarter of the year, worked with us one-half day a week during November and December filing and labeling slices and assembling over 10,000 boxes to be used for our collections.

Another happy event was the receipt of over 200 labeled specimens with their accompanying color transparencies from Linnea Gillman, a mycologist with the U.S. Forest Service here in Denver.

During the year over 100 identifications of fungi were made for poison centers and the general public. Lectures were given to medical groups and mushroom clubs. Work continued with the Rocky Mountain Poison Center in regularly updating the mushroom poisoning section of Poisindex. Dr. Mitchel has continued to be active as a trustee of the North American Mycological Association and as a member of the toxicology committee of that organization.


Alaska Trip

July and August 1977 saw 26 Denver Botanic Garden members on a 17 day tour of Alaska under the leadership of the Director, Dr. William G. Gambill, Jr. The party travelled by plane, train, bus, and boat.

Trip members visited the Palmer Experimental Station where Dr. Curtis Dearborn, the Chief Horticulturist, acted as host. The Station is in the Matanuska Valley, the site of an experiment in establishing self-sufficient farms. Especially interesting were the very large vegetables grown on the farms.

Other areas of interest visited were Glacier Bay National Monument, the Kenai peninsula, and Mt. McKinley National Park, as well as a number of Alaskan cities. Everywhere they went members of the party found a profusion of wild flowers, many of them old friends to Colorado botanists. Others were new. Fireweed was abundant, growing nearly everywhere in the 40th state.

At Mount McKinley National Park, Dr. James Mitchell, instructor in botany at the University of Alaska, acted as guide and lecturer for the group. Here there was a chance for much botanizing and an opportunity, apparently rare, to see both peaks of Denali — the Indian name for Mt. McKinley.

Lush climatic conditions were found in the southern tip of Alaska because of the influence of the Japan Current. Here for example delphiniums grew to the eaves of houses.

Special Events 1977

Three unusual and special events occurred at the Denver Botanic Gardens in 1977. The first was a two-day visit by a team of botanists from the Soviet Union, Dr. Valery I. Nekrasov, Chief, Department of Exchange and Seed Investigation, Main Botanical Gardens, Moscow, Dr. Lilian S. Plotnikova, Senior Scientist, Main Botanical Gardens, Moscow, and Dr. Igor V. Belolipov, Senior Scientist, Tashkent Botanical Garden, Uzbek Academy of Sciences. The guests visited several areas in the front range and collected a number of plants. Their visit here was part of a 10 year program of cultural exchange between the United States and the United States, designed for the collection, protection, and introduction of endangered species. Botanists consider this interchange under the direction of the New York Botanical Gardens to be extremely important. Following the return of the visitors to Russia a three man team from the U.S. visited in the Soviet Union for the same purpose.

In June, Dr. E. H. Brunquist, long-time volunteer worker at the Denver Botanic Gardens and leader of many field trips to identify native wild flowers, was the recipient of the long-service certificate of award to Dr. Brunquist on the grounds of Botanic Gardens House.

During 1977 was the date for the showing at Denver Botanic Gardens of a large collection of color prints of tropical flowers. This display was lent by the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C. Several hundred people came to the balcony outside the herbarium to admire the really splendid collection of color prints.
Community Service Increasing

One phase of the program of Denver Botanic Gardens which is increasingly fruitful is that of community service. Thousands of people come to marvel at the strange plants in the Conservatory, to admire the beautiful lobby court displays, and to stroll through the grounds enjoying the flowering beauty during the summers, but also thousands come to take advantage of the facilities and services that are not so obvious. An immense amount of free information and entertainment covers a multitude of subjects. These offerings to the public have increased over the years and will continue, it is hoped, to extend the influence of the Gardens into the daily lives of people in the years to come.

Horticulture Hall is the scene of educational meetings, programs, various plant displays, art exhibitions — something different almost daily; many seek identification of and knowledge about native plants in the herbarium; the library is a source of information about anything botanical for members and non-members alike; the mycology herbarium and laboratory furnish information and identification of fungi and work closely with the Rocky Mountain Poison Center in regard to poisonous mushrooms; test plots seek to establish the best turf, roses, and other plants for our queer Colorado climate; “Dr. Green” solves many problems about both garden and house plants and is as near as the phone — all one needs to do is ask; classes taught by experts in a wide variety of subjects are available all year, some for a nominal fee, others free; plots and instruction in gardening furnish direct service to children, youths, and adults in several sections of the city; in these and many other ways the staff and volunteers of the Gardens serve the general public. Plans for the future include a seniors’ garden, a garden for the handicapped, family gardens, and a small park where people may find an oasis of shade and rest.

The Education Director devotes most of her time to community service, instruction, and information. Classes cover a wide range of subjects from plant identification, field trips to see the native flora in its own habitats, macrame, pottery making, the lore and use of herbs, and bread baking with many botanical and related topics in between. Many of these classes are open to the public as well as to members and many are free or given for a nominal fee. A number of lectures, slide shows, and movies is given free during the year.

By actual count, over 10,000 people in 1977 attended meetings, lectures, programs, and displays in Horticulture Hall. Here members of the Orchid Society, the Rose Society, the Iris Society, the Bonsai Club, African violet and gladiolus connoisseurs brought choicest blooms and arrangements for display to the public. The Colorado Mycological Society held a fair which attracted over 2000 people interested in identification of and information about mushrooms. Successful finishers in the children’s garden program came here for their “graduation” to receive certificates of accomplishment for their summer’s work and to display the fruits of their labors. Art exhibits of paintings, photographs, and sculpture are examples of the varied interests that found publicity here in addition to more strictly botanical matters.

The wide range of classes is another facet of the far-reaching public service fostered by the Gardens. Such strictly botanical subjects as landscape horticulture, plant taxonomy, African violet workshop, carnivorous plants, mushroom identification, identification of grasses, vegetable gardening, house plant culture, chrysanthemum culture, botanical illustration, edible wild plants were in 1977 interspersed with beginning beekeeping, macrame, pottery for children, rose beads, breadmaking, vegetarian cooking, dried flower arrangement, fun with herbs, and how to dry plants with silica gel.

Field trips, both near and far, in 1977 as usual each year, were scattered throughout the weeks. They ranged from plant identification trips (March through September) with Dr. Brunquist to visits to Mt. Goliath, Colorado Springs, the Plains Center, Hoosier Pass, and Pawnee Grasslands in search of native plants during the different seasons. These trips were open to all, though sometimes limited in number so that registration was required. Most of them were free.

Through an arrangement with the public schools and with nearby colleges, opportunity has been given to several young people to learn while working through internships, granted for a quarter or a semester. Applicants submit their qualifications and have an oral interview with a committee of three from the Gardens. Several of these students have earned themselves summer jobs at the gardens and a few have developed a life-long vocation. This program, which is part of a national program, is of benefit to the Gardens, but of inestimable benefit to the students taking part. This year of 1977 has been the third year of the program.

The annual plant and book sale, while swelling the coffers of the Associates for donation to the Gardens, attracts thousands from all parts of the region in search of plants that can be depended upon to thrive in the summer gardens. The Plant Sale and Used Book Sale provide more opportunities for more volunteers to share in the program of the Gardens than any other event. The money received on these two days is of great value for the support of the Gardens programs. Judging by the crowds who attend every year, the value of this activity far exceeds in public service the dollars and cents value to the Gardens.

Volunteers, who first attend classes, lead Conservatory tours throughout the year, particularly making the displays meaningful to many groups of school children who would not otherwise appreciate what they see. Guides give many hours to this valuable service.

Some attempt was made in 1977 to relate the study and appreciation of plants to other art forms, such as music, painting, and photography. The collection of flower color prints from the Smithsonian Institution on display on the herbarium balcony...
during December and into the new year made a step in this direction. Also an exhibit by the Colorado Water Color Society of Colorado water colors was the center of attraction in Horticulture Hall for two weeks during the summer. Birds held their place in the Audubon Society exhibit of paintings, photographs, and sculpture. For the second year the Colorado Potters' Guild put on a display relating still another art to plants. Plans for the future include other attempts to widen the horizons of plant lovers.

National and international relations received a boost by the seed exchange which has been carried on for the second year. Also, the Gardens staff entertained three visiting botanists from the Soviet Union in August. These things, too, widened the area of community service.

Such are the many instances of service to the community which are sponsored by the Gardens. They reached a new peak in 1977 and plans for the future include increasing numbers.

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**DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**December 31, 1977**

### ASSETS

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Total Other Assets 3,472,894

**TOTAL ASSETS:** $4,301,699

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

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Total Fund Balances 4,128,698

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES** $4,301,699

### ACCOUNTANT'S OPINION

I have examined the balance sheet of the Denver Botanic Gardens, Inc. as of December 31, 1977. The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of the Denver Botanic Gardens, Inc. at December 31, 1977.

J. D. Vander Ploeg
Certified Public Accountant
MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial contributions have been received during 1977 for the following persons whose names have been inscribed in the Denver Botanic Gardens Book of Memories

Judy Littrell
Miss Doris Wilmore
Dr. Maude E. Midgley

During the year, the Denver Botanic Gardens received bequests from the estates of Marie Gordon Page, Mary Pauline Roberts Steele, and Eleanore Mullen Weckbaugh (in memory of her mother, Ella Mullen Weckbaugh).

THE VOLUNTEERS

Their Organizations and Committees

ASSOCIATES OF DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

As of October 1977 there were 220 paid-up members in the Associates, most of whom were active, talented, and hard-working Volunteers in many programs.

In addition to their usual volunteer work, the Associates were asked to participate in the drive for the Denver Botanic Fund which they did with great success. Volunteer work, which involved the following areas continued throughout the year: the Gift Shop, the Library, the Hostess and Information Table, the Guide Program in the Conservatory, assistance in the Greenhouses, assistance in the administrative offices when needed, assistance in the Plant Give-Away for members of Denver Botanic Gardens, planners and workers for the three day plant and book sale in May, organizers and workers for the two day Christmas Sale in November, hundreds of volunteer hours spent on Arts and Crafts items which were sold in the Gift Shop and at the Christmas Sale, hundreds of hours spent in helping to entertain special visitors to the Denver Botanic Gardens, hundreds of hours spent in planning, making the decorations, and in decorating the Lobby Court each year, manning special exhibits at the Gardens during all the hours these are open to the public. (The recent exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution is an example.) In fact the Associates are happy and willing to tackle any large or small job requested of them.

Financial commitments to the Denver Botanic Gardens have continued: $150 monthly to the Library for the purchase of new books and $6000 annually to the General Fund. At the July 1977 meeting the Associates Board voted to contribute $50,000 to the Gardens, $40,000 of which is to be used for a deep well water program and $10,000 for the Chatfield Fund.

The Associates Board wishes to thank the Trustees for allowing the Associates to be represented on the Board and voted a special thanks to Dr. Gambill and to Margaret Sikes for their constant advice and help.

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AROUND THE SEASONS CLUB

Mrs. D. L. Christenson ................................ President, 1976-77
Mrs. Herbert Franson ................................ President, 1977-78

The Around the Seasons Club is a horticulture study group whose object is to be service oriented to the Denver Botanic Gardens. The members are always on call whenever a special project comes along which needs helping hands in order to be completed.

The only fund raising project of the year is the annual Dried Material Sale held during the Gift Shop Sale in November. In this project in 1977 the members recorded nearly 100% participation. Members raised plant material, gathered wild plant material, harvested and dried it, priced, packaged, and sold it. Members were also active in other areas of the Christmas Sale as chairmen, sales people, and workshop helpers. Monies from this sale each year are donated back to Denver Botanic Gardens to further designated projects.

In 1977, members made totem planters for the Plant Sale and plan to do so again in 1978. Again, club members participated nearly 100% in the Plant and Book Sale as chairmen and workers in many, many capacities.

During the summer months when regular meetings are not scheduled, field trips are planned. Led by the vast experience of the members who are native plant specialists, members gain enriching insights in whole new areas of nature appreciation.

Around the Seasons Club is a specialty group whose aim is a combination of study and work.

THE DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS GUILD

Mrs. Harry Wadsworth ................................ President, 1975-77
Mrs. William L. Cook ................................ President, 1977-78
Mrs. T. W. Wrenn, Jr. ................................ Terrace & Garden Tour Chairman 1977

The activities of Denver Botanic Gardens Guild during 1977 continued to build on the successful projects of preceding years. As before, they participated in the annual May Plant Sale by operating and staffing the herb and vegetable plant booths. This year the sale of herb and vegetable plants exceeded that of any year before.

In 1977 the annual July Terrace and Garden Tour was held in town and as always was quite successful. Profits of $2,700 were turned over to the Gardens. Members always enjoy putting on the tour and are grateful to the many individuals who graciously allow their lovely gardens to be shown for all to enjoy.

As in the past members continued to work hard to establish and maintain the herb garden — one of their main fields of endeavor. Major construction on the newly expanded Herb Garden is completed. The beautifully done brick walkways, the arbor, the gazebo will add to the enjoyment of a visit to the area. There is now much more room to display a greater variety of plant material.

Tarragon and Herb Vinegars continued to be popular items and sold well at the Christmas Sale. Every year members bottle more vinegar and every year are sold out during the sale. They worked especially hard this year to fill 2,984 bottles of vinegar which was much more than ever before. By noon on Saturday of the Christmas Sale they had sold it all and want to thank everyone who helped make this possible by purchasing the vinegar.

Since the Gardens worked hard to increase its capitalization through the Botanic Gardens Fund Drive this past fall, the Guild, in order to do their part, pledged $15,000 to be paid over the next three years to the campaign fund, asking that these monies be used to help develop the Alpine Rock Garden.

THE GARDEN CLUB OF DENVER

Mrs. Harley Higbie ........................................ President 1977-78

Herb Garden Gazebo — Still to be Finished
DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS
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"Dr. Green" at Plant Sale

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"Dr. Green" at Plant Sale
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These alone are not sufficient to fill the gap between needs and city funds received. We depend upon the generosity of our members and of the public for gifts to make these promises come true.

Unrestricted gifts will be applied where the need is greatest. However, gifts may be designated for such current projects as: Chatfield Arboretum, Orchid-Bromeliad House, Alpine Garden, Japanese Garden, special gardens for senior citizens, the handicapped, and for children.

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