Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library
Regular Meeting, April 22, 2019, 1:00 pm

President Paul Schlick welcomed members of the Friends and visitors.

The following attendees signed in: Alan and Christine Aho, Kathy Allen, Mary Diane Bass, Michael Behrendt, Wendy Brockman, Mary and John Cheleen, Karen Cherry, Susan Cross, Doc Dougherty, Kim Heiar, Cynthia Kanner, George and Mary Lou Klacan, Shirley Mah Kooymen, Amy Kvalseth, Pamela Layton, Sylvia Matson, Dick and Sue Miller, Peter Moe, Judy Morgan, Mary Nolte, Peter Olin, Amy Owen, Patricia Peterson, Judy and Paul Schlick, Dennis Sjogren, Barbara Spannaus, Judith Spiegel, Bob Torkelson, Pat Wolf.

Secretary Wendy Brockman asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the January meeting as mailed. The motion was seconded and passed.

The **Membership Report** was presented by Membership Chair Mike Behrendt.
- Currently there are 123 members.
- Mike asked that anyone else who wishes to only receive emailed copies and opt out of receiving printed copies of the newsletter to let him know. (Note: all members with email addresses on file now receive the semi-annual newsletter and quarterly minutes by email. Those who have not already opted out of mailed newsletter delivery also receive printed copy in the mail and can continue to do so if desired. But from now on printed copy of the meeting minutes will only be mailed to members without email addresses on file, everyone else will get them by email.)

Book Sale Chair Judy Schlick presented the **Book Sale Report**.
- Books are coming in and members are encouraged to drop off books and to ask friends to donate items for the 2019 book sale.
- We have partnered with Rhonda Studer of Lake Country Books for selling the more valuable FAHL books online. We have had three sales ($2,319.00) and have 41 more books listed online.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Treasurer Barbara Spannaus.
• The Friends available account balance is $18,997.00.
• Report details and financial information are available in the library to any member upon request.

Librarian Kathy Allen presented the **Library Report**.
• Our current exhibit *Roots to Healing: A Brief Survey of the Past, Present, and Future of Plant-based Remedies in Minnesota* scheduled through April 30, has now been extended through May 4, in the Skyway Gallery and Library. This exhibit has been one of our most engaging, with numerous Arboretum visitors stopping to read the informative panels and following signage into the library to view more of the exhibit.
• The Friends of AHL are generously supporting the upcoming traveling exhibition *Out of the Woods: Celebrating Trees in Public Gardens, the Third American Society of Botanical Artists/New York Botanical Garden Triennial* May 9-August 13 in the Reedy Gallery. This is the last stop for the exhibit before it goes back to New York. There are more than 40 artworks in the show, including an exquisite one by local artist Linda Medved-Lufkin featuring a lichen-covered branch from a hawthorn tree at the arboretum.
• May 9-September 3 the 3rd Annual Flora & Fauna Illustrata (FFI) Exhibition *Celebrating Arboretum Trees* will be on display in the Skyway Gallery (between the café and the Snyder Building).
• May 9-September 3, The Andersen Horticultural Library will exhibit *Branching Out* a celebration of the Arboretum's outstanding trees through inspiring literature, photography & art.
• On Saturday, May 18th The Arboretum will celebrate Worldwide Day of Botanical Art with an opening reception for the *Out of the Woods* traveling exhibit from 3:00-6:30 pm, in the Reedy Gallery. There will be art demos, tours of the show, and a talk by Carol Woodin, Exhibitions Director of the ASBA (who also has a painting in the show). This event will be ticketed, with Arboretum members receiving a discount and Friends getting free access with registration. Mike sent an email March 5th and we’ll send out a reminder in the coming weeks, with a link to register. If you have any problems with registration please contact the library and we’ll be happy to walk you through it. This is the traveling art exhibition that the Friends is generously funding. We hope you can make it to the opening reception, otherwise try to see the amazing artworks before they come down in mid-August.
• The University Libraries has digitized all of Arboretum gardener Duane Otto's 30 years of garden plans, slides & photographs – 7 crates worth! They are available to the public at the University Libraries’ UMedia site umedia.lib.umn.edu. The originals are now housed in the library. If you have questions or problems accessing the site, stop in the library and we'd be happy to show you the site and how to get to it (the URL is in the newsletter).
• We are so grateful to a very generous Friends member who has not only pledged a generous amount to the Library Endowment for the next several years but has also established a very significant planned estate gift for the Library Endowment. You know who you are! Thank you!! It is so encouraging to see support for the future of this library. Again, heartfelt thanks.

The **Program Committee Report** was presented by Kathy Allen.
• Our speaker today is Distinguished McKnight Professor and Science Director of the Bell Museum George Weiblen who will speak on *Global Forest Observatories: An International Network Monitoring Biotic Responses to our Changing Climate*.

• The speaker for our July 22nd meeting will be Theresa Mieseler. You may know Theresa from the Arboretum or the Minnesota Herb Society or from Shady Acres Farm, which she and her husband Jim ran from 1977 to 2016. Theresa’s new book just came out 3 weeks ago. Titled *Beyond Rosemary, Basil, and Thyme: Unusual, Interesting, and Uncommon Herbs to Enjoy*, copies will be available for purchase and signing. Theresa will be speaking on the same topic.

• Our Summer Luncheon speaker will be Lucie Amundsen, author of *Locally Laid: How We Built a Plucky, Industry-changing Egg Farm—From Scratch*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing. Lucie is also a chicken farmer (egg farmer?) and will be speaking on the same topic. It’s fairly certain the date for the luncheon will be Friday, August 9, from 11:30-1:30, here in the Snyder Auditorium. We will send out an invitation to all current members closer to the date.

President Paul Schlick presented Other Business.

• The 2019-20 budget was presented (Barb and Mike passed out copies to attendees).

### FAHL Proposed Budget FY20

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• Paul explained that the board decided the best way to help the Library given its current fiscal challenges is to draw down FAHL funds more rapidly than in previous years. The contribution to the AHL Endowment is increased. A commitment of $7,000 is made toward replacing the large bed scanner that broke down awhile ago and is not repairable, but will be spent only if the University comes up with the remaining two-thirds of the cost. FAHL Projects is increased to reflect part of the funds previously held in reserve for the “Out of the Woods” traveling exhibit that will be spent in FY2020.

• The 2019-20 Budget was approved.

President Paul Schlick adjourned the meeting.

Treats were provided courtesy of Mary Klacan and Pamela Layton.
Vice President Shirley Mah Kooymann presented today’s speaker Distinguished McKnight Professor and Science Director of the Bell Museum George Weiblen who spoke on on *Global Forest Observatories: An International Network Monitoring Biotic Responses to our Changing Climate*.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Wendy Brockman
May 14, 2019

**Reminders:**
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- The 2019 FAHL Book Sale will be held in the MacMillan Auditorium, October 4 - 6. Members’ pre-sale will be Thursday, October 3, 3:30 - 6:00. No book resellers.