

Past and Present Arboretum Staff Involved with the Renovation, Records Computerization, and Verification of the Living Collections between 1978 and 1988

First and foremost are the grounds crew, whose efforts keep the plant collections in superb condition year-round: J. Allen, V. Antonovich, J. Bottoms, L. Colon, R. Famiglietti, M. Gormley, R. Green, M. Hanson, D. Harris, A. Hill, J. Kreidermacher, C. Mackey, A. MacNeil, B. Munch, R. Nicholson, J. Nickerson, T. O'Leary, J. Papargiris, M. Sheehan, D. Thompson, M. Walkama, and P. Ward.

Specific staff contributions ranged widely.

J. Alexander, plant propagator, is substantially involved in the computerization of the plant records.

P. Ashton, director of the Arnold Arboretum from 1978 to 1987, originated the restoration projects. He is the principal investigator for all three National Science Foundation grants for the computerization of plant records and the verification of the living collections.

D. Boufford is one of the staff taxonomists who provided assistance.

V. Burley, verification-project typist, handles the production of herbarium labels for the project and much of the herbarium-based data entry.

J. Christianson, membership chairman, oversees visitor services and the volunteer program.

S. Connor, archivist, assists in tracking source information and in locating old plans and pho-

tographs; she has emphasized both the archive's resources and their function as the repository for modern records.

P. Dalton, curatorial associate, worked to document plant nomenclature during the initial phase of the verification project.

P. Del Tredici, assistant plant propagator, interacts with the verification project, especially on names that can be interpreted as cultivars or forms.

C. Dohlman, archival trainee and volunteer, assisted in finding Wilson's material and in interpreting his handwritten texts in the archives.

S. Elsik, curatorial associate, is responsible for the vouchering phase of the verification project. She also trains and supervises volunteers for numerous jobs performed in conjunction with this project.

H. Goodell, superintendent of buildings and grounds, coordinated day-to-day work activities associated with maintaining the living collections.

S. Hardy Brown, herbarium technician and former volunteer, prepares herbarium specimens at Jamaica Plain and assists with volunteers who work in this capacity. Before she assumed these duties, A. Eisenberg, H. Fleming, and A. Sholes served as specimen preparers for various periods in Jamaica Plain.

I. Hay, curatorial associate, oversees the herbarium of cultivated plants in Jamaica Plain and the addition of verification-project specimens to this collection. She has led many teams of volunteers on their half-day collecting forays.

E. Johnson, curatorial assistant, first worked on the curatorial review of the Bussey Hill collections and then transferred to the plant records office, where his focus is on mapping, labeling, and documentation.

K. Kane, archive assistant, worked with the materials in the Wilson archives.

A. Kelly, typist, helped with the Wilson archives conservation project.

G. Koller, managing horticulturist, has planned, designed, and guided the renovation of the living collections since his arrival in 1976. Major accomplishments are designing and implementing the Bradley Collection of Rosaceous Plants, restoring the lilac plantings and the Olmsted path system, and extending shrub plantings to Peters Hill.

C. McMurtrie, volunteer coordinator, helped recruit volunteers during the initial phase of the project.

D. Michener, research taxonomist, is responsible for most of the taxonomic determinations in the verification project and coordinates the work with out-of-house taxonomists. Involvement in computerization of the records, grant-writing, and organizing this issue of *Arnoldia* became allied functions.

J. Quigley, curatorial associate, participated in writing the initial proposal, designed our first plant-records database, integrated verification-project data into the records system, and coordinated our input in the development of *BG-BASE* and its interface with computer mapping functions. She serves as computer-system administrator.

S. Spongberg, research taxonomist and chairman of the Living-Collections Committee, is one of the staff taxonomists involved with verification.

K. Walter, director of botany and information systems at the Center for Plant Conservation, serves as our primary consultant for the computerization of plant records and is the developer of *BG-BASE*.

R. Williams, superintendent of buildings and grounds, worked with the collections during the initial phases of the restoration work.

R. Weaver, horticultural taxonomist, was one of the organizers of the initial proposals to restore and verify the collections.

P. Willoughby, acting superintendent of buildings and grounds, coordinates the ongoing maintenance and care of the living collections.

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