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Collections Committee Report

August 4, 2012 BFS Board Meeting

The library has received two very generous donations of books from Peggy Bowditch and Judith Tankard – a total of 84 books which included *The Flora of Mount Desert Island, Maine* by Edward L. Rand, published in 1894, Baron Puckler-Muskau's *Hints on Landscape Gardening*, and Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer's *Art Out-of-Doors*. These three were among Beatrix Farrand's personal Morning Room books. Carolyn Hollenbeck has donated a computer monitor for the library office.

Two of our guest speakers donated books: Barbara Damarosch gave us *Fertile Ground*, a history of MOFGA, and Jenny Rose Carey gave *A Century of Cultivation*, a history of Ambler.

Among the many recent visitors who expressed special interest in our library were Martha Morris (Mrs. I. Wister Morris III); Marion DeGroff, President of the Garden Club of Maryland; June Marshall Smith of Haverford, PA; and Hamish Caldwell (developer of the BlackBerry) from Atlanta. Betsy Igleheart of the National Park Service (Boston) visited with a group of college students who were studying Acadia National Park. They asked a lot of questions and seemed to really appreciate the library and the Satterlee exhibit.

I have purchased two Morning Room books from Elisabeth Woodburn Books: *Scots Gardens in Old Times* by Elizabeth Haldane, 1934 (\$25), and *A Third Pot-Pourri* by Mrs. C. W. Earle in 1903 (\$20). The only other anticipated expense this year will be the framing of the fourth and final poster of the Master Gardeners' work (\$160).