

THE GARLAND FARM  
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BAR HARBOR, MAINE

December 2, 1955

Valley Club  
7-B. BOX 1140  
Santa Barbara

~~November 30, 1955~~

Prof. Herbert L. Mason  
Department of Botany  
University of California  
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Doctor Mason:

Your letter of November 22nd has given great pleasure as one never can truly assess the work done under one's prejudiced eye, so to speak. You may like to know that the preparation of the majority of the sheets was done by Miss Marion Spaulding, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, and the balance was prepared by Kenneth A. Beckett, a diploma graduate of the Royal Horticultural School at Wisley.

It is a joy to hear that our modest sheets may serve as a nucleus to a wider horticultural collection and therefore be permanently useful.

Thank you for reassuring me as to the cost of the fumigation of the wicked invaders.

As to further collections, especially of *Agrostis* - *Juncus* and *Carex*, we had no ornamental species at Reef Point, and our dryers, presses and vasculum have been given to the Department of Botany (Prof. Hyland) at the University of Maine. If you really need the specimens, an effort will be made to prepare them for you.

You may like to hear that Asiatic *Magnolia* in Cultivation has been ordered and is the gift, through Reef Point Garden of Mr. John S. Ames, President of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

Thank you once more for your ~~very~~ welcome to our specimens and their steel houses.

Yours very sincerely,

Beatrix T. d.

Please forgive mistakes  
the "real" secretary is  
recovering from a heart  
hospital.

December 7, 1955

Mrs. Max Farrand  
The Valley Club of Montecito  
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and learn of your continued interest in the library and herbarium.

As to your query about collecting ornamental species of *Agrostis*, *Carex*, and *Juncus*, I can say that it would be helpful to have such material added to the herbarium. Because of the large number of species in these groups, identification is always difficult but not impossible. When we know that a specimen at hand is of horticultural origin, identification is simplified if we can refer directly to the horticultural collection for comparison. We don't want to burden you with the task of adding such ornamental species to the collection, but if you encountered such material and if it were convenient to make collections, we would be glad to receive them. If you like, we would be pleased to send you a press and some blotters.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert L. Mason  
Director of Herbarium and  
Professor of Botany

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