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SEIBERT, R. J.

December 8, 1955

Dr. R. J. Seibert, Director
Longwood Gardens
Longwood Foundation, Inc.
Kennett Square, Pa.

Dear Russ:

Since I understand that notices of our Departmental Seminars are sent to you, I assume you observed the fact that on next Tuesday, December 13th, Reed Rollins of the Gray Herbarium is going to speak on "Some Aspects of the Role of Hybridization in Plant Evolution."

As I am responsible for bringing Reed on for this occasion, I am naturally eager to have a good turnout and venture to hope that you and any other interested members of your staff might find it possible to be present. Tea will be served in Room 11 of the Botany Building at 3:45, and Reed will present his seminar at 4 o'clock. I do hope you can manage to be with us.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

Seibert, R. J. Dr.

Longwood
Gardens

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

R. J. Seibert, Director

May 16, 1958

Dr. John Fogg
Director,
Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Ave.,
Philadelphia 18, Pa.

Dear Jack:

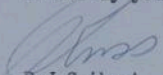
We recently received three plants of Quercus rudkini from the University of Washington Arboretum. Mr. Mulligan asked that we pass one of these plants on to you, if you so desire.

The plant is at present approximately 12" tall and is in a can at our Nursery, therefore it is available at your convenience.

As you probably know, Quercus rudkini is a cross between Q. phellos and Q. marilandica.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely yours,


R. J. Seibert
Director

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May 19, 1958

Dr. Russell J. Seibert, Director
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Dear Russ:

Thank you for your letter concerning Quercus Budkini. We would like very much to have this plant and will be glad to call for it whenever you say would be a convenient time.

Also, when I was out at your place for the Holly Society meetings, Everett showed me a specimen of Platanus Wrightii which he said we might have. If you would be good enough to check on this we might get both things at once.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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Seibert, R. J.

Longwood
Gardens

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

R. J. Seibert, Director

September 19, 1960

Dr. John Fogg, Director
Morris Arboretum
Chestnut Hill
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Jack:

It was very pleasant being with you the other morning.
I only wish I had had more time to see the Arboretum as a whole.

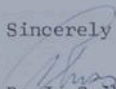
For your information, you may wish to have the following
bamboo literature references:

Bamboos of the Genus *Phyllostachys* by F.A. McClure;
Agricultural Handbook #114, U.S. Department of Agri-
culture, Agricultural Research Service issued June 1957.

Bamboos for American Horticulture (1), (2, 3, 4, 5) by
Robert A. Young; National Horticulture Magazine July 1945,
October 1945, January 1946, July 1946 and October 1946
respectively.

I am sure that these references will be of considerable
assistance in the final determination of your bamboo. I would again
like to look at them next spring particularly when the *Phyllostachys*
are producing young new culms.

Sincerely yours,


R. J. Seibert
Director

RJS:P

March 21, 1961

MAGNOLIAS

John M. Fogg, Jr.,

Few trees which are hardy in temperate areas can surpass the Magnolias in the sheer size and breath-taking beauty of their flowers. Dr. Fogg, Director of the Morris Arboretum, has devoted much of his time to the study of this group of plants. With the aid of colored slides he will discuss the forty or so species and varieties which are grown in the Philadelphia region, taking them up in the order of their blooming.

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Seibert, R.J.

Longwood
Gardens

Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

R. J. Seibert, Director

November 13, 1961

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania

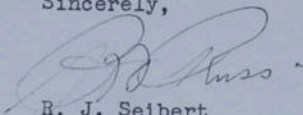
Dear Jack:

We are looking forward to having you with us on March 21 for your lecture on "Magnolias" in the Longwood Lecture Series for 1962.

In this connection, we are preparing copy for the announcement and if you would care to send us a paragraph or so concerning your lecture subject, it would be appreciated. The enclosed 1961 program will show the reason for this request. Incidentally, the publicity sheet you sent earlier is just what we want. However, we would also like to have a glossy photograph or two (4x5 or larger) for use in newspaper releases prior to your lecture date.

I shall be writing early in 1962 concerning definite arrangements for your talk.

Sincerely,



R. J. Seibert
Director

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November 21, 1961

Dr. Russell J. Seibert
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Dear Russ:

I hope that the enclosed blurb is approximately what you want. Please feel free to modify it as you see fit.

I am asking our Publicity Bureau on the campus to send you a picture of me. Hope you wont use it unless you have to.

It was fun seeing you here last week and don't forget we want to pay a visit to Gotelli's one of these days. Just let me know and I'll try to fit it in.

Best wishes and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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Seibert, R. J. Dr.

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Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

R. J. Seibert, Director

January 15, 1962

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Director, The Morris Arboretum
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Philadelphia 18, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

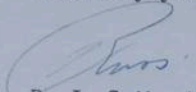
Enclosed are several copies of the announcements for the 1962 Longwood Gardens Lectures. If you wish more, let me know.

Will you plan to return to Philadelphia the night of your lecture, March 21, or shall we make reservations for you and Mrs. Fogg at the Longwood Inn. We would hope that you would come to the Gardens by four o'clock the afternoon of the lecture so that, if you have slides, these may be given to the projectionist and a "dry run" made to see that all is in order. Incidentally, if you use slides, what size are they? There will be a small dinner party for you at six o'clock prior to your lecture.

Would you be interested in preparing material to be mimeographed for distribution to the audience? The enclosed samples will give you an idea of what I mean. This material should be in our hands three weeks prior to your talk to allow ample time for duplication.

You will be hearing further from me, and if you have any questions relating to your talk or preparations for it, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,


R. J. Seibert
Director

RJS:kf
Enclosures

January 17, 1962

Dr. R. J. Seibert, Director
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Penna.

Dear Russ:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of January 15, with its enclosures.

I think we had better return home the night of March 21, since I have to be in New Brunswick, N.J., early the following morning. The only thing which might alter this plan would be bad driving conditions which really should not be a factor that late in the month. I recall driving back from Kennett Square some years ago in a fog so thick that my wife had to hang out of the right side of the car telling me where the side of the road was.

I shall be using 35 mm. kodachrome transparencies and shall try to get there early enough to place them in the hands of your projectionist.

It would probably be interesting to the audience to have a list of the species, varieties and cultivars of the Magnolias which I plan to discuss and I shall try to get this together for you well in advance.

Best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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Seibert, R. J. Dr.

January 22, 1962

Dr. R. J. Seibert, Director
Longwood Gardens
Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

Dear Russ:

I am enclosing a list of the Magnolias which I plan to discuss in my lecture on March 21.

As I told you, the slides which I shall use will be 35 mm. kodachromes and I shall probably have about 100.

Recently I wrote to Mr. Cotelli, telling him that you and I were planning to descend on him some day. I now have an answer from him extending an enthusiastic invitation and suggesting April as a good time. We can discuss this the next time we get together.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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Seibert,

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Kennett Square, Pennsylvania

R. J. Seibert, Director

March 24, 1962

Mr. John M. Fogg
9414 Meadowbrook Avenue
Chestnut Hill 18, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Jack:

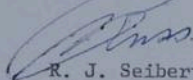
Thank you for a wonderful job well done!

There were 242 visitors attending who enjoyed and learned a great deal more about Magnolias than they had previously known.

The sample clipping on the publicity which went out on your talk is enclosed. This one comes from the Kennett News and Advertiser in Kennett Square.

Deni joins me in extending best wishes to you and Mrs. Fogg. We both hope that her back will improve rapidly.

Sincerely yours,



R. J. Seibert
Director

RJS:P

Enc.