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From *Leslie Greenwood* F.L.S., F.R.S.A.

Hutton's Close - Britwell Salome - Watlington - Oxford OX9 5LH

4 February 1987

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Dear Ina & Frick,

It was so good to hear from you at Christmas time with all the news of your activities during the year. We read it all with great interest. What busy active people you are!

We often think of you and remember your kindness when we came to Hamilton. It was all so interesting for us. A long time has passed since then, and, alas, we are feeling our age. We keep well but are tired and do not go very far these days. Also my eyesight has deteriorated considerably this last few months, and I have given up driving the car. Also, after much consideration and distress I have had to give up painting, for I cannot see well enough. It is just possible

that after cataract has been removed later on this year I may be able to continue but this is uncertain. It has been a great shock to me.

We hope Yashka keeps well:- another great friend of ours. She seems to travel about with you quite a lot.

We had an appalling spell of arctic weather for two weeks in January, with very low temperatures, and piles of snow which is still around although the weather is much milder now. I don't know how we could stand a Canadian winter. In weather like that I am half dead.

We wish you every happiness and good health, and will be delighted to hear from you whenever you can spare time.

With all good wishes,

Yours as ever
Leslie & Vera.

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*Mr. & Mrs. Frank Vrugtman,
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27 Feb 1980

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Dear Steek & Ina,

What a marvellous surprise to receive your present of the McMichael illustrated book about the collection at Kleinburg! It arrived ten days ago and I have been studying it ever since. It is so kind of you both to remember and send this to us. It brings back such a pleasant memory, and indeed we shall never forget that pleasant few days we spent with you. Earlier on also we had your lovely long interesting letter which included the photograph of us both outside our house here & we thank you for that also.

I ^{leave} here next Tuesday 4th March for New York for my exhibition there, and will be speaking to the society (The Horticultural Society of New York) on the 11th, then going up to Albany to lecture on the 13th, to Boston & Philadelphia (for the flower shows) & to Washington. I shall be giving a lecture ~~to~~ at the Queens Botanical Garden, Flushing, N.Y. on March 22, and at Wave Hill, Bronx on the 30th, and return home on or about April 3rd. I shall be quite busy & there will be quite a lot of receptions & hospitality, & I am looking forward to my visit with great pleasure as I feel so well now I am glad to be able to say.

I went to the hospital on Monday for a check up before I leave & was told that I am doing fine I need not come back for a year. I am so grateful to them all.

We both hope you are all keeping well (not forgetting Trushka) & truly hope to see both of you here very soon. It would give us such happiness.

Warmest regards from us both,

Leslie

September 10, 1979

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Dear Leslie & Vera,

After 2 weeks of intensive teaching and before starting to mark exam' papers or looking at accumulations on my desk I better send a few notes to my friends in England!

Thank you for your kind letter and invitation to come to Hutton's Close. I will come on Saturday, October 6, and I would be delighted to stay overnight to Sunday, October 7. Your suggestion to take me to visit the Oxford Botanic Garden at Rose Lane I gratefully accept (Ina & I visited there in the spring of 1967, we met the Curator, Mr. K. Burras; if he is still there, and if he doesn't mind coming out to the Garden on a weekend, it would be nice to see him again; in 1967 he was telling us about the arboretum or tree collection just being developed at a new site, away from Rose Lane, I wonder how it is coming along).

Chris Brickell (or someone in his office) has most kindly taken on the task of organizing my timetable for my sojourn in England; also, the Brickells most kindly are putting me up that week (Sept. 29 - Oct. 6). Wisley Gardens, then, would be our contact point, and I will find out there how to get to Watlington and will let you know when and where I will arrive.

I will see you in a few weeks time!

In haste and with kindest regards also from Ina
(who is very sad about staying home this time)

Freek Vrugtman

*Heidi, Perhaps we can arrange a visit to
Oxford Botanic Garden, the oldest in
Britain, say.*

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31st July 1979

Dear Freek,

We are delighted to receive your letter of July 25, and I am hastening to reply so that you can make your plans for your visit here.

We shall be very pleased to see you here at Hutton's Close on the date you suggest - Saturday October 6th - and please stay the night with us so that you can include Sunday October 7th. We sincerely hope you will be able to do this.

If you will tell us nearer the time what your plans are I will arrange to meet you and convey you here from the railway station or whatever, and take you on the Sunday to wherever you want to go.

Please give all our good wishes to Ina. We hope she is well, also the old dog! We have such kind memories of staying with you all. No doubt we shall be seeing Ina again one day, we trust soon.

Looking forward to hearing from you about your plans for staying with us ,

All good wishes,

Leslie

July 25, 1979

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Dear Leslie and Vera,

We would like to do long-range planning, but it rarely seems possible to actually do so. I have known for months that I should attend a horticultural nomenclature meeting in Cambridge, England, Monday through Wednesday October 1-3 of this year, but it is only just now that I heard that I have permission to go. Chris Brickell has kindly invited me to stay at his home during the meeting (he doesn't know yet that I am accepting his invitation!) and travel with him to and from Cambridge. Looking at the calendar and flight schedules I am proposing to get to London on Saturday Sept. 29, which gives me time to catch up on jet lag. over the weekend. Thursday & Friday after the meetings I hope to see botanical gardens (Cambridge, Kew), and I am wondering whether I would be welcome at Hutton's Close either on Sat. or Su. (Oct. 6 or 7)? If that is unsuitable, would Su. Sept. 30 be better? Or a weekday? I don't think I will be staying as long as the weekend of Oct. 13 & 14.

I hope very much I will get a chance to see you, see your work and your place and tell you how hot our summer has been and how lucky you were (and we) to see Niagara Falls on such a brilliant day!

I would very much appreciate if you would drop me a brief note to tell me which day would be the most convenient one for me to visit you, it would help me in doing as much planning as I can.

I am really looking forward to see you and England again!

Freek Vrugtman

16 January 1979

"Nemo View", Carlisle, Ont.

Dear Vera and Leslie,

The marvellous news about Leslie was one of the most wonderful bits of information we received during the last month or so with so many cards and letters coming in from friends. To us friends and friendship mean a great deal and we are so negligent in answering mail. Even New Year's resolutions to that effect do not seem very successful. One can always find an excuse, but it is really very sad that so very few people still write letters. We feel a little guilty not having written sooner, and we don't deserve such loyalty from everybody. We often talk about you and wish there will be an opportunity perhaps this year to make a repeat trip for you to this continent. Leslie's charming painting cheers us up and we also have our book. Furthermore, each morning when I wrap Vera's sjaal around me I wish you to know how much I enjoy the scarf. Winter has been cold with many a NW wind straight down from the Arctic and still Tasha wants and needs to go for her walk. Our neighbours inquired about you only recently while we were making plans about the upcoming maple syruping in March and April.

I have just finished shoveling the driveway clean of another load of fresh snow, so Freck can drive straight in. This fall we were very busy, mainly with moving and adjusting to the new location and building. The library moved into the new wing, and Freck occupies now half of the previous library. In the new wing is an auditorium with seating capacity of 300 and all the latest gadgetry in electronics, sound systems and film and slide viewing. All this can be manipulated from the lectern. Very complicated. The old auditorium where Leslie delivered his talk no longer exists as such. A second floor was put into it which houses the herbarium and on the lower floor are the administrative offices and the director's. Space wise an improvement though (sast) Freck and I are less enthusiastic about the architecture of it all. It is very spacious with lots of room, but it will take a few years to acquire a certain atmosphere where one feels at home. Concrete to me is a very cold perhaps modern medium but certainly not my favourite. However, for the library it is a definite improvement since we have now lots of space.

We wondered how you fared during Britain's recent snowstorm. It must have been quite an ordeal. We hope you were snug and cosy in your home and did not have to suffer.

Last summer we made a combined trip of vacation and business to the Rockies of Colorado. In Denver were the meetings of CBHL (Council on Bot. and Hort. Libraries) and so we saw a little bit of South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado. It is a long way but since we wanted to camp we could not possibly fly. The route through the prairies was very worthwhile. Here and there we visited some tiny leftovers of original prairie (cemeteries) but it is unbelievable that all that country is now under cultivation of three or four crops, and almost nothing remains of the original prairie grasslands. In Colorado we were still too early for the alpine vegetation and higher elevation. Many of the passes were still closed with enormous amounts of snow fall. And it was obbarrrr cold up there...!!!

We never made it to Yellowstone Nat. Park, due to an unfortunate mishap. Tushka developed diarrhea and this was the beginning of an eight week ordeal for her (and us). During those weeks we got into contact with five veterinarians in Col., S. Dak. and Ont. In the process we almost lost her, due to dehydration Tushka lost 15 lbs. A positive diagnosis of the cause was never established although all sorts of tests were made. Travelling with an ill dog is just as inconvenient and upsetting as travelling with sick children.

Our fall was one of the most beautiful we have seen around here. You really have to see it to believe the descriptions or slides. You would never believe it is possible that it is real all those strong oranges, rust, brown, red and yellows. And we did not have a nightfrost until well into October so that this was one of the most wonderful falls on record.

Our vegetable garden was a success notwithstanding the draught in June. During that month not a drop of precipitation! We had an abundance of everything and there are still two rows of carrots under heaps of straw and leaves which we dig from time to time. In Dec. we had the last lettuce out of the coldframe but whether all that fussing with closing and covering the frame is worth those few lettuces...? A solution might be a little greenhouse which I think we should build onto the south side of this house towards the driveway. Unfortunately such things as a septic tank sits smack in the place where we would have to have the trenches dug for the 4 ft deep foundation walls. Yes, in this climate one needs 1.25 m deep foundat on walls! I donot believe in Britain one has to bother to go that deep down.

On the CBC radio we hear lots of odd bits of news about Britain. On a weekday program "As it happens" lots of people are regularly interviewed, e.i. about the Lord who wants to introduce a bill about UFO's, (this week!), or about the Sherlock Holmes society and their annual dinner, etc. Such lovely insights in British life!

As for Canada. Slowly going to pots. Sagging dollar, lots of discontented people who all want to strike for higher pay, lots of people who do not want to work at all since welfare is so much easier, and then there are still some who earn an honest living and who carry most of the brant. Our able prime minister has a great deal of nonsense to take and I donot believe an, party leader whatever he provides can bring paradise to Canada with so much uncooperativeness on all levels. Man, people think a conservative government would solve many of the economy's ills. Perhaps, if we were a self contained entity, but we are not, and are too dependent on other countries. No matter what they do - it is the citizen himself who has to want to do something. Everybody is blaming the government. Afterall we do not have compulsory voting but criticism is so abundant. Well, I donot want to add to that so I'll stop right here.

Next time you are in Hamilton, we can take you to our brand new Art Gallery downtown. A very striking super modern (also concrete) building. There have been some very beautiful exhibits. Right now there is one on Hungarian Folk Art. If it comes to England you would probably enjoy seeing it. Toronto is preparing itself for the "Tuk" show in November which had made so much the news. I'm referring to the Egyptian Tutankamen show - 50 pieces of golden statuettes etc from his grave. The exhibit, under heavin. control, is now in New York at the Metropolitan Museum and the world of business has gone crazy with "Tuk" ashtrays, T-shirts, towels, cheap and more expensive reproductions, "Tuk" candy, flags and tablecloths. You mention it. People are even selling on the street tickets for 40 dollars because people queue for hours and hours. Crazy world, not?

Freak is still very busy with his A.I. work besides all his other interests. Never a dull moment. But we are healthy and happy, probably due to a 1000 hours of walking we do per year with our dog. Funny Freak, he calculated approx. how much time we spent walking.....!!! Fortunately Tushka does not care, just wags her tail.

So long for now. Sorry for this rambling chatt. letter. We hope you will enjoy both a very healthy and happy 1979 with many contented hours gardening and painting!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

by Leslie Greenwood

Subjects depicted are (from top to bottom)

Coleus hybrid

Schlumbergera x *buckleyi*
(*Christmas Cactus*)

Zebrina pendula

Cyclamen persicum hybrid

Saintpaulia ionantha
(*African Violet*)

With
Best Wishes for Christmas
and the New Year

from Vera & Leslie Greenwood

I am so glad to be able to tell you that
the heart surgery has proved highly
successful and I feel better than I have
for years. We have such pleasant
memories of your help and kindness
and hope you are keeping well.
Please remember us to your kind neighbours.

Leslie

The purchase of this card has helped the funds of
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Huttons Close

Britwell Salome

Sept. 3rd

Dear Fred,

Thank you for your very welcome letter, it has only just arrived so I am a little anxious for fear you do not receive this before you leave. Of course you must come & visit us & if possible spend a night here. I have read through your programme & it seems to me that the two "uncertain" days at Wisley might be possible. Leslie would come down & collect you if necessary or perhaps you could spend one day less in Holland & stay with us en route to Manchester. Certainly the best thing to do would be to phone us & then we could make a firm date. (Telephone no: above) We look forward to seeing you again very much. How sad that Ina won't be with you. Please give her my love & best wishes

Yours ever,

Vera

August 24, 1977

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Greenwood
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Dear Friends,

Ina reminded me yesterday that we had promised you that whenever we (or one of us) would be in England we would let you know. Well, as it turns out, I will be in Europe for two weeks in September. I will be leaving Toronto on Sept. 12, arrive in Manchester on Sept. 13 and go on to Dublin the same day. I will be in Dublin until at least Saturday Sept. 17 for meetings with Chris Brickell and other horticulturists/botanists. I am still awaiting news from Chris Brickell to find out whether he wants me for further work sessions on the 17th and 18th, and if so whether that would be in Dublin or at Wisley.

Between the 19th and 26th I will be in Holland to visit my father (in the East), my mother-in-law (centre), Ina's sister and her family (North; their 14-year old son just spent 6 weeks with us here in Canada!), meet with my Dutch and Belgian counterparts of the botanical gardens of those countries on Sept. 23 in Rotterdam (my hometown!) and, finally, visit at least the bot. gardens in Haren (North) and Amsterdam.

By the looks of it I will have to leave Amsterdam again on Sept. 26 to catch my flight in Manchester in the morning of Sept. 27 and be back home here that same afternoon and start catching up with lost sleep because the next day I will have to meet with a botanist from San Salvador . . .

I wish I could drop in, if just for a cup of tea and to see your house, the garden and Leslie's studio.



Huttons close.

May 14th 1977.

My Dears,

Leslie & I are back to basic living once more, no V. I. P. treatment in England. We had a wonderful trip with kindness & consideration all the way, but none to surpass that of two very sweet Canadians (& Airedale) Our stay with you was one of the highlights of our holiday. Leslie's health was not too good, but with several hours rest in the afternoon, we managed very well. One very pleasant surprise awaited us at our hotel in Washington. The management sent up a large bowl of fruit & cheese, crackers & two bottles of wine with the hotel's compliments. The manager said he had had a phone call, we don't know from whom, telling him that Leslie was a well known artist & we were to have the best room in the house. It was certainly a

very pleasant one with a wonderful view of the city particularly at night.

The exhibition at Pittsburgh was an enormous success & Leslie was delighted. Our journey home was easy & trouble free & our friends & neighbours seemed glad to see us back. My grandson thanks you Lina dear for the stamps, he was thrilled with them, his Daddy also.

Our warmest thanks to you both for your kindness & hospitality, please give us the opportunity one day of returning it. We should so love to entertain you, however briefly, here in England.

Bless you both!

Vera.

Please give my regards to your friends
Mr. & Mrs. Maple Syrup. (I've forgotten their name)
& the Dalmatian Doggie man.

Do you know any-thing about that phone message ??
Just in time to thank you for the Maple Syrup
sweeties. They look too pretty to eat. But I shall.

From Leslie Greenwood F.L.S., F.R.S.A.

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14th May 1977

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My dear Fred & Dora,

Vera has already said in her letter all those memories we have of your great kindness to us upon our visit to Hamilton. I can never thank you enough & we have certainly found two good & true friends. We shall never forget you.

I am enclosing one of the original paintings which I did for *Flowers of the World*, which I hope you will accept from me as a small gift, quite inadequate, for your kindness & friendship. It is the *Mimulus* which appears on page 279, and I hope you will like it.

The Hunt Institute have staged a truly beautiful exhibition of my work, one of which I should be proud, and indeed I am. I enclose a catalogue in case you would like to have one. I was also interviewed for Television News - CBS Channel 2 - and appeared on the Friday evening & again on Sunday. Everyone there was so kind & hospitable and we dined at Mr. Alfred Hunt's house on the Sunday evening among several other engagements. I was not, as you know, feeling very well, but managed to cope.

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by getting as much rest as possible between the various social occasions.

Washington, of course, was spring-like compared with Hamilton. Trees becoming green, Cornus in bloom, also Cercis, and we found Trilliums & Mertensia blooming outside Pittsburgh.

I wonder whether it will be possible for you to visit the exhibition at Pittsburgh?

I am glad to say that I am feeling better, and certainly hope to make progress during the summer months so that I can visit America again next year. That is my aim, and I trust that I shall be able to carry out some of the lectures which, to my intense embarrassment had to be cancelled this spring.

I hope we can all meet again before too long. Perhaps I can give a different lecture at the RBG sometime. I have plenty "up my sleeve". If & when you come to England please do not fail to tell us, & we must meet up somewhere or perhaps it might be possible for you to stay with us.

With kindest regards & all good wishes

Leslie

P.S. I was just packing this when your parcel of colour slides, clippings, and the maple sugar confectionery arrived, so I am just in time to include my thanks to you for them all. We look forward to putting them in a project - little slides I mean. Thanks again, Leslie

March 28, 1977

Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Greenwood

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Greenwood,

Welcome to Canada and Hamilton!

We hope that you had a comfortable trip.

For tomorrow, Tuesday, March 29, my wife and I (we both work at the Royal Botanical Gardens) will be available to show you around or take you to any place in this area that you would like to see.

We have not arranged any fixed programme since we presume that you would like to recover from the trip and adjust to the change in time.

Office hours at the Gardens are from 9:00 - 5:00, and the office telephone number is 527-1158. Please contact me any time tomorrow to discuss your plans.

If there is anything we can assist you in during non-office hours, donot hesitate to call us at home: 689-5209.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

Freek Vrugtman
Curator of Collections