

FRANK'S MUSEUM

Sept 9, 1992

Dear Mr. Molbak -

Asthma has kept me down and under the past few months. I intended to write to you after our luncheon because we never got to the point. Frank was late, David Thorsud had to leave early, and we had hoped to talk to you about the plans for our library.

As Frank says "the greatest horticultural contribution to northwest gardening is the Horticultural Library" (the only one north of San Francisco or west of Chicago). The featured purpose being to serve our gardeners in the gardener's language! (in addition to landscape architects, nurserymen, public agency horticulturists, artists, and children).

As you know the library was funded entirely by my husband Ben and myself as well as the endowment of the Librarian.

Our investment 6000 books, periodicals, etc

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are "top of the line" and we are launching a
leading library division as well as children's books
(at no cost to the general public)

As you know, we have received national and
internat'l recognition from the Council of Botanical and
Botanical libraries which has chosen our library
for their Annual Meeting in May 1938.

But now, we have had unforeseen costs
during 1992 and I have recently contributed
10,000 to pull us through.

Because we also need to continually grow
to maintain our standards, we will be starting
our first substantial effort by a committee to be
called "The Library Guardians":

I am approaching you in advance
hoping you will read our program with a
10,000 contribution or pledge. This committee
of Guardians will do much to promote the use
of the library and spread the word. Needless to say
it would also motivate the committee members.

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In any case we (David Thord, Frank Minto,
Chamilton and myself) hope you will meet with
us to discuss our plans further -

Also, I think you will be surprised,
and impressed with our collections. And I keep
remembering that a library prevails forever.

Most warmly -

Your good friend -

Billy Miller

P.S. I am enclosing a letter from Duane Kelly
after a telephone call to him regarding his
future support. He is doing an excellent job,
and has a positive attitude towards without
garden, don't you think.

Molokai.
Next library
N.W. Flona - Glad Shu
(U.W. Football team)

East coast is leaning
where the west coast is