

I want to thank you <sup>reasonably</sup> for your 10,000 contribution to the library in very meaningful to me, and

a major contribution to northwest horticulture and to the community -

Years ago, a small group of us <sup>dedicated ourselves</sup> carried ~~predominantly~~ <sup>in our minds</sup>: "The Pacific N.W. could and should be the horticultural center of the globe. This was proved by our natl and internat'l hort. exhibits and well documented by the authorities who judged these exhibits. Thus the <sup>idea</sup> ~~idea~~ was born. <sup>ever so slowly</sup>.

The prominent hort. societies in the U.S. are: Cal. Mass. Penna. New York. Chicago - several are 200 years old. and the N.W. Hort Soc. is strongly on the road of the northwest position (Eng. Scot Ireland - combined give the largest geographical representation - most of these and more can be grown in King County.

The essential core of all these hort. centers is the library - the same as any other advanced field. law, medicine, art, and research. ~~Mass library, largest in U.S., the Natural Science Museum London and Linnaeus.~~

~~A~~ hort. library is unique in that it serves not only the professional but also the community.

Our library is off to a strong start. much of it due to our librarians and their representation on the natl council of hort and hort libraries (thanks to one of our advisors <sup>Dr.</sup> Richard A. Howard)

True. supporting funds come from both in and out of our organization. The Nat Ed Fund - State with Nat Trust and D.C.O. which has also recently gifted the library. And we have been blessed with a 15,000 contribution to the library from the Tacoma Foundation through Mary and George Davis!

The Club and the Hort. Library as a unit are the outgrowth of the U.S. and the <sup>we stand alone</sup> U.S. ~~strongly~~ hort soc in N.W. So, ~~the work~~. the U.S. should stand tall. the door is wide open to grow -

But on everything - in review. Bylaws - we initially made many mistakes and learned from them periodically changing the by-laws to make them more flexible. They need to be shaped and reshaped to serve the purposes of our goals. We should <sup>clearly define our</sup> hort. cultural image! We already have the

~~top~~ - top of the line - garden clubs and plant societies -

~~we can all contribute our part to our mutual gain~~

and let the U.S. merit the pride in their own hort. cultural contributions to the community.

and maintain their status ~~Carlisle Russell says~~ ~~At one time~~ -

also, as time goes on the library will be increasingly used by the members of our garden clubs and plant societies.

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