

LIBRARY REPORT

When I first took over as Librarian in early December 2011 the library was in a mild state of disarray. Tracy Plotner, the previous librarian, was unable, due to illness, to perform her duties as much as she would have liked. With Will Plotner's assistance I was able to get a grasp of procedures, filings, etc and I owe Will a great deal of thanks for his assistance.

Early in January 2012 the library became flooded due to a faulty sump pump. To their credit the Silverton maintenance we contacted installed a new pump within 2 hours. Will and I squeegeed and mopped for another 2 hours. Fortunately only two (2) file drawers and one (1) box of Bulletins from digitizing were affected. The files for four (4) societies (TBIS, Siberian, SIGNA, and Spuria) were partially damaged. All damaged files have been, or are in the process of being, replaced. Only thirteen (13) Bulletins from digitizing were affected. The donations (Bulletins, Newsletters, hybridizing records, etc.) from the Craig, Figge, Machulak, and Meek estates have been inventoried and all AIS relevant materials placed on file.

Catalogs submitted to the Registrar for the years 2004, '05, '06, '07 have been combined. All catalogs from gardens not currently on file will be filed and those that are useable will be conserved for future use for the Silent Auction.

Older Bulletins (source unknown) will be substituted (where possible) for those cut open in the digitizing process. This will, hopefully, result in a major reduction in repair cost.

One further note. There are no AIS Board minutes on file for the years 2007 through 2011.

Respectfully submitted

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Librarian