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**This month: Maerch 11 2008 Liberty Hyde Baily 150 Years 7PM
Horton Room KLP Green House**

**Next Month Activity: April 8 7pm
Horton Room KLP Green House**

Tentative Meeting Schedule and Programs: 2008

Thanks to Ed Cobb for scheduling these events!

Please mark these dates on your Garden Calendar.

All meetings are on 2nd Tuesday of every month. Meetings are held in the Horton Seminar Room in the Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture Greenhouses, unless otherwise indicated. Specific programs and time variations will be announced in the newsletter. Our usual meeting time is 7:00PM with the Board of Directors meeting at 6:30PM (when held). Summer garden visits sometime. Members and guests are welcome to attend both meetings

Minutes LH Bailey Garden Club February 12, 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:15. No executive meeting was held. It was the boards desire to include all members in discussion and not have a separate meeting.

Philadelphia Flower show coming up March 2 to march 9. Elke and Beverly plan to attend. There is no more space on the Saturday bus.

The History committee headed by Ruth Doll is collecting material. Ruth has several boxes of material. Once catalogued a brief history can be written.

Possible activities for the Spring include: Donating some plants to the Fall Creek Center raffle, donating plants for the butterfly garden at the Nature Center on Rte 89, assisting in the planting of the Beverly Martin playground.

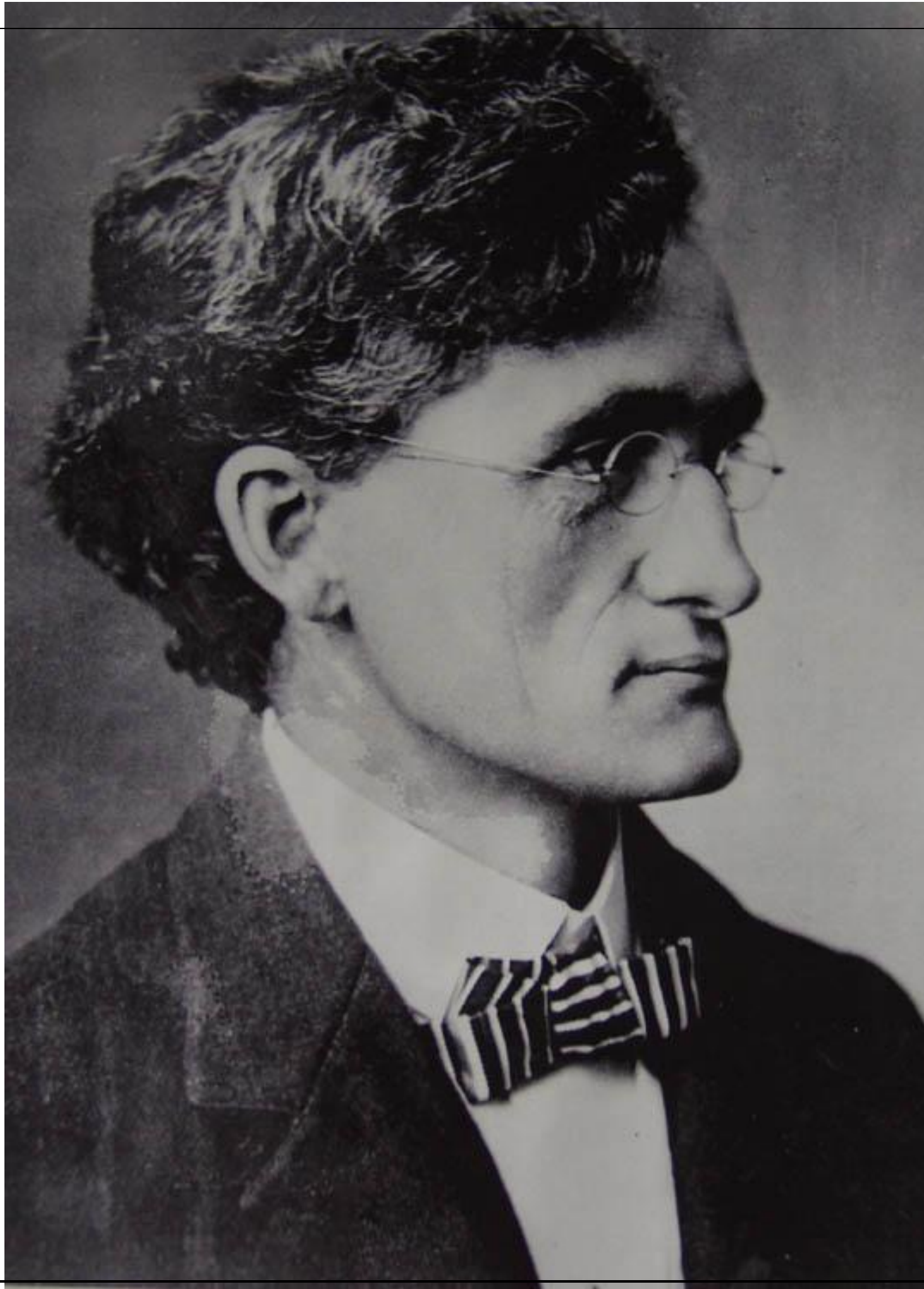
We are looking forward to the club's plant auction on May 13. Members are encouraged to grow seedlings to share for this sale. Do we want to invite members of other gardens clubs to join in the auction? May 17 is the plant sale at the Ithaca school.

Bob Parlett plans to grow geraniums again this year. He would like to sell some of them at the Ithaca school sale. Bob will develop a time line for the plants. All members are encouraged to help out in this activity. Greenhouse space at Cornell will be used to finish off the 4 inch size plants before the sale. On Helen's suggestion, Bob will try to obtain some seed of the new "Elke" variety to add to the other varieties being grown.

Helen Swank gave a treasurer's report. We have \$ 642.43 in unrestricted funds. We have total assets of \$ 3,196.07.

Looking ahead there was some discussion about the berm at the Farmer's market and also a possible tour of the Hanford Gardens in Marcellus, NY in August.

Member's enjoyed refreshments before viewing slides of New Zealand.



Presidents Corner

Hi members,

For our club to remain active in the The Gardeners of America organization, we need a few more members to join TGOA. We need a total of ten members in TGOA each year. The cost is \$15.00 per year.

This organization coordinates the garden clubs around the country, provides a newsletter every two months and creates the garden calendars.

Please consider joining this organization and support the gardening spirit. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Swank or me. Thanks.

Ed

ourgardengang.com/forcing **How to Force Branches from Shrubs for Indoor Bloom**

You can cut boughs from your spring-blooming shrubs and trees to bring them inside, and "force" them to open. The best time to do this is between February and April, depending on your zone, when the temperature begins to climb above freezing for a day or two.

Procedure:

Select branches that have the most buds and make a clean cut flush against the trunk of the tree so that no stub is left. This procedure ensures quick healing. Then seal all the cuts on the shrub with a mixture of antiseptic mouthwash and latex paint.

After gathering the branches, crush or split the lower stems a few inches from the bottom to increase the area exposed to water for better absorption. Then place the branches in a bucket or large vase of room temperature water. Beautiful blooms will begin to appear within a few weeks. And, what a sight for sore, winter weary eyes!



Forced quince blossoms

Here are the best shrubs and trees for forcing indoors for early spring bloom. Cutting times are based on zone 6, and will vary - earlier for zone 7 and up, and later for zone 4-5.

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