**PG Monthly Meeting 3/11/15**

**Attending:** MOBOT (Trish Rose-Sandler, Mike Lichtenberg, William Ulate., Doug Holland, Mike Blomberg), Cornell (Marty Schlabach), Harvard (Joe DeVeer, Connie Rinaldo, Patrick Randall), NYBG (Andrew Schinkel),

**Absent:** Susan Lynch, HollyMistlebauer, Mike Blomberg

Cornell (Marty)

In Feb Marty gave talk at Genesse Country Museum about online collection, 70 attendees, created a ppt which he will share, created some bookmarks and postcards using images from collection. This afternoon be will giving same presentation at Mann Library.

Uploaded 1st group to IA using Macaw, not sure if in BHL yet (pages uploaded?). (Mike says once uploaded to IA should be pulled into BHL within 2 weeks) 3rd shipment still at scanner, catalogers will have to create MARC records for firms who don’t’ already have MARC records. Shipment #4 being compiled right now. Yesterday received email from USAIN (org of ag libraries) They have agreed to do a column on preservation in *Journal of Ag and Food Info*. Marty volunteered to do a column there. Patrick also emailed them to do it. Connie recalls we’ve had a BHL article in there several years ago.

NYBG (Andrew)

NYBG continues to upload seed and nursery catalogs into BHL but at a much slower pace.  Approximately, 400 pages of new content were uploaded during the last month.

 Members of staff continue to push images from the seed and nursery catalogs into FLICKR.  This project is led by Grace Constantino.      We plan to participate in the launch of the game when it becomes available.  We’ll run the game on a couple of PCs in our reading room.

Harvard

Transcription (Joe)

ALA (DigiVol) – Brewster journals 100% complete and diaries 100% complete (2818 pages); Mike would like a data export of these. Joe will send.

FromThePage – journals 62% complete and diaries only 22% done.

Hired new staff member dedicated to this project and is focused on FromThePage so the completion rates should increase considerably next month.

Started adding seed catalogs to FromThePage see section called Historical seed and nursery catalogs http://transcribebhl.mobot.org/dashboard/main\_dashboard. Uploaded 7 but several had problems with images rendering which Ben is looking into. Added 10 from NYBG. Garden campaign is starting March 23rd. Joe could add more. Looked for ones that would be difficult for OCR to interpret. Each catalog has about 50 pgs.

User Request to give updates on transcription project - reminder that its not as easy to communicate with volunteers in FromThePage as it is in DigiVol. Joe has all their emails and will email them directly on status of project. Mike suggests we edit the home page for fromThePage to let folks know the status. Joe will look into it.

Should we put same catalogs in DigiVol to get 2 transcriptions? Probably.

Guidelines – none yet. Would be useful. Some may be in Latin. Send Joe suggestions for good candidates of catalogs

Communications ( Patrick)

Helping Grace promoting Garden stories campaign. First post March 23rd. Final post on March 27th

MOBOT

Scanning (Mike B.) no updates since last report

Doug gave prose about seed lists to Grace for her first campaign post

OCR outputs – Mike continuing to generate 2nd output but is waiting for Tiltfactor to let us know how much data they need.

TILT2 update – created a contract and timeline with Desmond. Asked him to finish tool by early April. We are ironing out the architecture for the tool and how it will run locally at MOBOT.

Tiltfactor progress (Trish) - no new updates from Tiltfactor on games. Hoping to talk with them today to see where they are at.

Other

Webwise dates set? Still no word on dates for Webwise - Connie heard they may have meeting in the fall

Should we have a f2f meeting if not at Webwise? Yes would be useful and we all have lots of travel money to use up.

Marty suggested Council on Botanical and Hort Libraries Decorah Iowa in June 16th-19th , Seed Savers Exchange. Who is going? Marty, Doug, Susan Fraser, Joe could go, Connie can’t go.

Maybe early May is a good time to meet since our games will go live late May. Are folks interested in coming to St Louis in May? Yes. Trelease probably won’t be available but may be some other Garden options

Schedule Limitations in May?

Mike L. May 14th leaving early

Trish week of May 25th

Connie May 4-10 Global BHL

Joe will check on his schedule

William will look into housing