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*A helicopter view of the Boxwood maze at Gunston Hall, Lorton, Virginia — one of the historic homes faithfully restored by the joint efforts of the Colonial Dames and the Garden Club of Virginia. Clipped hedges of dwarf box are accented by tall holly trees, and backed by the 250-year old Box planted by George Mason.*

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# Graham Furber Blandy

The staff of the Blandy Experimental Farm in Boyce would like to ask all the citizens of the area to join with them in honoring the memory of Mr. Graham Furber Blandy. Mr. Blandy passed away just 50 years ago, on March 25, 1926.

Mr. Blandy was a generous, capable, well-liked member of the community, who loved the Virginia countryside and was interested in promoting the future of the way of life he so enjoyed.

News of Mr. Blandy's death was received from New York City by the Winchester Evening Star office. The stories which they ran on March 25, March 26 and March 30, 1926, reveal a great deal about the man who left the bulk of his estate to the University of Virginia "to teach boys farming in all its branches, including fruit raising." For example, the Star stories mention that Mr. Blandy was a member of the New York Stock Exchange from 1891 until the time of his death, and that for three years he served on the New York Board of Education. He was the Assistant Director of the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C., during World War I.

Mr. Blandy purchased the "Tuleyries" farm from the estate of Col. U. L. Boyce in the early 1900's and he spent a considerable amount of time and money improving the property and bringing its production up to the point he desired. Quoting from the March 25, 1926, "Star," "Some of the finest cattle and other livestock raised in the Valley of Virginia has been bred and shipped from the 'Tuleyries' since the estate passed into the hands of Mr. Blandy."

His interest in youth and farming ultimately led to his gift to the University of Virginia. At the time of his death, he bequeathed 700+ acres of his property to the University and arranged for a sizeable endowment to fund the operation of the facility. The endowment came to the University at the time of Mrs. Blandy's death in 1939. Mr. Blandy's generosity is appreciated to this day, as the Blandy Experimental Farm continues to operate on funds generated from his generous gift.

The March 30, 1926 "Star" account quoted Mr. R. Gray Williams, then a member of the Alumni Board of the University of Virginia, as he spoke about Mr. Blandy. That quote indicates the kind of gentleman Mr. Blandy was.

Mr. Williams said, "He was sincerely anxious to encourage the development of Virginia, and was especially interested in the education of young men and young women. He was a man of quiet dignity, who never sought or relished publicity, but he was anxious in his own quiet and unassuming way to do the most good with the money that he had. His death is a great loss to this section of the country.

He has shown the sincerity of his love for Virginia by the great gift he has offered the state university, and his example of high living and devotion to the public welfare will remain an inspiration for many years to come."

After accepting Mr. Blandy's gift, the University proceeded to set up a world renowned genetics program under the direction of Dr. Orland E. White. The fine arboretum, which was a result of the work of Dr. White and his students, remains as a tribute to him, "The Orland E. White Arboretum."

Dr. White was succeeded by Dr. W. Ralph Singleton who brought the new field of radiation genetics to Blandy in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Dr. Singleton's work in radiation genetics recently won him the honor of being named the "Father of Hybrid Sweet Corn Breeding" and "Honorary Member Extraordinary" by the National Sweet Corn Breeders Association at their 25th Annual Conference.

In recent years, the Blandy Experimental Farm has broadened the scope of its programs in an effort to do more for the community of which it is a part. All local education facilities are encouraged to use Blandy. Garden Clubs and civic organizations are welcome to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere and meet in the spacious library. The public is invited to visit the Blandy Experimental Farm and Orland E. White Arboretum any day from sunrise to sunset. Visitors are requested to observe the regulations posted at the entrance.

It is hoped that Mr. Blandy would be pleased with the programs which have been undertaken at the Blandy Experimental Farm and that in the future, the Blandy Experimental Farm will continue to serve the University and the community as a living memorial to a sincere, generous human being—Mr. Graham Furber Blandy.

*Thomas E. Ewert*

*Director, Blandy Experimental Farm*

# THE MAIL BOX

May 12, 1976

The American Boxwood Society  
P. O. Box 85  
Boyce, Virginia 22620

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Blandy Experimental Farm of the University of Virginia, I want to express my appreciation to the American Boxwood Society, for the financial contribution of \$1,000 which was given to Blandy. This contribution will be applied to the expenses which we are incurring in our operation, as we had to move the existing Boxwood Collection from its original nursery planting to the new Memorial Boxwood Garden.

We decided to apply your contribution, as I proposed at the October 1975 Directors' Meeting, toward the purchase of a CARETREE Tree Spade. (Total cost of this equipment was \$3684.00.) I feel this was the proper action. Our only transplanting efforts with this new machine appear to be most successful and I'm sure the membership who view the new garden will agree.

The first four plants we moved were handled with shovels, a wheelbarrow, and many hours of hard labor. The rest of the plants were moved with the tree spade in a matter of a few days, and I think that the plants felt less shock, as they were out of the ground only about 15 minutes.

I hope that the ABS membership will be pleased with our progress. We are proud to be able to add the Boxwood Memorial Garden to the collections of the Orland E. White Arboretum. We are hoping that we will be able to rely on ABS for more support in the future. By this, I mean moral support: your interest in the Garden, and your help in maintaining the accuracy of the labeling, as well as any financial support you can provide us, to help us keep the Garden in first-class order, properly pruned, fertilized, sprayed and mulched.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Ewert, Director  
Blandy Experimental Farm,  
Boyce, Virginia

*Now that the Memorial Boxwood Garden is underway and the initial plants are in place, it is time to think about an appropriate way of honoring those individuals who have given of their time and energy in serving the goals of the American Boxwood Society.*

*We hope that all of the members who attended the Annual Meeting were able to spend some time in the new Garden. At this time I would like to solicit suggestions from the membership on an appropriate type of memorial plaques or appropriate garden ornamentation.*

Thomas E. Ewert, Director...

Blandy Experimental Farm

*Please send your suggestion to the American Boxwood Society, Memorial Garden, Box 175, Boyce, Virginia 22620.*

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## NEW MEMBERS

- Allen, Mr. John, 1016 River Road, Trenton, N.J.  
Averitt, Mr. Joseph T. Jr., Rt. 1, Box 25 B, Kilmarnock, Va.  
Bell, Mr. S. J., Bellwood Farm, 6301 Old Carolina Rd., Haymarket, Va.  
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Rawles, Mrs. James W., 5001 Cary Street Road, Richmond, Va.  
Seim, Dr. Donald E., 1524 Shorehaven Court, Virginia Beach, Va.  
van Roijen, Mrs. Robert D., Box 84, Warrenton, Va.  
William Paca Garden, The — One Martin Street, Annapolis, Md.
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*Dues, contributions to the Memorial Garden and to the continuing research work on Boxwood diseases, may be sent to Mrs. Ewert, Treasurer, at the American Boxwood Society, Blandy Experimental Farm, Box 175, Boyce, Va. 22620.*

# The American Boxwood Society

## Minutes Of The Sixteenth Annual Meeting

May 12 1976

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of The American Boxwood Society was held at Blandy Experimental Farm, Boyce, Va. on Wednesday, May 12, 1976. Registration began at 9:30 A.M. and the business meeting was convened at 10:30 A.M. by the President, Rear Admiral Neill Phillips. Seventy-four members were present.

Dr. Runk and Mr. and Mrs. Ewert were thanked for the superb flower arrangements made for the meeting.

The report of the Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Andrew Kirby, was presented and approved. Mrs. Kirby's report was received with applause and a vote of thanks extended to her. The complete report is appended to the Minutes.

### Editor's Report

Mrs. Whiting apologized for the lateness of publication of the April issue of the Bulletin which was partly due to an epidemic of illness in the area.

The Editor informed the members of the development by Mrs. Mary Gamble of a Boxwood Society of the Midwest with headquarters at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis. Mrs. Gamble will report to the American Boxwood Society on this organization from time to time and will publish a simple newsletter twice a year. The President stated the ABS wishes Mrs. Gamble success in this new venture and it is rewarding to see how the knowledge of boxwood is spreading. A discussion followed *re* the development of this organization and it was the feeling of Dr. Skinner that this may be the beginning of branch chapters of the American Boxwood Society and information such as this should flow through our Society. It was suggested Admiral Phillips, as President of ABS, address a letter to Mrs. Gamble to determine if there is interest in forming a chapter in Missouri. The President agreed to explore the matter with Mrs. Gamble with the help of Dr. Skinner.

Mrs. Whiting was thanked for her continued devotion and excellent work as Editor of the Boxwood Bulletin.

### Blandy Report

Dr. Runk and Mr. Ewert expressed their pleasure in having the ABS Annual Meeting at Blandy and are pleased to have us consider Blandy as headquarters for ABS. Mr. Ewert told of the events happening at Blandy and the various programs available there. There have been Nutrition Programs for Senior Citizens, Hanging Basket Classes, visits by Garden Clubs and School Groups, and summer courses in Art in the Continuing Education Program of the University of Virginia will be starting. He announced a new Dogwood tree had been planted in honor of Mr. Blandy who died fifty years ago.

### President's Report

Admiral Phillips called attention to the gavel and block made from boxwood and donated to the Society by Life Member G. R. McCracken.

Out-of-town members from Marietta, Georgia, were recognized and welcomed.

The minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of May 14, 1975 were approved as published in the July 1975 issue of the Boxwood Bulletin.

Two meetings of the officers and directors were held in November, 1975 and April 1976 to attend to various routine matters. The \$1,000 authorized at the May 1975 Annual Meeting for transplanting boxwood into the Memorial Garden was disbursed to the Garden Committee in April, 1976.

The President announced that Mrs. Kirby and Mrs. Whiting cannot continue in their positions as Secretary-Treasurer and Editor, respectively. Mrs. Kirby's resignation is to be effective immediately. Mrs. Whiting agreed to stay on her job until July 1976 — and at the very latest April, 1977. After discussion, Dr. Runk made a motion that the Executive Committee serve as a committee to find a successor for Mrs. Whiting. This motion seconded and approved unanimously. It was suggested that an appeal to the entire membership be published in the Bulletin stating the problem in hopes of finding someone who could take over this job. Mrs. Charles H. Dick from

Winchester volunteered to assist Mrs. Whiting in preparing and publishing the Bulletin. The Society is deeply grateful for her generosity and interest at a time when it is sorely needed.

The President enumerated the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer which are many and asked for discussion. Mrs. Thomas Ewert volunteered to take over the duties of the Treasurer. Admiral Phillips stated Mrs. Ewert should receive a salary for this time-consuming and tedious work. The Secretary's position was not resolved.

#### **Election of Officers and Directors for 1976-77**

The terms of two directors, Dr. Henry T. Skinner and Professor A. S. Beecher, expire in May 1976. By unanimous vote Dr. Skinner and Professor Beecher were reelected to serve three year terms.

A motion was made by Mrs. Doris Frost, seconded and by unanimous vote elected Mrs. Thomas Ewert as Treasurer. The position of Secretary was left in abeyance and the matter to be resolved by the Executive Committee.

Mr. Kim Brabson of Elkton, Va. presented the slate of officers for 1976-77. They are:

President: Rear Admiral Neill Phillips  
1st Vice President: Professor Albert S. Beecher  
2nd Vice President: Mr. Alden Eaton  
Secretary: Vacant  
Treasurer: Mrs. Thomas Ewert

It was moved and seconded that the nominations for the above-named officers be accepted and they were unanimously elected.

#### **Dr. Speese**

The President welcomed Dr. Bernice M. Speese, College of William and Mary. Dr. Speese addressed the meeting and related her ideas regarding registration of boxwood. An interesting discussion followed and Dr. Skinner proposed that Dr. Speese draw up a more practical application form for registering cultivars by revising the Arnold Arboretum form which has been used for years by Dr. Wagenknecht as ABS's Official Registrar. Dr. Speese agreed to revise the form and submit to Dr. Skinner for review and then to the Executive Committee of the Boxwood Society for approval. It was suggested that Dr. Speese consider taking on the job of Official Registrar for the Society.

It was recommended by Mr. Richard Mahone of Colonial Williamsburg that whenever a boxwood is registered to herbarium, specimens be submitted (1) to the National Arboretum and (2) to the College of William and Mary. It was also the suggestion of Mr. Mahone that the Boxwood Society have a designated area for Dr. Speese's herbarium specimens.

Dr. Speese reported that the late Dr. J. T. Baldwin's plants at the College of William and Mary have been finally mapped and the maps with details will be made available for future use in an issue of the Bulletin.

#### **Memorial Garden**

Mr. Ewert reported on the progress made by the Memorial Garden Committee. He stated 30 labeled plants from the Hohman Collection and the National Arboretum Collection have been transferred to the new location. Mr. Ewert stressed the need for a committee to help in identifying and labeling the specimens.

A motion was made by Mr. Mahone to authorize the expenditure of \$1,500 for the year May 1, 1977 to enable the Memorial Garden Committee to carry on the project under way and, if more funds are needed to accomplish the job, ask the Executive Committee for authorization of additional money. This motion unanimously passed.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 noon for lunch and inspection of the Memorial Garden site.

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The meeting reconvened at 1:15 P.M. and the President introduced the speaker for the afternoon session: Mr. R. H. Morris, Regulatory Plant Inspector, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce. He told of the duties of an inspector which are to eradicate or keep out any harmful insects from the State, and to regulate all plant material shipped in or out of the State by commercial nurseries. He has the following recommendations for insect prevention:

For Leaf Miner — Spray with DIAZINON by June 15th

For Red Spider Mites — Spray with ISOTOX by May 1st

For White Fly — VAPONA

Best results against Japanese Beetles — SEVIN

An invitation was extended by Mr. Morris to members and guests to visit the State Laboratory at Warrenton, Va. whenever convenient.

#### **Reports from VPI Representatives**

Dr. Lambe reported that English Boxwood Decline and PHYTOPHTHORA Root Rot are on the increase and getting more severe in the Northern Virginia area and in the Piedmont area. Phytophthora now attacks both English and American Box. VPI is continuing to do research on the problems and has been helped with funds from The Garden Club of Virginia. Plans have been made to work

on Phytophthora in the Danville, Va. area and a disease control area has been set up there. VPI has been testing a chemical (TRUBAN) in the greenhouse and is now ready to go into fields for testing. The VPI team is continuing to do experimental work in the gardens of Mr. Hilbert, Waterford, Va., where they are receiving excellent cooperation from Mr. Hilbert.

Dr. Wills discussed the aims of VPI for control of diseases. A graduate student at VPI, Mr. Mark Vizvary, is continuing to work on boxwood diseases with financial support from the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation at Morven Park.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M. with an invitation to visit the President's Heronwood Gardens at Upperville.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ruby P. Dove*  
Recording Secretary

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### Secretary's Report to Officers and Directors,

April 5, 1976

During the 1975-76 year 76 new members have been enrolled. Five persons have become life members. A recent count shows that (other than LIFE and HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS) 13 Sustaining, 68 Contributing, and about 360 Regular members have paid dues for the current year, as have 11 subscribers. Last week one member sent a renewal for the next five years as a Contributing Member.

The Report to the State Corporation Commission was made February 9, 1976.

A new supply of 200 brochures were printed at Carr's and are available to anyone wanting them. We are grateful to Mr. Ewert for taking some to Williamsburg for distribution at the Garden Symposium this year.

An order has been placed with Carr Publishing Co. for remittance envelopes for this year's membership renewals. These will be addressed by Carr Publishing.

Members enrolled in the LIFE class during the year are:

Dr. Samuel E. McFadden, Gainesville, Fla.  
Mrs. Billie C. Pearce, Charles City, Va.  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Scheetz, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Mr. Edgar R. Lafferty III, King William, Va.  
Mrs. Walter Scott Thomson, Louisville, Ky.  
Mrs. Antone Rodgers, Baltimore, Md.

The other LIFE members being recognized today are:

(Next column, 2nd paragraph)

### REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY- TREASURER

(Mrs. Kirby)

I was unable to keep an accurate tally of back issues of *The Bulletin* mailed throughout the year, however, I would estimate the number to be between 75 and 100. One complete set plus enough single issues were sold to realize a total of \$163.45. I might add at this point that the "single piece" rate for mailing bulletins has increased. Also, the Postal Service requires that ABS deposit with the Boyce postmaster sufficient funds (about \$10) at the beginning of each quarter to cover the mailing cost (bulk rate) of *The Boxwood Bulletin* when it comes from the printers to go into the mails.

Mr. James J. O. Anderson, Baltimore, Md.  
Mrs. H. H. Blee, Middleburg, Va.  
Mr. Tennant Bryan, Richmond, Va.  
Mrs. Athalie R. Clarke, Corona Del Mar, Calif.  
Mrs. William J. Donovan, Berryville, Va.  
Mrs. B. C. Fisher, Charles City, Va.  
Mr. William C. Frogale, Haymarket, Va.  
Mrs. John W. Hanes, Jr., Great Falls, Va.  
Mrs. Horace Havemeyer, Jr., Chestertown, Md.  
Mrs. Baylor Hickman, Goshen, Ky.  
Mrs. John Q. LeGrande, Grande, Greenwood, Va.  
Mr. Charles S. Lewis, Jr., Beckley, W. Va.  
Mr. Gustavus R. McCracken, Glen Allen, Va.  
Mr. George McGhee, Middleburg, Va.  
Mr. Steve Noland, Richmond, Ky.  
Miss Jacqueline B. Phillips, Baltimore, Md.  
Rear Admiral Neill Phillips, Upperville, Va.  
Mr. Samuel R. Phillips, Portola Valley, Calif.  
Mrs. John B. Roberts, Princess Anne, Md.  
Mrs. P. L. Rougny, Huntingdon, L.I., N.Y.  
Mrs. Vincent Shea, Charlottesville, Va.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. Francis Smithers, Barboursville, Va.  
Mrs. J. F. M. Stewart, Charleston, S.C.  
Mrs. James L. Wiley, The Plains, Va.  
Mrs. Orme Wilson, White Post, Va.

The Society received publicity in several areas. It was mentioned in the *Encyclopedia of Associations*, and in the 1975 issue of *The Green Thumb* published by Valley Crafts of Cary, Illinois. Questionnaires were filled in and returned to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and to the American Horticultural Society giving information about the purposes, activities, etc., of the Boxwood Society. Brochures were sent to Mrs. Gamble in St. Louis, Mo. for distribution at the first meeting of the "Boxwood Society of the Midwest" on March 31, at her request. Mr. Ewert, Director of Blandy Farm, again took a supply of brochures to the Williamsburg Garden Symposium in late March, and also to the 3rd Annual Warren County Home & Garden Show in Front Royal April 10 and 11. Many brochures were mailed to persons seeking information about the Society.

The usual forms required annually were filed: (1) The Statement of Ownership with the U. S. Postal Service at Boyce, (9/24/75 and later revised on 12/31/75); (2) The Income Tax Return to the Internal Revenue Service (9/5/75); (3) Postal Service Form 3542 "Statement Showing Number of Copies of Second-Class or Controlled Circulation Publication Mailed" at Boyce, Va., — in other words this was listed as a "Postmaster and Publishers Joint Review and Verification of Circulation" (filed 8/27/75); (4) Applications to the Register of Copyrights for 4 issues of the Bulletin, and (5) The Report to the State Corporation Commission (2/9/76).

On behalf of the Society, "thank you" letters were sent to members who made a contribution to the Memorial Garden fund or to the Research Fund. The names of donors have been listed in the Boxwood Bulletin (through January 1976), and others will be listed in future issues as they come in.

On April 26, 1976, 585 notices giving particulars about the 16th annual meeting, together with remittance envelopes, were mailed to all members then on the roll. I would remind those members who had paid dues for 1976-77 before the end of the year, as well as those members exempt from dues, that the remittance envelop was inserted only as a means of address, since they were preaddressed at the printers — and were not intended as a reminder to pay dues.

I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. Beecher for answering the many letters forwarded to him from this office—from people seeking help with boxwood problems. Without his assistance your letter might never have been answered!

Our thanks to Dr. Runk for again providing the delicious doughnuts for the meeting today, to Mr. and Mrs. Ewert for the hospitality table, and to Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Dove for taking charge of the registration. We appreciate your presence here today for this bicentennial year's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

May 7, 1976

Anna C. Kirby (Mrs. Andrew)

*Treasurer's Report to the 16th Annual Meeting, May 12, 1976, for the period May 1, 1975 through April 30, 1976.*

Balance in Checking Account 5/1/75 ----- \$ 719.32

*Receipts*

Memberships (all classes)	\$3,655.00	
Bulletins sold	163.45	
Research/Memorial Garden donations	522.00	4,340.45

Total Funds Accountable ----- 5,059.77

*Disbursements*

<i>The Boxwood Bulletin:</i>		
Printing	1,360.00	
Copyrights	24.00	
Mailing, Postage, Manila Envelopes Cuts & Mailing Plates	213.03	1,979.53
Post Office Box Rent		6.00
Office supplies (stamps, post cards, envelopes, etc.)		214.94
Job printing (Carr Publishing Co.)		129.75
Recorder's Service (Mrs. Dove)		85.96
Payment to Blandy Farm for transplanting box- wood into Memorial Garden		1,000.00
Transfer of funds from checking to savings account (Life Memberships)		900.00

Total Expenditures ----- 4,316.18

Balance in checking account 4/30/76 ----- 743.59

plus  
Savings with interest to 4/1/76 ----- 2,481.09

Total Assets 5/1/76 ----- 3,224.68

(All accounts are in the Bank of Clarke County, Berryville, Va.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne C. Kirby  
Secretary-Treasurer



Figure 1. Photograph, Thomas L. Williams, February 1967.

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## BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS 'MEMORIAL'

\* By Dr. J. T. Baldwin, Jr.

Fig 1 shows a handsome, billowy boxwood in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Williamsburg, Virginia. My horticultural friends in Colonial Williamsburg claim that this is a specimen of *Buxus sempervirens suffruticosa*; I disagree, and because this is the mother plant of an exceedingly good clone I call attention to it here.

The mother plant is on the grave of Laura B. Poulson, whose headstone records that she died August 24, 1907 and carries the inscription "Gone but not forgotten." I accordingly name this clone 'Memorial'. The plant is likely as old as the grave. The plant has a more open habit than *suffruticosa*, and its vegetatively propagated progeny have a different shape: they approach a rectangular outline rather than the globose shape that one associates with *suffruticosa*. And 'Memorial' has a darker winter color.

Admiral Phillips has five at "Heronwood"; Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cocke have the others at Riding Cove here in Williamsburg.

Visitors to Williamsburg who wish cuttings can readily locate the mother plant near the west wall of Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Figure 2 shows plants about fifteen years old and propagated by Merlin Larson. He has probably grown two hundred plants of this clone and of this age: Colonial Williamsburg has about half of them;

\* J. T. Baldwin Jr., *The Boxwood Bulletin*, v. 6 No. 4, April 1967, opp. p. 60.

# Dr. Baldwin's Memorial Box

By William A. Gray

Nine years ago, in a Bulletin item,\* the late Dr. Baldwin described an individual *Buxus sempervirens* growing in the Cedar Grove Cemetery at Williamsburg, Va. This specimen and plants propagated from it differed from standard species plants in form and foliage. Although young plants superficially resemble the English Box (*B. s. 'suffruticosa'*) in being symmetrically compact and having dense fine-textured foliage, according to Dr. Baldwin they are not '*suffruticosa*.'

Dr. Baldwin reported that in addition to structural differences, plants of this clone seemed to retain their green color through the winter better than typical Common and English Box in that area. He proposed that this plant be referred to as "Memorial Box;" that common name will be used in the remainder of this article. 'Memorial' Box has been propagated and grown at William & Mary and Blandy, by a number of Society members, and by several commercial growers. However, it does not seem to have been registered as a cultivar. In view of this back ground, it may be timely for the Society to ask its members for their experience to date and their opinion of this clone.

During June 1970, my wife and I took a handful of six-inch cuttings from the mother plant (then in rather sad shape) at the Laura Poulsen grave in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. After rooting in an outside frame, ten liners were set out to grow in a shaded cold frame in April 1971, transferred to a sunny nursery field during June 1972, and in December 1973 moved from a tidewater section of Fairfax County, Va. to an 800-foot elevation in western Albemarle County, Va. These Memorial Box plants are now growing under full sun in a well-drained nursery field of English Box and Varda Valley Box. The field has a ground cover of mowed turf; plant root areas are mulched as needed.

'Memorial' Box foliage seems to fall between English and Common Box in shape and size. Leaves are slightly more blunt than those of the species plant. For our stock growing in identical environments, representative leaf dimensions are as follows:

	Common	Memorial	English	Varda Valley
Length (mm):	25	20	15	21
Width (mm):	11	9	10	12

With our limited data base, we cannot reliably conclude that 'Memorial' Box is uniquely resistant to dessication (winter bronzing), as suggested by Dr. Baldwin. Nevertheless, at this time (March 15), all but one of our specimens (the runt of the litter) have retained the deep green color of mature box foliage; about sixty percent of the English Box in the same field also show no bronzing. In general, the Memorial Box foliage has overwintered very much like that of our Varda Valley plants. It should be noted that our nursery plants are in direct sun, all day at all seasons, and in a location subject to extremely strong west winds.

In view of its attractive form and texture and its potential resistance to winter dessication, we feel that this clone selected by Dr. Baldwin is worthy of a continuing interest.

After five growing seasons, these specimens are 12 - 15 inches in height, with a 6 - 7 inch spread. English Box are likely to take three or four more growing seasons to reach this height. Based on this small sample, our experience suggests that the 'Memorial' Box vertical growth rate lie between English and Common Box. Superficially, our specimens differ from a typical '*suffruticosa*' mainly in form, being more columnar; like the English Box, the 'Memorial' Box makes a handsome formal shrub, with tight structure and dense foliage. After decades, mature plants may of course lose the columnar form.

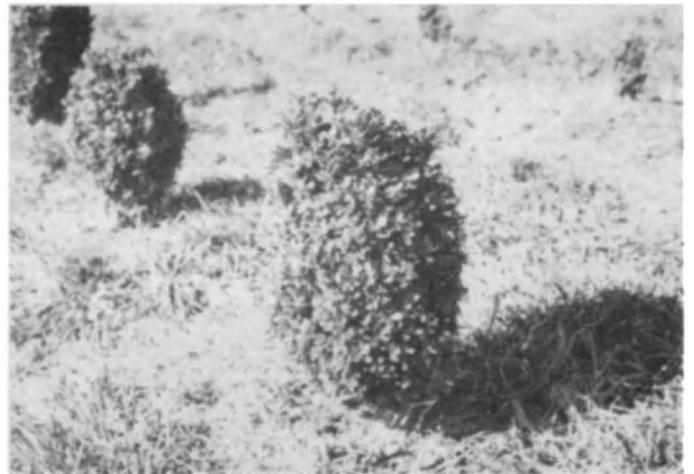


Since Dr. Baldwin's original item printed in 1967, I have seen no further reference in Bulletin issues. In view of the Memorial Garden and the action taken re: Dr. Bernice Speese, I thought it might be timely to see if there is further interest in this clone. I do have an extra copy of this letter and the draft contribution; if you think it desirable, I shall be happy to send these to Dr. Speese for information and possible comment — but I shall wait your word on this.

As you may gather from the tone of my paper, we find this "Memorial Box" a quite attractive shrub in several respects. I quite agree with Dr. Baldwin that it definitely is not a 'suffruticosa.' However, the casual observer is not likely to see much difference between these plants and those 'suffruticosa' of comparable size that have not developed their normal spread. If the "Memorial Box" were to be distributed widely without appropriate control, one might expect some "Old English Boxwood" plantings that are not 'suffruticosa.' On the other hand, a faster-growing columnar plant that is aesthetically compatible with 'suffruticosa' might have merit for landscape designers.

With very best regards,

*William A. Gray*



*Photos by Mr. Gray*

*'Memorial' Box plants growing under full sun in a well drained nursery field, with English "Brardar Valley." The field has a ground cover of mowed turf. Plant root area are mulched as needed.*

# THE MAIL BOX

April 4, 1975

Dear Mrs. Kirby,

I was very distressed a few months ago, to learn of the death of J. T. Baldwin. I had become acquainted with him when I was Ambassador to Jordan. We exchanged seeds and letters. Subsequently, when I returned to Washington in 1970, I visited him in Williamsburg several times, to accept large numbers of boxwood cuttings for propagation in my garden in Alexandria.

I retired last year to become President of Windham College in Putney, Vermont, and J. T. sent me some plants (the newly named one for Mrs. Whiting) to try in my garden here in Brattleboro. I had looked forward to giving him a report after their first winter.

Now I shall have to try to write a short article (after another season of growth) to report how they have survived in these northern wilds.

I was happy to see that Admiral Phillips has suggested a living memorial to J. T. I am enclosing a contribution to encourage the Society to carry out this project, along with my dues for this year.

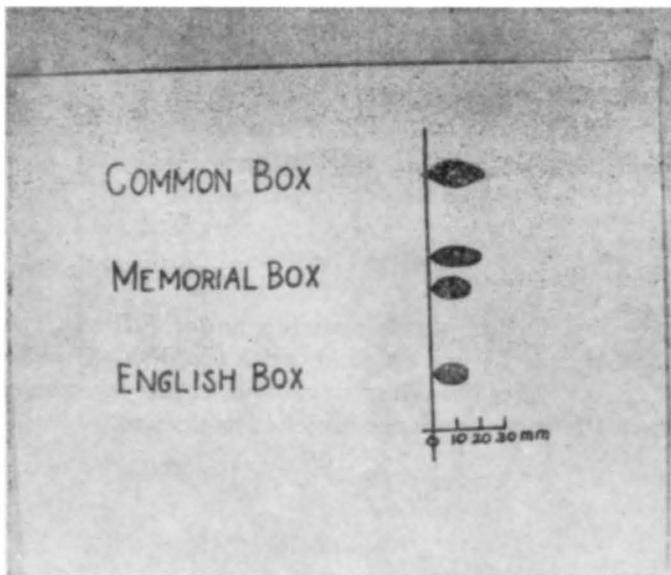
I wish my duties allowed me to attend the Society's meetings. In a few years when I retire to Upperville (and have transplanted my boxwood from Alexandria) I shall be at all the meetings.

Sincerely,  
Harrison Symmes



Above  
The 'Memorial' Box makes a handsome formal shrub, with tight structure and dense foliage.

Photographs, William A. Gray



A chart of Box foliage, showing typical sizes and shapes.

Please feel free to publish my letter in the Bulletin. I only wish that I had expressed with more thought and in greater detail my great respect for Dr. Baldwin and his inspiration to those of us who had with him the common love of boxwood.

I do intend to write about boxwood in Vermont (and to take some decent photos) in the coming months. For one thing I want to report on the field trials (a dignified phrase that does not suit the situation) of the "Helen Whiting" cuttings Dr. Baldwin sent me in the summer of 1974 when I moved up here. But also I want to comment on the isolated specimens of struggling plants one sees here and there in this glacial place when the glacier temporarily disappears in the summer. You should feel you can remind me if I procrastinate too long . . . .

With good wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely,  
Harrison Symmes

# Boxwood Society Of The Midwest Gets Underway

Mary A. Gamble

The founding meeting of the Boxwood Society of the Midwest was held in the historic Museum Building of the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis, Mo., on Wednesday evening, March 31st. Present were about 45 boxwood enthusiasts, their number divided almost evenly between members of the original Boxwood Study Group of the St. Louis Herb Society and newcomers to the new Boxwood Society.

The purpose of the Boxwood Society of the Midwest is to promote the study and cultivation of boxwood. Its membership is open to anyone interested in learning more about boxwood and how to grow it in the Midwest. It hopes to attract men, women and young people. Its yearly program of meetings, study and work is planned to make it feasible for all members to participate in at least part of its activities. The three classes of membership are active, for those whose time and energy permit them to participate fully; sustaining, for those who wish to support the Society's efforts but who must limit their own; and "Edgar Anderson." This last membership is conferred: by the Society upon participating staff members of botanical gardens.

The new society will have its headquarters at the Missouri Botanical Garden. It will work actively at the Garden to assist with maintenance of the Edgar Anderson Memorial Boxwood Garden through pruning of the boxwood in the Anderson Garden and supportive propagation in the Garden's greenhouses and in the back-up nursery maintained at the Garden. It will continue the study and testing of specific boxwoods for Midwest hardiness which was begun by the Study Group in 1969. However, the new society is not expected to be an extension of the study group. Rather, it will develop its character in pursuance of its purpose.

Because it is a new society seeking to attract a broad spectrum of membership, initial plans and programs are experimental. All are subject to change, if that seems indicated. The first meeting was designed to make all members fully aware of the Society's purpose, its openness, and its flexibility.

The Boxwood Society's plans for the year were outlined by Mary Holekamp, vice-president, and by the chairmen of standing committees responsible for specific activities. Jane Penhale, horticulture chairman, gave the schedule of working days in the boxwood nurseries at the Garden. Work this spring, she pointed out, will focus on pruning; and to start us off on the right track, a demonstration of proper boxwood pruning will be given by Robert Dingwall,



Photo by J. C. Horner

*Karl Pettit (fourth from left), Chief designer of the Edgar Anderson Memorial Boxwood Garden, shows his scale model of the Garden to members of the Boxwood Society.*

chief horticulturist at the Garden, to precede the weekly pruning sessions. Other nursery work will include transplanting several hundred plants from cold frames to nursery. Later in the year, in the proper season, there will be a demonstration of how to set up a flat for home propagation of boxwood. This will be conducted at the nursery where society members will also help with cuttings for special projects which the Missouri Botanical Garden has in mind.

Mary Holekamp announced that an important project will be the Society's annual field trip to a significant boxwood garden or planting. This year's field trip will be to the classically beautiful boxwood garden of Mrs. Stratford Lee Morton in Clayton, Mo. Each Society member is urged to bring another family member or guest to these events to increase interest in boxwood and the Society's work. The Society will continue to record boxwoods acquired for testing for Midwest hardiness and possible inclusion in the Anderson Garden collection. It will label these and all boxwoods propagated. This work is the responsibility of the Society's recorder, Jack C. Horner.



*Photo by J. C. Horner*

*Dr. Peter H. Raven, Director, speaks on the importance of the Edgar Anderson Memorial Boxwood Garden to the Missouri Botanical Garden, at the founding meeting of the Boxwood Society of the Midwest.*

Helen Stutsman, education chairman, stated that the Society's basic purpose of learning will be furthered by a Boxwood Course to be given in November. This first course will be limited to members, as it is, in a sense, a trial run. Early in 1977 it is planned to repeat such a course for the public as a part of the Missouri Botanical Garden's extensive educational program directed by the Garden's educational department. This course will cover the history of boxwood and its uses in gardens; the identification and characteristics of boxwood; and the propagation and culture of boxwood. It will make great use of the Society's extensive collection of photographic slides related to boxwood and boxwood gardens.

Major addresses of the evening were made by Dr. Peter H. Raven, Director of the Missouri Botanical Garden, and by Karl Pettit III, chief designer of the Anderson Garden. Dr. Raven spoke of the importance of Edgar Anderson Memorial Boxwood Garden to the Missouri Botanical Garden. "The Boxwood Garden is being named for Dr. Edgar Anderson," he said, "who was a scientist associated with the Missouri Botanical Garden for many years.

"Dr. Anderson had a profound influence both on the scientific fields of interest to him and on the people in St. Louis, who came to appreciate the Missouri Botanical Garden and its great treasures more through his lifelong efforts. He was especially interested in Boxwood and introduced many of the fine Balkan varieties to the United States; among these are some of the most hardy in the Midwest and suitable for the St. Louis area.

"The Garden was designed by Karl D. Pettit III of Eugene Mackey and Associates; landscape consultant was Harriet Rhodes Bakewell. The location, scope and character of the Garden were decided as a part of the Missouri Botanical Garden's Master Plan developed in 1973 by Environmental Planning and Design of Pittsburgh, Pa.," In closing his remarks, Dr. Raven announced that the "Chrysanthemum Ball," to be held at the Missouri Botanical Garden on Friday evening, September 10th, will benefit the Anderson Garden.

Karl Pettit, the Anderson Garden's chief designer, showed slides of the overall landscape plan for the Garden. He also showed detailed renderings of two distinctive areas: the glade in which the Anderson Balkan boxwoods will be assembled, and the parterre garden, which will be the only formal planting in the Anderson Garden. He presented for the first time his scale model of the Anderson Garden with boxwood and supportive plantings indicated. The scale model also shows such details of design as walls, pathways, pool, etc. (Inasmuch as we have been asked to prepare a comprehensive story on the design of the Anderson Garden for a later edition of the BOXWOOD BULLETIN, we will not go into further detail now.)

The Boxwood Society will publish a very simple biannual newsletter. Tentative publication dates are July and January. Because the Society has only two general meetings each year, with one a field trip, this seems the only practical way to keep all members informed of plans and progress. We hope to make the newsletter a means of learning more about the specific boxwoods with which we work. We will also deal with proper handling of boxwood problems specific to the Midwest as they arise in our experience.

The Boxwood Society hopes to become an authoritative spokesman for "man's oldest garden ornamental" in our Midwest; to further the Edgar Anderson Memorial Boxwood Garden; and to enjoy the fellowship of those who share our enthusiasm for a magnificent plant, the "gentle people," as Edgar Anderson characterized them.

Officers of the Boxwood Society of the Midwest are: president, Mrs. D. Goodrich Gamble; vice-president, Mrs. Malcolm L. Holekamp; secretary, Mrs. Charles Elgin; treasurer, Mrs. Jacob C. Wenger. Chairmen of standing committees are: horticulture, Mrs. George E. Penhale; education, Mrs. Albert Stutsman; recorder, Mr. J. C. Horner.

Dues for active membership are \$5.00 annually; for sustaining members they are \$10.00. Any one wishing to join the Society may send his check for the membership of his choice to the Society treasurer; any one wishing to see a copy of the Society bylaws may write the secretary for one. The treasurer's address is Mrs. Jacob C. Wenger, 2961 Finestown, St. Louis, Mo. 63129. The secretary's address is Mrs. Charles Elgin, 7260 Winchester, Pasadena Hill, Mo. 63121.

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## THE MAIL BOX

Anvil Rock Plantation  
Donald W. Martin, Owner  
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Henderson, Kentucky 42420

Dear Editor, —

I want to acknowledge receipt of the Bulletin and to express my compliments to you for such a splendid issue for this period. You have done an outstanding job of love and promotion for the good of the Society at all times and it cannot help but be appreciated by the membership.

I am asking you please to address the enclosed envelope to Mr. Paul Saunders. I really enjoyed his forthright method of describing the propagation and cultivation of boxwood.

I would be glad for you to send my letter to him, if you wish. Thanking you for that and past favors, I am

Yours truly  
Donald W. Martin

## THE MAIL BOX

(The original letter was sent by Mrs. Kirby to Mr. Saunders as requested. It reads:)

Dear Mr. Saunders, —

I am sending this letter to the Boxwood Society, to be forwarded to your address. Your article in the October Bulletin was particularly impressive to me in all respects. In other words I am in agreement with what you say about boxwood propagation, and have learned from it.

Since 1937 I have "piddled" with box propagation as a hobby. I sell a few ten to fifteen-year old plants a year and have about a couple of thousand, many of them dating back to 1937-39, that run up to eight to ten-feet tall and wide. I have only two small ten year old dwarf-type, which I presume to be English of *suffruticosa*. These two were given to me by an old fellow, county agricultural agent of La Plata, Maryland, Paul Brown.

I believe that I would like some time to get some of your English box plants and try them here in Kentucky — especially if I can get a grandson interested in horticulture. Box does very well here in my part of Kentucky.

I would like to have your address and advice about getting some plants.

Yours truly  
Donald W. Martin

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April 11, 1975

Dear Mr. Symmes,

Thank you for your kind letter of April 4, 1975. Your check for renewal of your contributing membership is greatly appreciated.

Your generous donation for the memorial to Dr. Baldwin is gratefully received, and on behalf of the Boxwood Society I thank you. We sincerely hope that your contribution may be the spark that sets off a great response, to make the Boxwood Garden a reality within the near future.

Dr. Baldwin will surely be missed by the Society, as well as his friends. He had a seemingly endless source of material to share with us. And he was such a kind and considerate person.

You may hear from Mrs. Whiting, since I told her you had expected to make a report on how your plants stood the Vermont cold.

Sorry you won't be at the May 14th meeting, but we shall look forward to seeing you at all the annual meetings after you return to Upperville. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Anna C. Kirby

AMERICAN BOXWOOD SOCIETY

Secretary's Report to the 16th Annual Meeting,  
May 12, 1976

The 1975-76 Society year ended on a favorable note financially and membershipwise. Eighty-six new members were enrolled; 17 of these being gift memberships for which gift certificates were sent out. Approximately ninety members were removed from the mailing list because of nonrenewal, and several cancellations. The grace period was extended three months to give all members the chance to renew before the year was out.

We extend our thanks to those members who took the trouble to send in the names of friends interested in box. Your support of the Society in this manner has given us many new members over the years.

Respectfully submitted,  
Anne C. Kirby  
Secretary-Treasurer

Respectfully submitted,  
Neill Phillips

The ABS mailing list as of April 26, 1976 was made up of

3	Honorary Life Members
32	Life Members
19	Sustaining
78	Contributing
359	Regular Members
33	Subscribers (non-members)
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545 Total

March Meeting of Officers and Directors, 1976

A meeting of officers and directors convened at 11 a.m., April 5, 1976, at Heronwood. The president presided. Others attending were: Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Whiting, Dr. Skinner, Mr. Otey, Mr. Ewert. Present from VPI were Dr. Wills, Dr. Lambe and Mr. Mark Vizvary, graduate student.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

Report of the Editor: Mrs. Whiting reported that due to unavoidable delays at the printer's, there will be no issue of the Bulletin in April. The July 1976 Bulletin will be combined with the April issue.

A discussion was held concerning the May 1976 Annual Meeting, plans were made, and a tentative program of speakers was set up. The meeting will convene at Blandy Farm at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, May 12.

The matter of application forms for registration of boxwood cultivars was discussed. Dr. Wagenknecht is expected to clear up this procedure at the May Annual Meeting.

In accordance with the action taken at the May 1975 Annual Meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer was authorized to advance \$1,000 to the Memorial Garden Committee (Professor Beecher and Mr. Ewert) for work in hand.

The VPI representatives reported on current progress in boxwood pathology. This matter will be covered in detail in the minutes of the May 1976 Annual Meeting.

The Officers and Directors Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report to the Officers and Directors,  
April 5, 1976

Checking balance 11-19-76	-----	\$2453.38
Receipts (11-19-75 to 3-31-76)		
Memberships	\$468.00	
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Gifts/Donations	10.00	498.25
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The Boxwood Bulletin		
Printing	360.00	
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Stamps	17.57	
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Checking Acct. balance	-----	\$2031.29
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Total Cash Assets	-----	\$4481.83

# Boxwood Diseases

R. C. Lambe and W. H. Wills

(Continued from the January 1976 issue of the Boxwood Bulletin.)

## English Boxwood Root Rot and Decline

This disease can best be described as a slow but progressive decline occurring in plants of all ages, and has been observed with increasing frequency in recent years. This disease resembles root rot attributed to the water mold fungus *Phytophthora*. However, no *Phytophthora* has been isolated from any plants in the old plantings experiencing a rapid decline in Northern Virginia. Instead, a complex of fungi, including such genera as *Volutella*, *Paecilomyces*, *Fusarium* and *Pythium* have been associated with root rot. Plant parasitic nematodes have also been recovered from the roots of dying plants, but not consistently enough to explain the disease. The best evidence now available indicates the fungus *Paecilomyces buxi* to be the primary pathogen apparently attacking plants environmentally stressed.

Foliage symptoms develop over a period of one to several years, beginning with off-green foliage of one or more branches of a plant. Subsequently, the leaves turn bronze, then dull yellow and finally straw yellow if in the sunlight or dull green to brown in the shade. Frequently bronzing is observed in cold weather before any other discoloration. Normal green color may return in the spring with decline ultimately beginning in the summer. All bronzing that occurs in the winter cannot be attributed to decline, however. Additional branches become affected until the whole plant dies and the leaves drop off leaving a gray skeleton of woody twigs. (Fig. 3)

Usually in later stages of decline, there is some blackening of the wood just beneath the bark in the basal area of the stem. Sometimes this discoloration will extend far up the stem and is frequently discontinuous along the stem. When plants in an early state of decline are uprooted, the most conspicuous symptom is the lack of feeder roots in association with the foliage symptom expression. By the time the earliest foliage symptoms are expressed, 75% or more of the root system has been destroyed, giving the characteristic symptoms of the root rot. Thus, early, above-ground, visual diagnosis of the disease is difficult.

Fig. 3. English boxwood root rot and decline. Note yellowing and defoliation of portions at top for "Boxwood Diseases."

## Recommendations for the Care of English Boxwood Under Conditions of Decline

1. Prune out all dead or diseased stems where leaves have turned orange to red or bright yellow.
2. Clean out and remove all dead leaves and stems from the centers or interior of the healthy plant. We believe that opening the center of the plant so that leaves and moisture will not accumulate will retard the development of decline.
3. Maintain good soil moisture, especially during the hot parts of the summer months and in the fall before dormancy commences.
4. Provide adequate fertilization to maintain an optimum level of nutrients.
5. Dig up and destroy all dead or dying plants. Dying plants are those that have not responded to any of the above disease preventative practices.

## Macrophoma Leaf Spot

Both English and American boxwood are susceptible to the disease called "leaf spots" caused by the fungus *Macrophoma candollei*. On yellow, diseased leaves, there are many tiny, black, raised spots (Fig 2). These spots are the fruiting bodies of the fungus. Usually the fungus infects plants that have been weakened by root and stem diseases, nematode infection, or improper soil-moisture relations. The disease frequently appears on leaves that have suffered winter injury. Usually, distribution of the disease throughout a boxwood plant indicates low vigor. Considerable defoliation can result, although some spotted leaves will persist on the plant for a long time.

## Volutella Stem Blight

For several years, the role of the fungus *Volutella buxi* in the decline of boxwood has been open to question. This fungus is associated with wilt and canker but its role as a primary pathogen has not been clearly established. Both English and American boxwood have been found to show symptoms of *Volutella* stem blight disease.



In the spring before new growth appears, the leaves on the tips of twigs turn red, then bronze, and finally yellow. Infected twigs die back for some distance. At various distances below the tip of affected branches, the stem is girdled. A dark brown to black canker is easily discernible by cutting the cortex with a sharp knife.

The *Volutella* fungus colonizes the diseased leaves and stems and it produces numerous sporodo-

chia or pustules of colorless conidia which appear pink in mass. Winter injury causes foliar symptoms similar to those caused by *Volutella buxi*.

Cuttings collected from diseased plants for propagation carry the fungus and poor success in rooting usually results.

No chemical control measures for this disease are known at present. Diseased stems should be cut out and removed from the vicinity of the plant.

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THE AMERICAN BOXWOOD SOCIETY

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Gift memberships are announced to the recipients by boxwood-decorated cards which carry the information that *The Boxwood Bulletin* will come as your gift four times a year.

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