

Press Release

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**Lloyd Library and Museum
and
American Society of Pharmacognosy (ASP)
Announce the Agreement for the Transfer of ASP
Archives to the Lloyd Library and Museum, Historical
Research Center for the Natural Health Movement**



American Society of Pharmacognosy leaders and the Lloyd Library and Museum, under the leadership of Director, Maggie Heran, recently finalized an agreement to transfer the archives of the ASP to the Lloyd Library, to make the Lloyd Library the permanent site for deposit of Society materials, and also to encourage ASP members to deposit their personal papers at the Lloyd Library. The Library already holds the papers of Varro “Tip” Tyler and Norman R. Farnsworth, both well-known pharmacognosists and founding members of the ASP. The Library is also the repository for noted pharmaceutical chemist George Rieveschl, Jr., the inventor of Benadryl. In addition to books, papers and photographs, the Library collects related historical artifacts, from old pharmaceutical bottles, especially those of the Lloyd Brothers, Pharmacists, Inc., microscopes and chemical scales and larger items such as the recently acquired large Soxhlet extractor, an important tool in the extraction of Taxol courtesy of the efforts of Nick Oberlies from Research Triangle Institute.

The American Society of Pharmacognosy was formed in 1959 as an outgrowth of the Plant Science Seminars, with Tip Tyler serving as the organization’s first president. Its goal was to create a forum for the exchange of ideas and research advances among pharmacognosists, a goal which it continues to fulfill fifty years later. Archival materials are slated for transfer to the Lloyd Library in the upcoming year, as part of the ASP 50th anniversary celebration. Other activities of the ASP in connection with the anniversary include publication of a book, “The American Society of Pharmacognosy. 50 Years of Progress in Natural Products Research, 1959-2009,” and the annual meeting of the society in Honolulu, Hawaii in June of this year. This agreement presents an opportunity for all current and former members of ASP who may be holding historical materials to forward them to the Lloyd Library for inclusion in the ASP archival holdings. The Lloyd Library archival staff will sort and order all materials, making a finding aid available online, for researcher use around the world.

The Lloyd Library and its Historical Research Center for the Natural Health Movement, launched in 2008, seeks to collect historical materials – books, journals, and archival materials – that document the growth and changes within the natural health movement, including the development of drugs from natural sources.

In general, the Library holds, acquires, preserves, and provides access to both historic and current books and journals, as well as archival materials, on a wide variety of disciplines that fall under the subjects of natural history, botany, pharmacy, and medicine. Lloyd's resources are in fact an eclectic blend of a host of related sciences. Despite the scientific focus, the collections have relevance to the humanities, such as visual arts and foreign languages through resources that feature botanical illustrations, original artworks, and travel literature. The collection consists of over 200,000 volumes, with the earliest volume dating from 1493 to the most current published research in the fields of natural medicine, botany, and pharmacy. The Lloyd is open to the public—we invite you to explore this unique establishment.

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