

July 1st, 1946

Mrs. Beatrix Farrand,
Reef Point, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Mrs. Farrand:

I have purposely deferred answering your nice letter of June 21st so that I might have a closing report to send you at the end of the garden tours for June. Yesterday was the final garden tour for the Spring season and I am enclosing a brief report of the months of May and June for your files.

There were two days when heavy rains prevented garden tours and one week end when the Dumbarton Oaks Symposium was meeting in the Orangery and two Saturdays when I was ill and unable to be here.

Due notice has been sent out to the various publicity sources regarding closing dates, the Fall opening date not yet announced.

Mr. Patterson was in to see me while on his last visit to Dumbarton Oaks and we went over the various questions which have been on our agenda for some time and which he will no doubt have talked over with you. I do wish we could have a descriptive booklet of the house and gardens, the Museum and Library booklet is not quite suitable though some of the garden visitors, in fact a great many, want to know a little about what is going on in the house. We have mentioned this need often but I think it needs a more practised hand than mine to whip it into shape.

The Blissés left Saturday for California in their usual haste; if only they could leave some of their many cares behind I think they would have a more restful summer.

Mrs. Bliss spoke to me about the probability of going back and filling in our missing numbers of the Arnold Arboretum booklet and having the complete file as part of the Garden Library - what do you think about it as regards usefulness etc.?

It pleases me to know you are recovering from that old neuritis and I hope the new duties added will not wear you down. I'm off tomorrow afternoon on my vacation and hope to be back here in August to permit me to get settled in my wee nest before the Autumn tours start. The place looks like a squatters paradise now but I'm hoping to be able to 'snitch' something from the family to add to my meager furnishings.

With all kind greetings to you and your household,

Very sincerely,