

# Donald John Bushey

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Donald John Bushey, Professor of Ornamental Horticulture, Emeritus, died July 10, 1966, in Tompkins County Hospital after a brief illness. He was sixty-nine years of age.

Professor Bushey was born in Rib Lake, Wisconsin. He received a Bachelor's degree in Botany from Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, a Master's degree in landscape design from the University of Michigan, and a Doctor's degree in horticulture from Ohio State University.

Before coming to Cornell, he worked with the League of Kansas Municipalities in landscape planning for public and private grounds in cities and towns of Kansas. He was also associated with the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois, and superintended landscape work on several country estates around Cleveland, Ohio.

Professor Bushey joined the Cornell faculty in 1928 as Assistant Professor of Extension in Ornamental Horticulture. His appointment came at a time of state-wide interest in beautification of schools, grange halls, churches, and other public buildings, as well as private homes both rural and urban. Through his extension lectures and demonstrations, he helped thousands of people improve their home environments.

During the 1940's an increasing audience was reached through publication of several brief, well-illustrated bulletins on aspects of garden living such as recreation, pools, and outdoor fireplaces. During the 1950's Professor Bushey developed appropriate script for motion pictures and for slide lectures to meet an ever increasing audience. He prepared and used appropriately designed models of homes, plants, and gardens, precisely duplicating the three-dimensional effect for any specific landscape plan.

The models were used in television and other media to demonstrate specific landscape effects in young and mature stages of plant growth.

In 1956, Bushey was author of the book, *A Guide to Home Landscaping*. In the preface he states his sincere hope that "it will be a guide to you as a homeowner or prospective homeowner from the initial stages of planning through the final planting of your property for use and attractiveness," and that "your results will provide years of satisfaction and give you a new interest in gardening, a most healthful, happy, and outdoor recreation." Written during the early years of contemporary homes, the book is still a fundamental guide in the extension service tradition.

Professor Bushey retired in 1958 after thirty years of active service. He continued his association with landscape design as a professional in private practice. His interest in horticultural events continued with his attendance at horticultural meetings at Cornell and elsewhere.

Professor Bushey was affiliated with Epsilon Sigma Phi, Pi Alpha Xi, the American Society for Horticultural Science, the International Shade Tree Conference, the New York State Arborists Association, and the American Society of Landscape Architecture.

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