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## A BOUQUET OF DIAMONDS

In June, the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, celebrated its 75th anniversary. This diamond jubilee occasion is a time for congratulations to the staff of the FPL for its long history of dedicated investigation into wood properties and use. The information developed, compiled, and disseminated is a source of pride, as well it should be, for all those involved with the Lab these past 75 years. For those of us in SWST, it is also a time to say a special "thank you" for the administrative support provided by FPL since 1960, our third year of existence. At that time, according to the SWST 25-year history computed in 1983 by Herb Fleischer and Al Foulger, the need for a central office and permanent mailing address was recognized. An agreement was reached with FPL to house the executive office there if a volunteer could be found to serve as Assistant to the Secretary (now Executive Secretary). H. H. Haskell volunteered; and although some individuals and some arrangements have changed, SWST has enjoyed this cooperative support to this day.

So, I hope you all will join me in extending congratulations and thanks to the FPL on their 75th anniversary. I am sure that their fourth quarter century will continue to provide us all with valuable professional information, opportunities for public and private discussion of wood use, and an example of quality research.

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This painting was presented to the FPL by SWST on the occasion of the Laboratory's 75th anniversary.