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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Anthropological Archives
Title:	MS 7599 The Book of Narcissus
Identifier:	NAA.MS7599
Date:	undated
Extent:	1 Volume (27.3x15.5x.5 cm)
Creator:	Weng Guoliang Yu youren (cover calligrapher) Chunxue
Language:	Undetermined
Digital Content:	Image(s): The Book of Narcissus

Administrative Information

Provenance

Receipt not recorded. Transferred to the archives by Chang-su Houchins, November 3, 1994.

Citation

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Scope and Contents

Contents: 1. The structure and function of narcissus; 2. The various terms of narcissus and their origins; 3. The myths of narcissus from China and foreign countries; 4. One poem of narcissus from France; 5. The descriptions of narcissus by the Chinese literati; 6. The poetry of narcissus by the poets of the Song dynasty; 7. The discussion about the narcissus is not only found in Zhngzhou area but also in other places; 8. The status of narcissus in the ballad of southern China; 9. The research about the narcissus is originated from Wudan san (a mountain in southeastern China); 10. The research about the Chinese narcissus to determine if it is a foreign import; 11. The decorations, games, and taboos related to the narcissus; 12. The method to plant the narcissus; 13. The method to plant the narcissus; 13. The reason why growing narcissus in Zhangzhou is especially prosperous; 14. The production quantity and market demand of narcissus in Zhangzhou; 15. The god(dess), exercise and other information about narcissus. Included is a separate sheet (19.5X13.7 cm), an advertisement of the book. The name Chunxue (illustrator) is the author's nom de plume.

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Local Note

Information from Huey-ing Jeng, museum intern from GeorgeWashington University, and Chang-su Houchins, of the Department of Anthropology.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

China -- Narcissus
Flowers -- Chinese
Narcissus -- Chinese