



News from the RHS Lindley Library

FIRE AT THE LINDLEY LIBRARY LONDON

Following a small fire in the Library's main stack room on the lower ground floor, the RHS Lindley Library, London, is closed to visitors. All our historical collections are safe, and currently being cleaned by specialist conservators. Structural work also needs to be carried out in the stack area where the fire occurred. Overall, this work will take several months and the library is expected to remain closed. Barbara Collecott, Head of Libraries, Art and Archives said 'The library was evacuated quickly and without injury. Our wonderful collections covering 500 years of garden history including rare books, art and archives are safe for the benefit of future generations.'

As none of London's research collections is currently accessible, please direct any photography requests via www.rhsimages.co.uk. London Library staff are regularly working at Wisley, and with their Wisley colleagues, are handling research enquiries where possible. Lindley Library Wisley has a good published research collection, including monographs and science works (by appointment only) as well as a large lending collection (open to all visitors daily). Regular updates on our London branch will be posted at www.rhs.org.uk/News/Lindley-Library.

SPEAKERS' & LECTURERS' STUDY DAY at LINDLEY LIBRARY WISLEY with NOEL KINGSBURY & JO ELIOT

Do you need to give presentations? Does the thought fill you with dread? Need to improve? This is a course especially for gardeners and garden writers wanting to hone their speaking skills. Noel and Jo's workshop will help you tackle nerves, gain confidence, improve timing and structure, use digital technology and encourage audience interaction.

Saturday 1 October 2011, 10.30 - 4.30
Wisley Lecture Room.

£60 RHS members; £80 non-members.
Participants should bring their own laptops.

To allow small group tuition, places are limited. To book phone 0845 612 1253 (Ref: 8590). Lines open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.



Neil Hepworth © RHS

JOYCE STEWART: BOOKSALE and DISPLAY

Joyce Stewart, much loved and respected RHS Director of Horticulture from 1995-2003, died in January this year. Joyce was also a world authority on orchids and bequeathed her specialist and general horticultural books to the Lindley Library. Many of these titles are already held in our collections, and therefore, as a mark of respect to Joyce and to maximise her gift, a sale of duplicate books will be held at Wisley Garden Library from 18 October 2011. The proceeds will fund a piece of artwork, and help establish a gallery to house our orchid portraits and improve public access to our botanical art. A display illustrating Joyce's life and work will accompany the book sale.

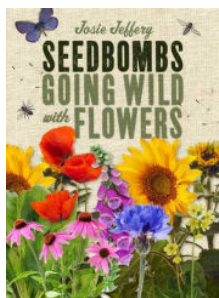


Joyce Stewart, Kenya 1960's
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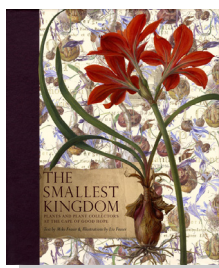
We are delighted to have reached our target of £5,000 through the sale of second hand books at Lindley Library Wisley. Thank you to everyone who has supported us by buying or donating gardening books: you have helped us raise money to preserve our heritage collections. Now we are aiming to raise another £1,500 to continue the exciting work of digitising some of our heritage photographic collection.

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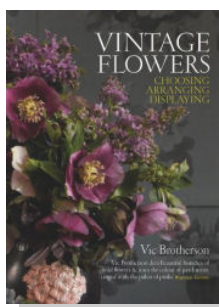
A Small Sample of our New Books



An insight into the world of guerrilla gardening, Josie Jeffery's **Seedbombs: going wild with flowers** explains how to make balls of clay, compost and seeds - seedbombs - to green neglected spaces, attract wildlife or grow food. 'A fun, practical and dynamic way to learn about plants and the environment.'



Award winning ecologists Mike (author) and Liz Frazer (artist) tell the story of plant hunting at the Cape of Good Hope in **The Smallest Kingdom**. Featuring over 100 of Liz's botanical paintings, it is also generously illustrated with historical artwork, maps and contemporary photographs.



Vintage Flowers is the latest addition to our flower arranging collection. Author Vic Brotherson, owner of florists Scarlet & Violet, explains how to create simple and romantic arrangements inspired by traditional blooms and vintage containers, as well as luxurious Christmas garlands and wreaths.

See the full list on the library Catalogue.

EXCLUSIVE RANGE OF LINDLEY LIBRARY CARDS

A new exclusive range of Lindley Library greeting cards is now available from RHS main libraries. Produced to complement our Women in Horticulture exhibition, the designs draw from the historical collections of the Lindley Library. Our first set highlights the achievements of Gertrude Jekyll, Lilian Snelling and Ellen Wilmott. Greeting cards are a good way for us to share images from our highly visual collections of books, art, photographs and archives and many of these images have not been shown publicly before. Look out for further sets later in the year.



Early Evening Talks at Lindley Library London to continue in 2012.

We very much regret that because of the fire, we have had to take the decision to postpone the next two Lindley Library lectures: Caroline Holmes' talk on Impressionists and their Gardens, has been re-scheduled for 15 May; Peter Parker's talk about Early Nurserymen in London has also been cancelled, and we are hoping to agree a new date soon. Please check our web pages for information. We are currently planning our 2012 talks series, and would love to hear from you on who you would like to see on our speakers list. Please email us at library.news@rhs.org.uk to let us know.



Renoir's garden at Les Collettes
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We regret the library is temporarily closed following the fire in July.

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