



News from the RHS Lindley Library

Members' lending service - now you can borrow more

We're delighted that members can now borrow up to five books, videos or DVDs from libraries at London or Wisley. The members' lending service has proved a great favourite with visitors and many of you have been asking to borrow more. We hope you'll agree this increase is good news, whether you're studying, seeking inspiration, looking for practical knowhow – or simply looking for ways to make your money go further.

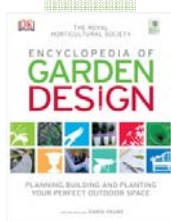
RHS Lindley Library Summer 2009

London

80 Vincent Square
London SW1P 2PE
T: 020 7821 3050
E: library.london@rhs.org.uk
Open 10am-5pm Mon-Fri
Tuesday until 7pm
Closed 3-14 August incl.

Wisley

RHS Garden Wisley
Surrey, GU23 6QB
T: 01483 212428
E: library.wisley@rhs.org.uk
Open 11am-4pm daily
(inc. August Bank Holiday)
Garden libraries also at Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall and Rosemoor - check our website for opening times



RE-DESIGN your garden

Recharged by summer visits to flower shows and yellow book gardens

perhaps your imagination is filled with new ideas for the possibilities in your own garden. Use our collections of design books and magazines to help you to formulate your ideas, whether you'll be briefing a designer or realising your design projects yourself. In the first in a series on garden design books, here we highlight titles that introduce design concepts, style details and source materials:

Garden design by John Brookes

"Shows you how to give your garden a coherent style by the appropriate choice of surfaces, enclosures and accessories, and demonstrates how to fully integrate plants successfully into your design"

Virgin gardener: designing & making your garden by Paul Thompson

"Photographs of contemporary gardens in a range of styles help ...identify the kind of garden that is right for you. A visual directory of the elements that form the building blocks of gardens – lawns, meadows, hedges, pools, decks and screens – shows the choice available"

Plot: designing your garden by Meredith Kirton

"Four broad design palettes covering twenty garden styles ... each accompanied by ideas for planting schemes, decoration and accessories"

Outdoors: the garden design book for the twenty-first century by Diarmuid Gavin & Terence Conran

"Outdoors covers a range of garden uses such as relaxation, productive, entertainment, practical and family"

Find garden design books at shelf 968 in RHS libraries or search the catalogue : www.rhs.org.uk/libraries

In future newsletters: books on period garden style, sustainable gardens, drawing up plans, planting design and construction.

News from the RHS Lindley Library

REVIEW OF 2008

We've recently written the RHS Lindley Library's annual report. Here are some highlights we wanted to share with you

Your favourite authors last year were Christopher Lloyd, John Brookes, David Hassayon, co-authors Roger Phillips and Martin Rix, Jane Brown, Noel Kingsbury, Michael Littlewood, Richard Bird and Bob Flowerdew.

Your favourite titles reflect the very wide range of interests of our readers perfectly. They were a good mix of practical gardening and garden history titles.

Lindley Library, London

Garden design/Brookes
Victorian gardens/Elliott
Italian gardens/Masson
Mediaeval gardens/Harvey
Bulbs/Phillips & Rix



Lindley Library, Wisley

Landscape detailing/Littlewood
Fruit & vegetable gardening/RHS
Science & the garden/RHS
Plants for shade/Phillips & Rix
Drawings of British plants/Ross-Craig



ENJOY LIBRARY ART COLLECTIONS in your own home

The RHS Lindley Library working with RHS Media launched a **Print on Demand** service in October 2008. The service has been well received, and makes art prints from the library's collections available to enjoy in your own home or office. Visit www.rhsprints.co.uk to see what's available. Register with rhsprints, and you can send free e-cards too.



Using our specialist INFORMATION SERVICE

Typically, enquirers ask about plants available through history, to help conserve, reconstruct or restore gardens; books to identify flora spotted on holiday, and the history of famous (and not so famous) plant hunters, gardeners and designers. Family history is also popular: the library helps to fill in details about relatives with a link (sometimes tenuous) to the RHS. In 2008 we dealt with over 18,000 enquiries in our five libraries.

Call the library enquiry team -

London: 020 7821 3050

Wisley: 01483 212428

Making our unique collections more accessible

is one of our key priorities. It is especially rewarding when hard work behind the scenes generates requests for loans to exhibitions outside the RHS. To celebrate Darwin's anniversary, The New York Botanic Garden borrowed two watercolours of fruit by William Hooker (1816), and a book, *Illustrations of Orchidaceous plants* by Francis Bauer (1830). This work has special significance for the library as it contains John Lindley's own notes and preparatory remarks: see the description in our library catalogue. Closer to home, the Garden Museum in London used material from our Nursery Catalogue collection in their Beth Chatto exhibition.

Lindley Library, London will close 3-14 August 2009. Contact Lindley Library, Wisley with all library enquiries.

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