



News from the RHS Lindley Library



May 2010: Harlow Carr garden staff delivered over 8,000 books to the new library on a garden tractor. Library staff and volunteers unloaded the crates in all weathers, and filled the library shelves ready for the opening.

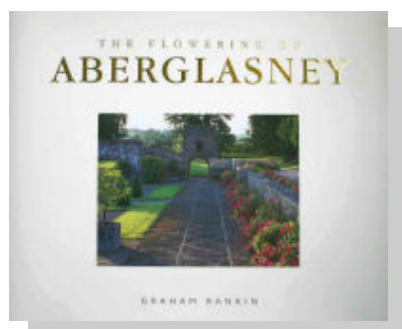
NEW LIBRARY at RHS Garden Harlow Carr

At the heart of the sustainably designed Bramall Learning Centre, the new, purpose built library will be available seven days a week for visitors to make the most of this greatly enhanced facility. Eight thousand books, the latest journals, DVDs, gardening books for children, and online facilities give users access to up to the minute information and the wider resources of the RHS Lindley Library. Readers registering with the reference library can use the archive room, where, amongst other treasures, complete sets of *Gardeners' Chronicle* and *Curtis's Botanical Magazine* are available for study. Members can borrow from the lending collection. The new library will be open from July.

For more information visit www.rhs.org.uk/Gardens/Harlow-Carr

EXPLORE with a good book this summer

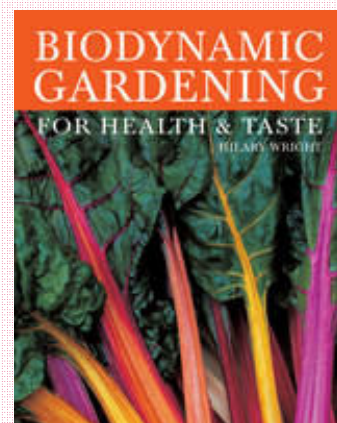
Discover some of the UK's most inspiring gardens with the help of the library's latest garden guides. **The Cotswolds' finest gardens** is a personal selection by Tony Russell, likewise Roger Lane's **Gardens of Dorset**. The library also has books about individual gardens: **The flowering of Aberglasney** by Graham Rankin continues the story of the Welsh 'Garden Lost in Time', ten years after it first opened to visitors. If you like to investigate garden history during the holidays, the latest title from The historic gardens of England series, **Staffordshire** by Timothy Mowl & Dianne Barre, could be fascinating background reading.



ALTERNATIVE GARDENING

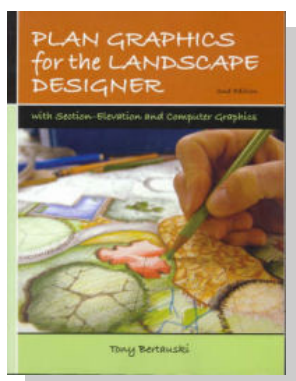
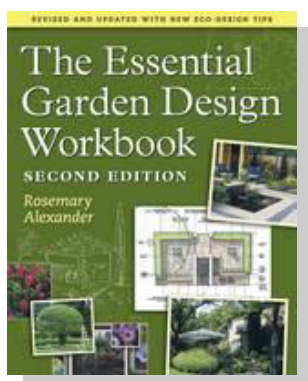
Organic gardening is a familiar term, but the definitions of permaculture, biodynamic and forest gardening can be confusing. In **Permaculture in a nutshell** Patrick Whitefield explains the concept behind this sustainable system that aims to provide for all our needs, from food to social structures, based on Bill Mollison's and David Holmgren's work during the 1970s.

Hilary Wright's book, **Biodynamic gardening**, explores the ideas Rudolf Steiner introduced in 1924 concerning the healing of the earth and influence of the cosmos. Her premise, that biodynamic principles can aid today's gardeners, is supported by practical examples. Martin Crawford, with fifteen years experience of developing Robert Hart's experiments of the 1980's, has written **Creating a forest garden**. He explains how to establish a productive woodland garden, even on a small plot, and why it could be beneficial. More books, videos and DVDs are available on all these subjects: try searching the catalogue under 'ecological' as well as the terms above. You might also like to investigate **Permaculture Magazine** which you can browse at our Wisley and London libraries.



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RE-DESIGN your garden



Getting it down on paper: measurements, plans and graphics

Part of tackling the garden design process involves taking accurate measurements of your plot and recording the information in a form that you, or others, can understand. For student, amateur or professional designers, the library has the books you need to help you produce attractive plans to scale. While developing your own style you might like to refer to the work of past masters, as in **The complete landscape designs and gardens of Geoffrey Jellicoe** by Michael Spens; or be inspired by contemporary practitioners brought together by Andrew Wilson in **The Book of Garden Plans**. The journals **Gardens Illustrated** and **Garden Design**, may also be helpful.

The essential garden design workbook by Rosemary Alexander

"...clear instructions for drawing up plans from initial site survey through to final design...with tips on drawing and rendering detail..."

Plan graphics for the landscape designer: with section-elevation and computer graphics by Tony Bertauski.

"...an outstanding introduction of drawing techniques [including] software design and digital cameras."

Landscape graphics: plan, section, and perspective drawing of landscape spaces by Grant W. Reid

"The classic and indispensable graphics toolbox for anyone who does landscape design or landscape architecture..."

The book of garden plans by Andrew Wilson

"...the definitive work that spawned a gardening revolution."

Ask the Library about our book lists on garden design, or search the catalogue:

www.rhs.org.uk/libraries

The reception of CHARLES DARWIN

in the British horticultural press



Volume 3 of **Occasional Papers from the RHS Lindley Library** is nearing completion. Written and researched by Dr Brent Elliott, it will be available on our website from July: www.rhs.org.uk/occasionalpapers.

Summer closure - London

Lindley Library, London will close for two weeks, 2-13 August 2010, for collections reorganisation and re-housing, and other housekeeping tasks. It will re-open at 10am on Monday 16 August. During the closure Lindley Library, Wisley can help with all library enquiries including lending and renewals.

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