

## News from the RHS Lindley Library

### Botanical art exhibitions

The RHS Lindley Library exhibits works from its art collections alongside this year's judged show of botanical art in the Lindley Hall at the RHS London Orchid Show 20-21 March. Works by previous gold medal winners will be shown, together with 'portraits' of RHS-awarded orchid hybrids, spanning 100 years.

There's still time to see Gold Standard, the Lindley Library's exhibition of the best in contemporary botanical art at Fulham Palace until 12 April. The six artists, all winners of a coveted RHS Gold Medal, have selected current pieces to accompany work from the RHS art collections and private collectors.



London Orchid Show, 20-21 March.  
Members £3, non-members £5.  
Tel: 0845 612 1253

Gold Standard. Free entry. Opening times  
[www.fulhampalacegallery.org](http://www.fulhampalacegallery.org)

### RHS Lindley Library Spring 2010

#### London

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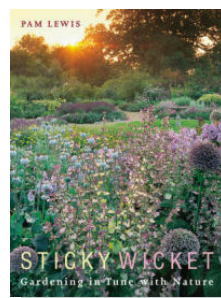
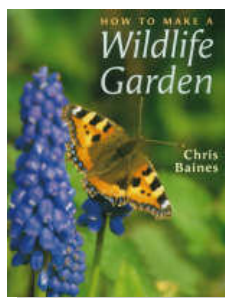
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Open 11am-4pm daily

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### RE-DESIGN your garden



## WILDLIFE & BIODIVERSITY

When it comes to encouraging biodiversity in your garden, aesthetics may not influence the animals and plants you hope to nurture, but arranging the key attractants in a pleasing design could allow your garden to realise its full potential, both for humans and wildlife. The following books can help you plan for these features from inception, or incorporate them into an existing scheme. There is also advice on what to plant and how to manage a garden with wildlife in mind.

#### **How to make a wildlife garden** by Chris Baines

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

#### **Collins wildlife gardener** by Stefan Buczacki

"Whether you want to transform your existing garden into a wildlife friendly area...or are aiming to create a themed wildlife garden...this book will give you all the expert knowledge and practical tips you need."

#### **How to create a wildlife garden** by Christine & Michael Lavelle

"Detailed plans illustrate inspirational planting scheme for a range of garden types...plus specialist borders to entice bees, butterflies and birds."

#### **Sticky Wicket: gardening in tune with nature** by Pam Lewis

"...unparalleled natural beauty in the choice of plant forms and colours, but also...those that offer our threatened wildlife the best chance of survival."

#### **DVD - How to encourage wildlife in the garden** presented by Tom Petherick

"...visits a range of gardens which have already adopted wildlife initiatives including Sticky Wicket..."

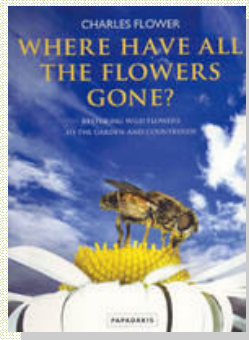
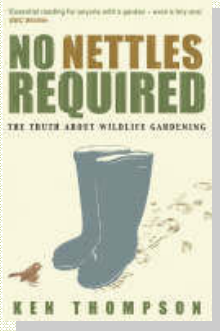
**Ask the Library about our book lists on wildlife gardening, or search the catalogue:**

<http://www.rhs.org.uk/libraries>

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## RESEARCHING BIODIVERSITY IN THE LINDLEY LIBRARY

The history of our interest in biodiversity, and the recent investigations into what part our gardens could or should play in its preservation, is well documented in the library. Floras contain the raw material for the study of native plant distribution, while searching our catalogue under 'ecology' or 'biodiversity' reveals the science and policy behind past and current trends. For example, following on from Jennifer Owen's classic, **The ecology of a garden** (1991), you can read about the more recent BUGS project (Biodiversity in Urban Gardens) explained by Ken Thompson in **No nettles required** (2006), and delve into journals held by the library - the **Garden** and **British Wildlife** regularly feature articles on this subject: access their indices online. Exploring our catalogue with 'wildlife' as the keyword results in practical guides, as in **Wildlife ponds: how to create a natural looking pond to attract wildlife to your garden** by Jenny Steel, but also information about niche interests such as **Encouraging insects in your garden** by Andrew Halstead or Charles Flowers' **Where have all the flowers gone?**



## A unique testament to gardening

We're delighted to announce the publication of the first of our **Occasional papers from the RHS Lindley Library**. Written and edited by Historian, Dr Brent Elliott, volume one indicates the extent and variety of the collections. It can serve as a guide to the horticultural literature from a collection which extends across five centuries and has for decades been the primary source of materials on the history of gardens and gardening, of garden plants, and commercial horticulture. The **Occasional Papers** will soon be available on our website at [www.rhs.org.uk/occasionalpapers](http://www.rhs.org.uk/occasionalpapers)

### Please get in touch...

If you are coming to the library to consult works from the art, rare books, archive, research and ephemera collections, please **contact us** beforehand. This will allow us to check that the materials and study space will be available for you.

## A NEW LIBRARY for Harlow Carr

The Harlow Carr Garden Library closes temporarily at the end of Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April in preparation for its move to the new learning centre opening this summer. Part of the world famous Lindley Library, the new library will offer a welcoming space full of ideas and information. With online resources, children's books and a few treasures of its own, it will offer an enquiry service to all visitors and lend to RHS members. We apologise for any inconvenience during the closure and look forward to welcoming you in our new library. Details of re-opening will be announced at a later date. Library enquiry services at Wisley and London remain open as usual.

## Wildlife at Chelsea

How much have garden designers at 'the greatest flower show on earth' been influenced by environmental trends? Chris Young's new book, **Take Chelsea home: practical inspiration from the RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, has a chapter on sustainability which highlights this subject. Also worthy of investigation are the Chelsea Show Catalogues, which, since 1988, include the designers' concepts for their gardens. A complete run is held by the Lindley Library.



The Future Nature Garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2009

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