



News from the RHS Lindley Library

RHS LONDON ORCHID & BOTANICAL ART SHOW

Held at the Lawrence and Lindley Halls, Westminster, the RHS judged botanical art competition, supported by the Lindley Library, shares the spot light with the international display of exotic orchids. This year there will be a chance to see the expert work of over 30 botanical artists, including the celebrated botanical watercolourist, Barbara Everard who is represented in a centenary exhibition. The Preview Evening, 18th March, 5.30-8.30pm, will be the first opportunity to view work submitted for the competition, meet the artists and buy paintings from the exhibitions. Also on display in the halls will be a selection of contemporary and historical award winning orchid portraits and a display entitled 'Women in Horticulture', both staged by the Lindley Library.

Tickets for the Preview Evening: £15 RHS members (£20 non-members) including a glass of wine and re-entry to the show on 19 or 20 March, 10am-5pm.

To book please call 0845 612 1253. For a full program of events go to www.rhs.org.uk/Shows-Events/RHS-London-Flower-Shows



LINDLEY LIBRARY SECURES DESIGNATED STATUS

A collection covering 500 years of history

In February the RHS Lindley Library was awarded Designated Status by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) for its outstanding collection of printed material, periodicals, nursery catalogues, and original botanical artworks. The Scheme identifies pre-eminent collections of national and international importance held in England's non-national museums, libraries and archives.

This accolade celebrates collections held at Lindley Library, London and Lindley Library, Wisley. It highlights our role in safeguarding Britain's horticultural heritage, promoting access to our collections and sharing information on all aspects of gardening. Leading gardening writers, and experts gave their support to the Library's application. Barbara Collecott, Head of Libraries, says "This important award is a welcome recognition of the library team's achievements. Behind the scenes we're working to implement best practice standards in preserving the collections; to seek partnership funding for conservation and to create further venues to exhibit the collections to new audiences."



BOOK SIGNING - 19 March

Tom Hart-Dyke will be signing copies of his books after giving the RHS Growing for Success Talk at the RHS London Orchid & Botanical Art Show on Saturday 19 March 12-2pm. RHS Lindley Library London is delighted to host the book signing.

The cloud garden (2003) is the account of the scarily eventful plant hunting trip he and travelling companion, Paul Winder, took to Central America. **An Englishman's home** (2007) describes the challenge of building the 'world garden' at Lullingstone Castle. The Library has lending copies of both titles.

Forthcoming events:

A series of early evening talks at Lindley Library, London begins on 19 April with a talk on **Gardens of Argentina** by Robert Peel. Contact the Library for more details.

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BOOK SALE RAISES FUNDS TO RESTORE HISTORIC JOURNALS

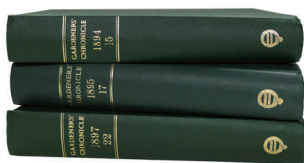
Lindley Library, Wisley is to use the proceeds from its latest sale of duplicate books to meet the costs of restoring the historic collections of **Gardeners' Chronicle** and **Journal of Horticulture**.

These journals are key primary sources for garden history and garden design students. They include invaluable first hand accounts of gardens and gardeners; reports on visits to grand houses and gardens; details of innovations and experiments in horticulture; and descriptions of the many new plants arriving from around the world. Discussions amongst correspondents ensue on the best way to grow them in Britain. (Gardeners haven't changed over the years!) There are also obituaries and fascinating advertisements. Published weekly since 1841, **Gardeners' Chronicle** went on to become **Horticulture Week** in 1985. Cottage Gardener, first published in 1849, was re-titled twelve years later as **Journal of Horticulture, Cottage Gardener and Country Gentleman**. The last issue was published in 1915. Almost complete sets of both journals are held at Lindley Library, Wisley, and sets are also held at London and Harlow Carr.

The book sale started in February, and may become an established fixture, raising funds to support special library projects. Thank you to all our readers who have supported the sale – we are delighted that we're already making good progress towards reaching our first target of £5,000!



Gardeners' Chronicle started life as a weekly gardening paper. Sets are bound together, sometimes by their original owners, but often by libraries, to preserve them and make them available to researchers.



NEW BOOKS

Two books that may be of interest to garden designers are **Designing with grasses** by Neil Lucas, the owner of Knoll Gardens, and Andrew Wilson's **The gardens of Luciano Giubbilei**. The latter documents 12 projects by the contemporary designer and includes sources of inspiration and planting plans.

Fans of Andrea Wulf will be pleased to find her latest work, **The Founding Gardeners**, added to our catalogue. Wulf describes the lives of the founding fathers and how their interest in nature, gardening and farming influenced the creation of America.

Gardeners and garden naturalists might like to look out for a new identification guide by Michael Chinery, **Garden pests of Britain & Europe** published by A & C Black.

See the full list on the library Catalogue.

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