



News from the RHS Lindley Library

New Occasional Papers

Volume 6 - The British Rock Garden in the Twentieth Century

A comprehensive history of British rock and alpine gardening in the last century. It presents fascinating accounts of the movement's leading figures and controversies, with a particular emphasis on the origins and development of Wisley's own outstanding example of the genre. With 23 archive images from the RHS Lindley Library, including 17 in colour, our latest publication celebrates the centenary of the creation of the rock garden at RHS Garden Wisley.

Volume 5 - Eighteenth Century Science in the Garden

Brent Elliott looks at Philip Miller's **Gardeners' Dictionary**, published from 1731 to 1768, examining its possible role as an 18th century textbook on garden science, and asks: 'What does the Dictionary tell us about the assumptions held in the early-to-mid 18th century concerning the scientific background to gardening?'

Occasional Papers are available to download from the RHS website and to buy @ £7.50 each from RHS Wisley and London libraries.

Knightian medal on loan to Cider Museum

An RHS Silver Knightian medal is on loan to the Cider Museum, Hereford until October. It accompanies an exhibition on Thomas Andrew Knight, President of the RHS 1811-1838, who experimented with plant physiology and breeding at his estate at Downton Castle, Herefordshire. The Knightian medal was instituted in 1836, in honour of Knight, and awarded for 'specimens of eatable fruits, and of ornamental stove or green-house plants.'

Early Evening Talks at Lindley Library London

Our new series of talks got off to a great start, with Robert Peel describing the Gardens of Argentina, and photographer Clive Boursnell explaining how to capture the best garden images.

We have an exciting programme of speakers still to come this year, and look forward to welcoming you to one of our forthcoming events. To book telephone 0845 612 1253 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excl. Bank Holidays)

June 21 Gardens of Hampton Court Palace

with Todd Longstaffe-Gowan, Gardens Advisor to Historic Royal Palaces (Booking ref: 8425)

July 19 E. A. Bowles & Myddelton House

with Andrew Turvey, Head Gardener at Myddelton House (Booking ref: 8426)

Sept 20 Impressionists in their Gardens

with Caroline Holmes, garden historian and writer (Booking ref: 8452)

Doors open 6pm for complimentary pre-talk refreshments. Talks start at 6.30pm. Tickets £7 (£10 non-members)



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Women in Horticulture Exhibition

First staged at the London Orchid Show in March this year, this interpretative exhibition will be on display at Lindley Library, Wisley from 29 June. It highlights the careers of talented women working in diverse fields of horticulture over the last hundred years. All the women have left an enduring legacy as educators, scientists, artists, writers and gardeners, and are represented in the Lindley Library's collections by books, archives, photographs and original works of art.

Hand coloured photograph of Marion Cran c.1890



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LIBRARY INTERN PROGRAMME

Our volunteer intern programme at Lindley Library Wisley gives new graduates a chance to work with library staff several days a week, for 4-6 months. An excellent opportunity for anyone thinking about a career in libraries or museums, it offers work experience in acquisitions, lending services, enquiry work and collection care. As well as helping to deliver library and information services to all our users, volunteer interns also gain experience of using the library's heritage collections, at RHS Garden Wisley.

Our most recent intern, Debbie, describes how her work experience revealed a wide range of gardening literature:

Unexpected treasures from the Lindley Library

Before becoming an intern I hadn't realised the range of subjects that come under the heading 'gardening' - from what to grow and how to cook it, to the garden as an art form. These three books caught my attention:

The Handbook of Natural plant dyes by Sasha Duerr

A wonderful book that taps into the current knitting trend, providing a step by step guide to producing and using your own botanical dyes. The range of colours that can be produced using different combinations of plants is fascinating.

Sculpture and the Garden ed. Patrick Eyres & Fiona Russell

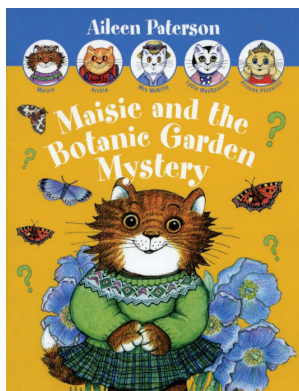
A collection of essays exploring the use of sculpture in gardens. From lone figures in parkland settings to abstract forms juxtaposed against nature, this book explores how gardens have become sculpture, not just a background for display.

Maisie and the Botanic Garden Mystery by Aileen Paterson

From the children's book collection, this is a brightly coloured and fun story introducing children to the weird and wonderful plants from around the world found at the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh. It follows the character Maisie as she explores the gardens and learns its secrets - the perfect stepping stone to visiting the Glasshouse at Wisley where children can spot similar plants.



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Debbie...and one of her surprising finds

For more details of our library internship programme, contact valeriebrooke@rhs.org.uk

NEW BOOKS

Digging for victory: gardens and gardening in wartime Britain by Twigs Way & Mike Brown

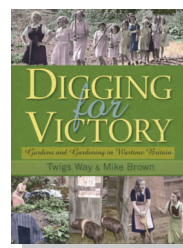
'Richly illustrated with contemporary photographs and ephemera...[an] expertly researched, highly engaging and informative account...'

Kids in the wild garden by Elizabeth McCorquodale

'...wonderful book about gardening on the wild side...cramped full of cool facts, cartoons, projects and jokes all wrapped up in an exploration of the natural history of your garden.'

The universe in the landscape: land-forms by Charles Jencks

'...comprehensive survey of work completed during the past decade compellingly illustrates the way the scientific and cosmological underpinnings of this work are increasingly complemented by content derived from ritualistic and spiritual traditions.'



See the full list on the library catalogue.

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