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News from the RHS Lindley Libraries

The nation's gardening collections: BOOKS · ART · PHOTOGRAPHS · ARCHIVES

LINDLEY LIBRARY LONDON TO RE-OPEN

We are delighted to announce that Lindley Library London will re-open on 2 July 2012.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our readers. While you will see little change to the public areas, our building reinstatement has improved the storage of our collections, although some will remain off-site for the short term. From 2 July our upper reading room will be open as usual each day from 10am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). Some modern reference material has been relocated to the upper reading room to support researchers.

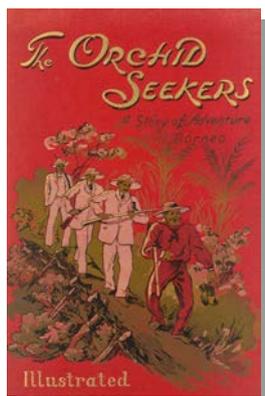
We are introducing an **appointment-only** system for access to our art, archive and printed research collections to ensure that rooms and staff work as effectively as possible. To book an appointment please contact us in advance, with details of the material you wish to consult. Bookings can be made from 10am on Monday 2 July. More information at www.rhs.org.uk/libraries.

Lindley Library Wisley continues to support researchers and provide browsing and borrowing facilities.

THE PLANT SEEKERS: A new exhibition by the Lindley Library and the Garden Museum

The thrilling stories of some of history's most fanatical plant-hunting adventurers will be brought to life in this new exhibition featuring many previously unseen treasures from the Lindley Library. Curated by the Garden Museum, this unique exhibition also demonstrates how international plant hunting has transformed our landscapes and influenced the modern British garden. The role of plant collecting in medicinal science is explored, as well as the wider implications for biodiversity and other environmental issues.

www.rhs.org.uk/Members/Thank-you/Offers/The-Garden-Museum



The Plant Seekers:
17 July-21 October at
the Garden Museum,
London

ROYAL CONNECTIONS at CHELSEA 2012 Jubilee autograph unveiled by The Queen

The Lindley Library was invited to develop the Royal Connections Exhibition for the RHS Chelsea Flower Show, following its first showing at the London Orchid & Botanical Art Show. The library designed two exhibitions which illustrate the history and importance of Royal Patronage to the Society.

RHS Life featured over-sized reproductions from our unique collection of decorated Royal Autographs. The latest Autograph was commissioned by the RHS Lindley Library to mark the Diamond Jubilee. Signed by The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, it was unveiled by The Queen during the traditional private view. Artist Gillian Barlow has depicted flowers of the Commonwealth in her design, in a technique reminiscent of illuminated manuscripts.

The Pavilion Exhibition celebrated royal visits to Chelsea with large canvas prints of photographs from the RHS archives.

All the Royal Autographs are reproduced in our latest Occasional Paper, with biographical notes on the signatories.

Royal Connections can be seen at Lindley Library Wisley until 19 August.



Top Gillian Barlow beside a reproduction of the botanical watercolour she painted for The Queen & HRH The Duke of Edinburgh to sign.
Calligraphy: Tim Noad

Right The Queen and 3rd Lord Aberconway at Chelsea c.1960s
Photo credit: Valerie Finnis/RHS Lindley Library



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BACKGROUND TO THE OLYMPICS: SPORTS and GAMES IN THE GARDEN

Olympic season is upon us and it is worth recalling that many of the sports and games we now play in specially designed arenas and grounds were played in earlier days in the garden.



Battledore and shuttlecock can be seen in this detail, left, from an engraving (from the **Cieraad der Lusthoven**, 1730), played in the vicinity of the parterre.

Grohmann's **Ideen-Magazin**, an anthology of ideas for garden buildings (1797-1803), yields two arresting images, below: a prototype of the ferris wheel, and a skating platform, which, when covered with ice, allowed skaters a breath-taking slide down the slope. (Don't try these at home.)



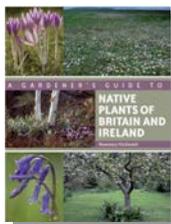
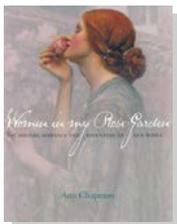
NEW BOOKS

In **Women in my rose garden: the history, romance and adventure of old roses**, Ann Chapman explores the stories of 35 women and the roses named for them. Ann is a collector of old roses and established the Trinity Farm Living Rose Museum in New Zealand.

A Gardener's Guide to Native plants of Britain and Ireland by Rosemary FitzGerald is 'designed to introduce some of our native plants, revealing them as useful, charming, disease-resistant and hardworking additions to conventional gardens'.

Plants and planting plans for a bee garden by professional garden designer and beekeeper Maureen Little has a range of practical ideas for gardens of all sizes.

Designing and planting borders by Roger Harvey gives advice on designing a border and drawing up plans and includes over twenty schemes for various aspects and soil types.



RHS Lindley Library London EARLY EVENING TALKS Autumn 2012

18 September : Alex Denman
Behind the Scenes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show Booking ref.9479

An insider's view of the inspirational RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

16 October : Caroline Holmes
Impressionists in their Gardens
Booking ref. 9480

A treat for gardeners and art lovers: images from gardens on three continents presented by the garden historian and writer.

20 November: National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies
Christmas Floral Decorations
Booking ref. 9481

Start your Christmas displays early with these demonstrations of floral art.

All talks take place in the upper reading room at Lindley Library London.

Doors open 6pm for pre-talk drinks.

Talk starts at 6.30pm.

Tickets: £7 RHS Members; £10 Non-members

To book phone 0845 612 1253 (lines open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm excluding Bank Holidays).

RHS Lindley Libraries Summer 2012

London (from 2 July)

Modern & lending collections:

10am-5pm Monday-Friday

Research & art collections:

by appointment only

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Wisley

Modern & lending collections:

11am-4pm daily

Research and science collections:

by appointment only

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Open 11am-4pm

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Reading Rooms at RHS Gardens
Hyde Hall and Rosemoor

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