Horticulture and Gardening Research Guide: CBHL Literature Award Books

Horticulture encompasses the studies of flower cultivation (floriculture), fruits (pomology), vegetables (olericulture), ornamental plants, turf/lawns, and landscape architecture. This guide identifies key resources to research these and related topics.

Description

Created in 2000, the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries Annual Literature Award is given by CBHL to both the author and publisher of a work that makes a significant contribution to the literature of botany or horticulture. The award is presented at CBHL’s Annual Meeting.

Its purpose is to:

- Recognize a work that makes a significant contribution to the literature of botany or horticulture;
- Increase the visibility of CBHL;
- Encourage participation by the CBHL community in recognizing significant contributions to the literature of the field.

This page lists all the nominated and winning books from 2003 onward until 2012. The nominees lists for 2000-2002 are unavailable, as is the list for the current year’s nominees.

The books are hyperlinked to the catalog records of Michigan State University Libraries.

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Apples of North America: 192 exceptional varieties for gardeners, growers, and cooks.


Arthur A. Shurcliff: Design, preservation, and the creation of the colonial Williamsburg landscape.


The Bartlett book of garden elements: A practical compendium of inspired designs for the working gardener.


Beatrix Potter’s gardening life: The plants and places that inspired the classic children’s tales.


Carnivorous plants of Australia: Magnum opus


Classical bonsai art : A half century of bonsai study.

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<td>Ron Parsons and Mary E. Gerritsen.</td>
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<td>Craig LeHoullier.</td>
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<td>Victoria Clarke, commissioning editor ; Toby Musgrave, consultant editor. Phaidon, 2014</td>
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<td>Hillier: The plants, the people, the passion.</td>
<td>Jean Hillier. Hillier Nurseries Ltd, 2014</td>
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<td>Ireland’s generous nature: The past and present uses of wild plants in Ireland</td>
<td>Peter Wyse Jackson.</td>
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<td>Rick Darke and Doug Tallamy.</td>
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<td>Sarah Dewis. Ashgate, 2014</td>
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Plants: From roots to riches.

The sixth extinction: An unnatural history

Trees and shrubs of the Pacific Northwest: Timber Press field guide

Trees live here: The arboreta of America.

Weeds of North America.

The wildlife-friendly vegetable gardener: How to grow food in harmony with nature.

2014

CBHL 2014 Annual Literature Award for a work that makes a significant contribution to the literature of botany or horticulture goes to:

Flora of Virginia

Award of Excellence in Horticulture:

Victoria the seductress: A cultural and natural history of the world’s greatest water lily
Tomasz Aniko. Longwood Gardens, 2013

Award of Excellence in History:

Picturing the book of nature: Image, text, and argument in sixteenth-century human anatomy and medical botany

Award of Excellence in Biography

Andre Le Notre in perspective
Bouchenot-Dechin, Patricia and Farhat, Georges, eds. Editions Hazan, 2013

Alpine Plants of the Northwest: Wyoming to Alaska

America’s Romance with the English Garden

Beatrix Potter’s Gardening Life: The Plants and Places that Inspired the Classic Children’s Tale
Marta McDowell. Timber Press, 2013

Common Mosses of the Northeast and Appalachians

Daffodil: The Remarkable Story of the World’s Most Popular Spring Flower
Noel Kingsbury ; Photographs by Jo Whitworth. Timber Press, 2013

Flora of the Four Corners region: Vascular plants of the San Juan River drainage, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah

Florida Wildflowers: A Comprehensive Guide

The Garden Club of America: One Hundred Years of a Growing Legacy

Genus cyclamen : in science, cultivation, art and culture
Brian Mathew et al
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 2013

The Genus Betula: A Taxonomic Revision of Birches
Kenneth Ashburner (Author), Hugh A. McAllister
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 2013

Ginkgo: The Tree That Time Forgot
Peter Crane
Khawa Karpo: Tibetan Traditional Knowledge and Biodiversity Conservation
Jan Salick and Robert K. Moseley
Yale University Press, 2012

Imitation of Life: a visual catalogue of the 19th century fruit models...
Tony Kanellos
Board of the Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium [Adelaide Botanic Garden], 2013

Nikolaus Joseph Jacquin’s American plants: Botanical expedition to the Caribbean (1754-1759) and the publication of the Selectarum stirpium Americanarum historia
Santiago Madriñán
Brill, 2013

Our Daily Bread: A History of Cereals
Ásmund Bjørnstad.
Translated by Ásmund Bjørnstad, with Timothy J. Young; foreword by Cary Fowler.
Vidarforlag/Bokvennen Forlag AS, 2012

Our plants... our land: Plants of Nain and Torngat Mountains Basecamp & Research Station (Nunatsiavut)
Alain Cuerrier and Luise Hermanutz
Montréal / St. John’s, NL : Institut de recherche en biologie végétale / Memorial University, 2012

The Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted: The Early Boston Years, 1862-1890
Frederick Law Olmsted (Author), Ethan Carr (Editor), Amanda Gagel (Editor), Michael Shapiro (Editor)
Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013

Paradise lot: two plant geeks, one tenth of an acre and the making of an edible garden oasis in the city
Toensmeier, Eric
Chelsea Green Publications, 2013

Patricia Johanson and the Re-Invention of Public Environmental Art, 1958–2010
Xin Wu
Ashgate Publishing Company, 2013

Plant Conservation: Why It Matters and How It Works
Timothy Walker
Timber Press, 2013

Planting: A New Perspective
Piet Oudolf and Noel Kingsbury
Publisher: Timber Press, 2013

Prospect Park: Olmsted & Vaux’s Brooklyn Masterpiece
David P. Colley and Elizabeth Keegin Colley
Princeton Architectural Press, 2013

Quiet Beauty: The Japanese Gardens of North America
Kendall H. Brown, Author ; David M. Cobb, Photographer
Tuttle Publishing, 2013

Restoring Tropical Forests: A Practical Guide
Stephen Elliott, David Blakesley, Kate Hardwick
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 2013

“A Rich Spot of Earth”: Thomas Jefferson’s Revolutionary Garden at Monticello
Peter J. Hatch ; Foreword by Alice Waters
Yale University Press, 2012

Rory McEwen: Colours of reality
edited by Martin Rix
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 2013

Scientists and scholars in the field: Studies in the history of fieldwork and expeditions
Edited by Kristian H. Nielsen, Michael Harbsmeier & Christopher J. Ries
Aarhus University Press, 2012

Seaweeds: Edible, available & sustainable
Ole G. Mouritsen
University of Chicago Press, 2013

The Signature of All Things
Elizabeth Gilbert
Viking, 2013

Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast: A Natural History

Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast: A Natural History
Carol Gracie

Steyermark's Flora of Missouri, Volume 3
George Yatskievych. MBG Press in cooperation with The Missouri Department of Conservation, 2013

The Story of Kew Gardens in Photographs
Lynn Parker ; Kiri Ross-Jones
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, 2013

Tell about the Night Flowers: Eudora Welty’s Gardening Letters, 1940-1949
Edited by Julia Eichelberger.
University of Mississippi Press, 2013

Visible empire: Botanical expeditions and visual culture in the Hispanic enlightenment
Daniela Bleichmar
University of Chicago Press, 2012

Weed Anatomy
Aris G. Hansjoerg Kraehmer and Peter Baur
Wiley-Blackwell, 2013

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Gardens for a beautiful America 1895-1935 : photographs by Frances Benjamin Johnston.
Sam Watters, 2012 (Acanthus Press)

Technical Interest
Conifers around the world: Conifers of the temperate zones and adjacent regions
Zsolt Debreczy and István Rácz, 2011 (2012?) (DendroPress)

Botanical Magazine Monograph: The genus Lachenalia.
Graham Duncan, 2012 (Kew Publishing)

Botanical Magazine Monograph: Hardy heathers from the Northern Hemisphere.
E. Charles Nelson, 2012 (Kew Publishing)

A guide to moist-soil wetland plants of the Mississippi alluvial valley
Michael L. Schummer, Heath M. Hagy, K. Sarah Fleming and Joshua C. Cheshier, 2012 (University Press of Mississippi)

Flora of the Cayman Islands.
George R. Procter, 2012 (Kew Publishing)

Edited by Henk Beentje, 2012 (Kew Publishing)

Huanduj: Brugmansia.
Alistair Hay, Monika Gottschalk and Adolfo Holguin, 2012 (Kew Publishing)

Hardy Cypripedium: Species, hybrids and cultivation
Werner Frosch and Phillip Cribb, 2012 (Kew Publishing)

Knowing nature: Art and science in Philadelphia 1740-1840.
Edited by Amy R. W. Meyers, 2011 (Yale University Press)

Medicinal plants of China, Korea, and Japan: Bioresources for tomorrow's drugs and cosmetics.
Christophe Wiart, 2012 (CRC Press)

The paper road: archive and experience in the botanical exploration of West China and Tibet
Erik Mueggler, 2012 (University of California Press)

Visible empire: Botanical expeditions and visual culture in the Hispanic enlightenment.
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The Book of gin: A spirited world history from alchemists’ stills and colonial outposts to gin palaces, bathtub gin, and artisanal cocktails.
Richard Barnett, 2011 (Grove Press)

Botany for artists.
Lizabeth Leech, 2011 (The Crowood Press)

Breaking through concrete: Building an urban farm revival.
David Hanson and Edwin Marty, 2012 (University of California Press)

Capturing flora: 300 years of Australian botanical art.
Edited by Peter Freund, 2012 (Art Gallery of Ballarat)

Eating the landscape: American Indian stories of food, identity, and resilience.
Enrique Salmón, 2012 (The University of Arizona Press)

The encyclopedia of cultivated palms (Second Edition).

Exotic Botanical Illustration.
Meriel Thurstan and Rosie Martin, 2012 (Anova Books, Batsford)

George Washington’s eye.
Smith, W. Gary, 2011 (Timber Press)

The golden age of botanical art.
Martyn Rix, 2012 (Andre Deutsch, in association with the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew)

Latin for gardeners: over 3,000 plant names explained and explored.
Lorraine Harrison, 2012 (The University of Chicago Press)

Marianne North: a very intrepid painter.
Michelle Payne, 2011 (Kew Publishing ; [distributed by the University of Chicago Press])

One writer’s garden: Eudora Welty’s home place.
Jackson Haltom, Susan Brown, Jane Roy and Langdon Clay, 2012 (University Press of Mississippi)

The organic seed grower.
John Navazio, 2012 (Chelsea Green Publishing)

Planting paradise: Cultivating the garden 1501-1900.
Stephen Harris, 2011 (Bodleian Library, University of Oxford ; [distributed by the University of Chicago Press])

Rosemary Verey: the life & lessons of a legendary gardener.
Barbara Paul Robinson, 2012 (David R. Godine)

Seeing trees.

Spring wildflowers of the Northeast: A natural history.
Carol Gracie, 2012 (Princeton University Press)

The Timber Press guide to succulent plants of the world: A comprehensive reference to more than 2000 species.
Fred Dortort, 2011 (Timber Press)
Ambonese Herbal, 6 Vols. being a description of the most noteworthy trees, shrubs, herbs, land- and water-plants which are found in Ambon and the surrounding islands according to their shape, various names, cultivation, and use / Georg Rumpf: CBHL - 2012 Winner, Technical Interest Category

Books and naturalists / David Elliston Allcn: CBHL - 2012 nominee, General Interest Category

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Among the highlights was a trip to the Dow Gardens in Midland, where we heard guest speaker and MSU alum Dr. Allan Armitage. After winning some choice titles for the library during the Annual Literature Award Book Raffle, I was invited by MSU Philosophy Librarian Joshua Barton and Turfgrass Information Center Project Manager Peter Cookingham to see the library’s growing collection of Punk and Underground Zines! I recognized quite a few from titles I'd collected in the 1990s.