

CBHL Literature Awards Recognize Excellence in Botanical and Horticultural Literature

May 17, 2019 – Phoenix – The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) presented its twentieth Annual Literature Awards on May 17, 2019. This presentation was made in Phoenix during CBHL's 51st Annual Meeting hosted by the Desert Botanical Garden. The CBHL Annual Literature Awards, created to recognize significant contributions to the literature of botany and horticulture, this year honored six remarkable works.

The 2019 Annual Literature Award was presented to *Seeking Eden: A Collection of Georgia's Historic Gardens* by Staci L. Catron and Mary Ann Eaddy with photography by James Lockhart and published by the University of Georgia Press. This new study of historic gardens in Georgia follows on earlier work published as *Garden History of Georgia, 1733-1933*, and had as a goal determining which gardens featured in the 1933 publication have changed, and how; which remain substantially the same; and which are now gone. *Seeking Eden* provides valuable documentation for these historic gardens with detailed information highlighting the gardens, lush photographs and also plans and period illustrations when available. This is truly an important work documenting the significant gardens of Georgia.

Joseph Banks' Florilegium: Botanical Treasures from Cook's First Voyage with essays by Mel Gooding, David Mabberley, and Joseph Studholme and published by Thames & Hudson was honored with the 2019 Award of Excellence in Botanical Art and Illustration. This work contains a selection of the extraordinary botanical engravings of flora discovered on Captain Cook's first voyage and published for the first time in book form. The essays by Gooding, Mabberley, and Studholme provide valuable context and insight into the contributions of the artists, scientists, and printers who created this celebrated work.

The receipt of the 2019 Award of Excellence in Botany and Floras was *Flora of the Chicago Region: A Floristic and Ecological Synthesis* by Gerould Wilhelm and Laura Rericha, with illustrations by Mary Marguerite Lowther and published by the Indiana Academy of Science. This groundbreaking work is recognized for documenting the relationship between flora and fauna, habitat descriptions, and the consequences of climate change and habitat degradation in the Chicago region.

The 2019 Award of Excellence in Children and Young Adult Literature was presented to *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science* by Joyce Sidman and published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Through this chapter book, the reader is introduced to the life and legacy of the noted artist, lepidopterist, and ecologist, Maria Sibylla Merian. Enriched by historic artwork and contemporary photographs, the author provides a detailed narrative of Merian's compelling story. Readers of all ages will learn about the amazing legacy of Merian and be inspired to take a chance doing what they love!

Heirloom Vegetable Gardening: A Master Gardener's Guide to Planting, Seed saving, and Cultural History by William Woys Weaver and published by Voyageur Press was honored with the 2019 Award of Excellence in Gardening and Gardens. Weaver's update of his earlier classic features the history and cultivation of over 300 of America's most treasured heirloom vegetables. A rare scholar of the kitchen garden, Weaver adroitly blends each plant's history, cultural, and propagation information, as well as culinary uses in this work.

The 2019 Award of Excellence in History was presented to *Gardens of the Roman Empire* edited by Wilhelmina F. Jashemski (and others) and published by Cambridge University Press. In this collection of essays, leading scholars examine ancient Roman gardens in daily life throughout the empire. Featured in these essays are archaeological, literary, and artistic evidence about gardens across the entire Roman Empire from Britain to Arabia. Through this work, the contributors illuminate the central role and value of gardens within the Roman Empire.

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