

CBHL Literature Awards Recognize Excellence in Botanical and Horticultural Literature

June 16, 2017 – Chanhassen, MN – The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) presented its eighteenth Annual Literature Awards on June 9, 2017. This presentation was made in Chanhassen, Minnesota during CBHL's 49th Annual Meeting hosted by the Andersen Horticultural Library, University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The CBHL Annual Literature Awards, created to recognize significant contributions to the literature of botany and horticulture, this year honored four remarkable works. *The Bauers : Jospheh, Franz & Ferdinand : Masters of Botanical Illustration, an Illustrated Biography*, by Hans Walter Lack and published by Prestel Verlag, was presented with the 2017 CBHL Annual Literature Award. In addition, this year's presentation included several awards of excellence in botanical and horticultural literature. The CBHL Award for Excellence in Botanical Art and Illustration was presented to Martin F. Gardner, Paulina Hechenleitner Vega, and Josefina Hepp Castillo and the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh for *Plants from the Woods and Forests of Chile*. Published by Actes Sud, *Planting Design for Dry Gardens* by Olivier Filippi was honored with the CBHL Award for Excellence in Gardening. *Phyto : Principles and Resources for Site Remediation and Landscape Design* by Kate Kennen and Niall Kirkwood, published by Routledge, was honored with the CBHL Award for Excellence in Landscape Design and Architecture.

Exploring the lives and legacies of the three Bauer brothers, the author's interest, research and enthusiasm shine in this work. Collecting information about the Bauers for over forty years, Dr. Lack presents the notable stories and artwork of these three important 18th-19th century botanical artists. Joseph Bauer was court painter to the Prince of Lichtenstein. Franz Bauer was "Botanick Painter to His Majesty" at Kew. Ferdinand Bauer traveled to Australia and eventually made 1,500 paintings from his sketches there. Through the author's scholarship and research and richly illustrated by their artwork, the brothers' fascinating adventures and legacies are captured and readily accessible to a greater audience. The result is this one-volume study and celebration of some of the brightest lights in the history of botanical art.

Plants from the Woods and Forests of Chile is in the caliber of the finest florilegia. Illustrated with over 80 exquisite plates of Chilean plants, the accompanying descriptions include details on the importance of the plant both to native peoples and in today's culture, its ecological niche and conservation status, and general propagation and cultivation advice. By reminding everyone just how extraordinary and precious the native Chilean plant life is, the aim of this work is to produce a book that could capture and present the beauty and rich biodiversity of Chile's forested habitats in order to support conservation efforts. The authors, artists and publisher have created an inspiring work of this important plant community.

Honored with the CBHL Award for Excellence in Gardening was *Planting Design for Dry Gardens* by Olivier Filippi. A very detailed and practical study of the options for replacing resource demanding turfgrass, the author presents a work that is intellectually challenging, on point with how we currently need to be thinking about our gardens and how to change them, and gorgeous. With an emphasis on looking at your surrounding native habitat for inspiration, the numerous illustrations show the possibilities for change.

The committee was pleased to honor *Phyto: Principles and Resources for Site Remediation and Landscape Design* by Kate Kennen and Niall Kirkwood with the CBHL Award of Excellence in Landscape Design and Architecture. In today's post-industrial world, human activity has radically affected and sometimes contaminated our soil. It is essential for landscape architects and other practitioners to have access to the latest findings in the cross- disciplinary field of phytotechnology remediation – to understand how innovative plant combinations can ameliorate potential contaminants commonly found at gas stations, road and rail corridors, current and former factory sites, cemeteries, agricultural sites, open space and parks and many other land use scenarios. This work is unique in its approach as it connects the science of phytotechnologies to practical applications in planning and design.

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