



Lora M. Robins Library

The Brother Gardeners Companion Reading List
A compilation of interesting books about early American and British botanists, global plant explorations, taxonomy, and garden history.

Arranged in Call Number Order

Title: **The flower hunter: William Bartram, America's first naturalist**

Author: Ray, Deborah Kogan, 1940-

Summary: Young Billy Bartram keeps a journal of his experiences learning about the plants of the colonial United States from his father, John Bartram, as they travel together gathering specimens and planting seeds.

Call Number: 580.92 .R38 2004

Title: **The travels of William Bartram**

Author: Bartram, William ; Van Doren, Mark, editor

Subjects: Natural history -- Southern States (US) | Bartram William, 1739-1823 | Botanical exploration -- North America -- History | Plant collectors

Call Number: F 213 .B288 1928

Title: **Earthly joys**

Author: Gregory, Philippa

Summary: Fictional account of John Tradescant's fame and skill as a gardener in 17th century England, including plant exploration in the Virginia colony. Followed by the sequel **Virgin Earth** (not owned by our library).

Call Number: PR 6057 .R386 E28 2006

Title: **America's curious botanist: a tercentennial reappraisal of John Bartram, 1699-1777**

Author: Hoffmann, Nancy E.; Van Horne, John C.

Subject: Bartram, John, 1699-1777 | Botanists -- United States -- Biography | Naturalists -- United States -- Biography

Call Number: Q 11 .P612 V. 249 2004

Title: **Science in the British colonies of America**

Author: Stearns, Raymond Phineas

Subjects: Science -- North America -- History | Science -- United States -- History | Science -- West Indies -- History | Botanists -- History | Colden, Cadwallader, 1688-1776 | Clayton, John, 1694-1773 | Bartram, John, 1699-1777 | Mitchell, John, 1690?-1768 | Mather, Cotton, 1663-1728 | Robie, Thomas, 1689-1729 | Zabdiel, Boylston, 1680-1766 | Coleman, Benjamin, 1673-1747 | Greenwood, Isaac, 1702-1745 | Dudley, Paul, 1675-1751 | More, Thomas, fl.1670-1724 | Douglass, William, c1691-1752 | Botany -- Virginia.

Call Number: Q 27 .N6 .S7 1970

Title: **The compleat naturalist: A life of Linnaeus**

Author: Blunt, Wilfrid ; Stearn, William Thomas

Summary: Eighteenth century flower drawings and oil paintings; The Lennaeen collections; Linnaean classification, nomenclature, and method.

Call Number: QH 44 .B54 1971

Title: **Botanical and zoological drawings, 1756-1788**

Author: Bartram, William ; Ewan, Joseph Andorfer, editor

Summary: William Bartram, naturalist and artist; plant discovery and description; horticulture and novelties for European gardens; American birds; reptiles, fish, and mammals; insects and shells; the American Indian; the fate of Bartram's drawings; the world of William Bartram: a chronology

Call Number: QH 46 .B35 1968

Title: **In the presence of nature**

Author: Wilson, David Scofield

Subjects: Natural history -- Addresses, essays, lectures | Bartram, John, 1699-1777 | Carver, Jonathan | Catesby, Mark, 1679?-1749 | Bartram, John, 1699-1777 | Carver, Jonathan | Catesby, Mark, 1679?-1749

Call Number: QH 81 .W53 1978

Title: **Early British botanists and their gardens: Based on unpublished writings of Goodyer, Tradescant, and others**

Author: Gunther, Robert Theodore

Call Number: QK 21 .G7 G8 1922

Title: **Gentle conquest: the botanical discovery of North America with illustrations from the Library of Congress**

Author: Reveal, James L.

Call Number: QK 21 .N6 R48 1992

Title: **A short history of botany in the United States**

Author: Ewan, Joseph Andorfer, editor ; Arnold, Chester Arthur

Call Number: QK 21 .U5 E9 1969

Title: **Botanical riches: stories of botanical exploration**

Author: Aitken, Richard

Call Number: QK26 .A38 2007

Title: **The plant hunters: Being a history of the horticultural pioneers, their quests, and their discoveries from the Renaissance to the twentieth century**

Author: Coats, Alice M.

Call Number: QK 26 .C621 1970

Title: **Tall trees and far horizons: Adventures and discoveries of early botanists in America**

Author: Eifert, Virginia Louise Snider

Call Number: QK 26 .E35 1965

Title: **British botanists**

Author: Gilmour, John Scott Lennox

Call Number: Rare Book Room QK 26 .G5 1944

Title: **Flower hunters**

Author: Gribbin, Mary ; Gribbin, John R.

Summary: The story of 11 flower hunters, including Linnaeus, Banks, Spruce, and Hooker.

Call Number: QK 26 .G75 2008

Title: **Pioneers of plant study**

Author: Hawks, Ellison ; Boulger, George Simonds

Call Number: QK 26 .H35 1928

Title: **The plant hunters**

Author: Healey, Ben J.

Subjects: Plant collectors -- Biography | Plant introduction -- History | Botanical exploration | Tradescant John Elder c1570 1638 | Parkinson, John, 1567-1650

Call Number: QK 26 .H37 1975

Title: **Some American medical botanists commemorated in our botanical nomenclature: Delivered as a lecture before the Medical Historical Society of Chicago, 1910, and before the University of Nebraska, October 16, 1913**

Author: Kelly, Howard Atwood

Call Number: Rare Book Room QK 26 .K4 1914

Title: **The plant hunters**

Author: Lyte, Charles

Subjects: Botanical exploration | Tradescant, John, Elder, c1570-1638 | Tradescant, John, 1608-1662 | Banks, Joseph, 1743-1820 | Masson, Francis, 1741-1805 | Cunningham, Allan, 1791-1839 | Douglas, David, 1799-1834 | Fortune, Robert, 1813-1880 | Spruce, Richard, 1817-1892 | Hooker, Joseph Dalton, 1817-1911 | Forrest, George, 1873-1932 | Wilson, Ernest Henry, 1876-1930 | Farrer, Reginald, 1880-1920 | Kingdom-Ward, Frank, 1885-1958 | Rock, Joseph, 1884-1962 | Plant collectors -- Biography

Call Number: QK 26 .L9 1983

Title: **The life and travels of John Bartram from Lake Ontario to the River St. John**

Author: Berkeley, Edmund ; Berkeley, Dorothy Smith

Call Number: QK 31 .B3 B47 1982

Title: **Memorials of John Bartram and Humphry Marshall: With notices of their botanical contemporaries**

Author: Darlington, William

Summary: Composed largely of letters of Peter Collinson to John Bartram

Call Number: Rare Book Room QK 31 .B3 D3 1849

Title: **New green world**

Author: Herbst, Josephine

Subjects: Bartram, John, 1699-1777 | Bartram, William, 1739-1823 | Natural history

Call Number: QK 31 .B3 H4 1954

Title: **The Natures of John and William Bartram**

Author: Slaughter, Thomas P.

Call Number: QK 31 .B32 S58 1996

Title: **John Clayton: Pioneer of American Botany**

Author: Berkeley, Edmund ; Berkeley, Dorothy Smith

Summary: English and North American botany, 1650-1750. Gronovius, Linnaeus and the Flora Virginica.

Call Number: QK31 .C55 B4 1963

Title: **The Great Forest, John Clayton and Flora - A narrative biography of America's first botanist**

Author: Harriet Frye

Call Number: QK31 .C55 F79 1990

Title: **"Forget not mee and my garden..."** : selected letters, 1725-1768 of Peter Collinson, F.R.S.

Author: Collinson, Peter

Call Number: QK 31.C65 A74 2002

Title: **Brothers of the spade: Correspondence of Peter Collinson of London, and of John Custis, of Williamsburg, Virginia, 1734-1746**

Author: Swem, Earl Gregg

Call Number: Rare Book Room QK 31 .C7 A4 1957

Title: **A Yankee botanist in the Carolinas: The Reverend Moses Ashley Curtis, D.D. (1818-1872)**

Author: Berkeley, Edmund

Call Number: QK 31 .C95 B47 1986

Title: **Carl Linnaeus**

Author: Knut Hagberg

Subject: Linné, Carl von, 1707-1778

Call Number: QK31 .L5 H15 1953

Title: **Joseph Dalton Hooker: botanist, explorer, and administrator**

Author: Turrill, W.B.

Summary: Biography of the son of William Hooker, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, from 1841 until his death in 1865.

Call Number: QK31 .H66 T8 1963

Title: **The Tradescants: their plants, gardens and museum, 1570-1662**

Author: Allan, Mea

Call Number: QK 31 .T73 A6 1964

Title: **The John Tradescants: gardeners to the rose and lily queen**
Author: Leith-Ross, Prudence
Call Number: QK 31 .T73 .L5 2006

Title: **Botanic manuscript of Jane Colden, 1724-1766**
Author: Colden, Jane, 1724-1766 ; Rickett, Harold William, 1896- ; Hall, Elizabeth Cornelia
Call Number: QK 41 .C55 1963

Title: **The plant hunters: being an examination of collecting, with an account of the careers & the methods of a number of those who have searched the world for wild plants**
Author: Tyler-Whittle, Michael Sidney
Call Number: QK 61 .T8 1997

Title: **The Apothecaries' Garden: a history of Chelsea Physic Garden**
Author: Sue Minter
Call Number: QK73 .C45 M74 2000

Title: **The Chelsea Physic Garden**
Author: Paterson, A. P.
Call Number: QK73 .C45 P18 1983

Title: **Linnaeus and the linnaeans: the spreading of their ideas in systematic botany, 1753-1789**
Author: Stafleu, Frans Antonie
Call Number: QK 91 .S69 1971

Title: **Ehret: flower painter extraordinary**
Author: Calmann, Gerta
Subjects: Botanical illustration -- History | Ehret, Georg Dionysius, 1708-1770 | Illustrators -- England -
- Biography | Flowers -- Engravings | Linnaeus, Carolus, 1707-1778
Call Number: Oversize Collection: QK 98.2 .E39 C3 1977

Title: **An English florilegium: flowers, trees, shrubs, fruits, herbs - the Tradescant legacy**
Author: Grierson, Mary, ill. ; Bricknell, Christopher ; Stearn, William T.
Call Number: Oversized Collection QK 306 .G75 1987

Title: **The brother gardeners: botany, empire, and the birth of an obsession**
Author: Wulf, Andrea
Subjects: Horticulturists -- Great Britain -- History -- 18th century | Plant collectors -- Great Britain --
History -- 18th century | Gardening -- Great Britain -- History -- 18th century
Call Number: SB 61 W85 2009

Title: **Handbook on origins of American horticulture**
America's garden heritage : explorers, plantsmen and gardens of yesterday
Author: Manks, Dorothy S.

Call Number: SB 83 .H26 1968

Title: **The gardener's calendar: directing the necessary works to be done every month in the kitchen, fruit, and pleasure-gardens, as also in the conservatory and nursery**

Author: Miller, Philip

Call Number: SB 97 .M55 1775a

Title: **Plants that changed our gardens**

Author: Allan, Mea

Summary: Read about seven of our greatest plant hunters through their diaries and letters describing their adventures in botanizing.

Call Number: SB 109 .A44 1974

Title: **A history of horticulture in America to 1860**

Author: Hedrick, U.P. ; Woodburn, Elisabeth

Call Number: SB 319 .H32 1950

Title: **The plant hunter's garden: the new explorers and their discoveries**

Author: Ward, Bobby J.

Summary: Profiles of 32 modern day plant hunters.

Call Number: SB 404.5 .W248 2004

Title: **Gifts from the gardens of China: the introduction of traditional Chinese garden plants to Britain 1698-1862**

Author: Kilpatrick, Jane

Call Number: SB 404.6 .C5 K55 2007

Title: **Gardens, plants and man**

Author: Lees, Carlton B.

Summary: A delightful and informative tour of the great gardens of history, along with introductions to those who made these gardens possible – landscape designers, botanists, explorers, plant lovers of all sorts.

Call Number: SB 451 .L43 1970

Title: **Pioneer American gardening**

Author: Slosson, Elvenia, compiler

Summary: A collection of stories contributed by 41 state garden clubs, with each story designed to help us understand the origins of and the beauty of our amazingly diverse "national" garden.

Call Number: SB 451.3 .S58 1951
