

CONSOLIDATED LIST OF BOOK & MAGAZINE RECOMMENDATIONS

2021

Following are the book recommendations received so far in 2021.

- **Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and the Southern Appalachians**
Recommended by: Susan Starling
- **Azaleas**, Fred Galle
Recommended by: Susan Starling

2019

In 2019, WFB members were invited to share recommendations of their favorites gardening, or gardening-related, books. To kick-off the project, 2019 WFB President Margie Halls wrote the following:

"I enjoy looking through my gardening books, most of which have beautiful pictures and descriptions of flowers, trees and shrubs. These books have a wealth of information and are great resources when looking for plants for my garden. However, my greatest resource lies within the membership of the Wildflower Bunch. There are so many individuals that are knowledgeable of the plants in an around our community. They know the best plant nurseries and when the plants are available. Many are willing to come take a look at a plant or an area of my garden and make suggestions or even identify plants. Many share cuttings and plants from their gardens. I have found that those who really love gardening are eager to share their knowledge and their love of planting, tending and enjoying all that grows in their gardens. For me, a beginning gardener, there is no greater resource than an knowledgeable gardener willing to share, and we have an abundance of knowledge in the Wildflower Bunch."

Following are the book recommendations received.

- **Field Guide to Wildflowers - Eastern Region**, Revised Edition, National Audubon Society
Recommended by: Barbara Knysz
"This is a great book for identifying those 'weeds' in your yard that are really very special wildflowers. This is how I learned about Mayapples and Black Cohosh that grows wild in my yard."
- **The Grumpy Gardener**, 2017 Southern Living Edition, Steve Bender
Recommended by: Bruce Ramo
"The Grumpy Gardener is an amusing and entertaining guide in A to Z format providing ample planting recommendations, to-dos and most importantly what not to-dos for Southern gardens."
- **Gardening with Native Plants of the South**, Copyright 1994, Sally Wasowski with Andy Wasowski
Recommended by: Susan Kenny
"Not only is this a pretty book. good for the coffee table, but it is also full of good info. I like the way the book is organized with formal identification given, followed by a general commentary about the plant. I actually found a plant in this book that I found nowhere else in my reference library."
- **100 Flowers and How They Got Their Names**, 1997, Diana Wells
Recommended by: Rita Boje
"I've always wondered how plants and flowers were named. The book goes into some details on the botanical name of each flower that sometimes gets boring, but the interesting stories that have surrounded the plants are entertaining."
- **Herbs - An Illustrated Encyclopedia**, 1994, Kathi Keville
Recommended by: Rita Boje
"This is an oversized soft back book with great painted illustrations of over 140 herbs "packed with information including each herbs history, it's physical characteristics, and its cultivation requirements." It includes recipes and ideas on ways to create herbal crafts and making an herbal bath. I refer to it often."
- **Edible Flowers From Garden to Palate**, 1993, 1995, Cathy Wilkinson Barash

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Recommended by: Rita Boje

"By far one of my most used garden books. I've made several of the recipes. Ever had a dandelion mushroom? ,... or a honeysuckle strawberry sorbet? Yummm. Did you know that those beautiful tuberous begonia petals have a tangy Citrus taste? Really fun book loaded with pictures and cultivation info."

- **Container Gardening Through the Year**, DK Publishing Inc., Malcolm Hiller

Recommended by: Deborah Glover

"This book has the best pictures of planted containers and the names of all the plants therein. You can take it right to your favorite plant grower and say I want this please!! It has been divided into seasonal plantings so you will always have something wonderful on your porch. Even if you don't plant a thing the pictures are striking. Take a look you will love it."

- **No One Gardens Alone: A Life of Elizabeth Lawrence**, 2004, Emily Herring Wilson

Recommended by: Fran Holman McKenzie

"Having enjoyed Elizabeth Lawrence's books (A Southern Garden, The Little Bulbs, Gardens in Winter, Lob's Wood, Gardening for Love, A Rock Garden in the South, and A Garden of One's Own) drew me inextricably to reading a biography of her life. Elizabeth was born in her grandparents' large clapboard house on Whitlock Avenue in Marietta, Georgia. She is described in her school yearbook: "There isn't anything in the world that Elizabeth doesn't want to know." This was affirmed during her years at Barnard. Lawrence read widely; she was a life-long reader of The New Yorker. We also meet her friends, including literary personalities Eudora Welty and William Lanier Hunt as well as her friend and fellow gardener and garden writer Caroline Dormon. And always we learn from this premiere gardener and garden writer as she writes about a variety of plants--Michaelmas daisies, purple iris, Silene, Oenothera, Lycoris, Zephyranthes--and how to grow them. We are inspired by a grand gardener and edified by a life well lived. I have a copy to loan."

- **Latin for Gardeners**, 2012, Lorraine Harrison

Recommended by Fran Holman McKenzie

"Dee Bogus, one of the speakers at WFB's Master Gardeners Program, pleaded for even the casual gardener to learn the botanical names of plants so that we speak the same language and so that there is less confusion. This book delineates over 3,000 plant names. Harrison provides a brief history of botanical Latin. The book is far more than an alphabetical listing of plants. It profiles a number of plants from Acanthus to Vaccinium and highlights plant hunters from Sir Joseph Banks to Carl Peter Thunberg. She also writes about plant color, form, and fragrance. The book can be used as a complete read or as a reference for plants of immediate interest. Regardless, this is a significant choice for the gardener's library."

- **Making the Most of Shade**, 2005, Larry Hodgson

Recommended by: Marci Urnaza

"I enjoy referencing this book whenever I am looking for a plant that will do well in a shaded garden. Living here in Big Canoe makes this book so important today. Check it out yourself; I have many pages with turn-back corners!"

- **C. Z. Guest's Garden Planner and Datebook**, 1985, C. Z. Guest with drawings by Cecil Beaton and foreword by Truman Capote

Recommended by: Allison Lee

"Choosing your favorite gardening book is like choosing your favorite child. You CAN'T. What I discovered when I went to my bookshelf to select my favorite was that I own a lot more books than I have read. (Shhhh). Since I am an advocate for permaculture, my first thought was to select a title in that category; however, my hand went to a small book with a cloth cover, the aforementioned garden planner. Secondly, before recommending this book, I went online to see if it was still available. Big Shock! Amazon has only 2 copies left at a price of \$128. WOW. So, if you are like me you are thinking about how many plants you could buy for that sum. I am sure you can find another garden planner for a reasonable price, and I encourage you to do so as it is very helpful to keep records of your garden. What I like about this particular book is that each month's calendar is prefaced with a description of what to expect that month and each page provides tips such as when to order seeds, to prune, etc., plus much, much more."

- **Month-by-Month Gardening in Georgia**, Walter Reeves and Erica Glasener

Recommended by: Catherine Mann

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"The title says it all!"

- **The Complete Handbook of Garden Plants**, Michael Wright
Recommended by: Catherine Mann
"This book is special to me because it was one of the last gifts from my mother."
- **Where There are Mountains: an Environmental History of the Southern Appalachians**, Donald Edward Davis
Recommended by: Robert Lyle
"A summary of what some readers have said about this book online, per the WFB "custodian" of this book list: This book covers a 400 year period, discussing the natural history of southern Appalachia and the impact its human inhabitants have had upon it. In short, it's a go-to book on the environmental history of southern Appalachia. One topic of particular interest was the discussion of the American Chestnut tree which once dominated this area. Now, they are almost extinct. This is a well written book that is well suited for general reading."
- **Bringing Nature Home**, Updated & expanded edition published 2009 (1st edition published 2007), Douglas W. Tallamy
Recommended by: Stacy Johnson
"This book was originally recommended by Katy Ross, owner of Night Song Native Plant Nursery in Canton and featured speaker at the WFB meeting on Oct 2, 2019. I was intrigued and ordered a copy. So glad I did. This book explains - in easy to understand language - how wildlife depends upon native plants. Without native plants, our environment would be very different. He encourages us to plant even a few native plants in our gardens to encourage diversity of life. I love the detail he provides when he describes the life cycle of various insects. And he has great photos of plants, birds and insects. The book also contains an extensive list of suggested native plants by region. This is an easy read that is a real eye opener."

2016

Books and two magazines recommended as **great resources** by **Cynthia Hendry**, WFB member and speaker, at our March 6, 2019 Kick-off Meeting.

1. Armitage's Native Plants for North American Gardens, Allan M. Armitage
Armitage is a retired UGA Professor
2. Best Native Plants for Southern Gardens, Gill Nelson
A great discussion of plant origin
3. Nature's Melody: A Guide to Georgia's Wildflowers, Betty L. Benson
4. Gardening with Native Wildflowers, Samuel B. Jones, Jr. and Leonard E. Foote
The late Samuel B. Jones, Jr. of Piccadilly Farms is also a retired UGA Professor
5. Native Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southeast, Leonard E. Foote and Samuel B. Jones, Jr.
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6. Landscaping with Native Plants, Cordelia Penn
Describes the plant's 12 month presentation in the landscape
7. Southeastern Wildflowers, Jan Midgley
A great reference for card and propagation
8. Growing and Propagating Wild Flowers, Harry R. Phillips
A very detailed propagation reference
9. Growing and Propagating Showy Native Woody Plants, Richard E. Bir
10. Easy Care Native Plants, Patricia A. Taylor
A good reference for native plant gardens to visit as well as plants presented by need...groundcover, shrub, perennial, etc.
11. *"Acres USA"* – a sustainable and organic farming magazine which offers a wealth of knowledge about soils. *Magazine*.

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12. *"Horticulture"* – while offering articles on both natives and non-natives, they frequently have columns on attracting beneficial insects, bees, other pollinators, soils and carbon gardening. *Magazine*.

Books and a magazine recommended speaker **Lindsey Kenner**, BC resident and **landscape** architect, at our May 4, 2016

1. Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees and Shrubs. Michael A. Dirr.
2. Plant Identification Terminology – an illustrated glossary. James G. Harris.
3. Planting the Natural Garden. Piet Oudolf and Henk Gerritsen.
4. The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses – sedges, rushes, restios, cat-tails, and selected bamboos. Rick Darke.
5. The Master Book of the Water Garden – the ultimate guide to designing and maintaining water gardens. Philip Swindells.
6. The Well-Tended Perennial Garden – planting and pruning techniques. Tracy DiSabato-Aust.
7. *"Country Gardens"* magazine.

Speaker **Dawn Hines** enlightened us about **butterflies** at our June 2016 meeting and recommended the following books:

1. Butterflies of Georgia, Jaret C. Daniels
2. Caterpillars of North America, David L. Wagner
3. Hev Bug Doctor, Jim Howell
4. *The Dangerous World of Butterflies*, Peter Laufer
5. The Family Butterfly Book, Rick Mikula

2013

Christine Noguere, WFB member, was a speaker in 2013 when she presented a talk on **medicinal herbs**. She recommended the following books:

- Medicinal Plants of the Southern Appalachians by Patricia Kyritsi Howell
- Medicine Makers Handbook by James Green
- Making Plant Medicine by Richo Cech
- Herbal Recipes for Vibrant Health by Rosemary Gladstar
- Herbal Teas - 101 Nourishing Blends for Daily Health & Vitality by Kathleen Brown
- Herbal Healing for Women by Rosemary Gladstar
- Adaptogens - Herbs for Strength: Stamina and Stress Relief by Winston & Maimes
- Herbal Therapy & Supplements by Kuhn and Winston
- Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs by Kowalchik & Hylton, Editors
- Identifying and Harvesting Edible and Medicinal Plants by "Wildman" Steve Brill

2012

Debbie Boutelier, President of the Herb Society, spoke to us on **culinary herbs** in August, 2012 and had three books to recommend:

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- The Southern Herb Cooking by Madeleine Hill and Gwen Barclay
- Herb Garden Cookbook by Lucinda Hutson
- The Herb Society of America's Essential Guide to Growing and Cooking with Herbs