

## CBHL Literature Awards Recognize Excellence in Botanical and Horticultural Literature

October 16, 2020 – The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) presented its twenty-first Annual Literature Awards on October 16, 2020 during a virtual meeting of the CBHL membership. The CBHL Annual Literature Awards, created to recognize significant contributions to the literature of botany and horticulture, this year honored six remarkable works.

The 2020 CBHL Annual Literature Award was presented to *Field Guide to the Grasses of Oregon and Washington* by Cindy Talbott Roché, Richard Brainerd, Barbara L. Wilson, Nick Otting, Robert C. Korfhage and published by Oregon State University Press. This illustrated guide includes all 376 species, subspecies, and varieties of grasses, both native and introduced, that grow wild in Oregon and Washington. Detailed descriptions, range maps, and intricate close-up photographs for each species all contribute to this remarkable work. Award committee members made special mention of the detailed photographs to assist with identification of closely matched species. This work will serve as an excellent model for field guides with a difficult subject and will be a standard for a long time.

*Rankafu: Orchid Print Album* by Stephen Kirby, Toshikazu Doi and Toru Otsuka and published by Kew Publishing was honored with the 2020 CBHL Award of Excellence in Botanical Art and Illustration. This work features an exceptional set of orchid woodblock prints from early 20th century Japan. Considered masterworks of botanical art, the Rankafu prints are visually stunning and reproduced here in full color, showcasing the fine details of this spectacular art form, and forming an important record of the orchids cultivated in Japan at that time.

The 2020 CBHL Award of Excellence in Gardening and Gardens was presented to *Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest* by Arthur Kruckeberg and Linda Chalker-Scott. This new edition of a classic, first published in 1982, now includes numerous color photographs, updates in taxonomy, and more information about each plant's habitat requirements and use in restoration projects. This well-written guide will encourage success with using native plants in a garden setting.

*The Sakura Obsession: The Incredible Story of the Plant Hunter Who Saved Japan's Cherry Blossoms* by Naoko Abe and published by Alfred A. Knopf was presented with the 2020 CBHL Award of Excellence in History. The story of Collingwood "Cherry" Ingram along with his pioneering efforts to save the Japanese cherry trees is recounted in this noteworthy work. Beginning with Ingram's first visit to Japan in 1907, he was smitten by the sakura, or cherry tree. Through the course of the next decades, Ingram was instrumental in preserving and saving these beloved trees.

This year, two works were honored with the 2020 CBHL Award of Excellence in Children and Young Adult Literature. *What Linnaeus Saw: A Scientist's Quest to Name Every Living Thing* by Karen Magnuson Beil and published by Norton Young Readers, an imprint of W. W. Norton & Company illuminates the story of Carl Linnaeus. Extensively researched, this work will bring the life and influence of this renowned botanist to life for a new generation. *The Night Flower: The Blooming of the Saguaro Cactus* by Lara Hawthorne and published by Big Picture Press, an imprint of Candlewick Press through rhyming text and watercolor illustrations brings the flora

and fauna of the desert to life. Committee members felt both of these works were welcome additions to the literature.

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