

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

May 6, 2021– Washington, DC – The Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, Inc. (CBHL) presented its twenty-second Annual Literature Awards on May 6, 2021. This presentation was made during CBHL's 53rd Annual Meeting hosted by the Smithsonian Institution. The CBHL Annual Literature Awards, created to recognize significant contributions to the literature of botany and horticulture, this year honored seven remarkable works.

Honored with the 2021 Annual Literature Award were two exceptional works: *Entangled Life* and *Rare Plants*. *Entangled Life : How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures* was written by Merlin Sheldrake and published by Random House. Recognized for its unique perspective by showing the world from a fungal point of view, this book was lauded for how it captivates the mind and encourages the reader to view the world with new eyes. *Rare Plants : 40 of the Rarest and Endangered* was written by Ed Ikin and published by Welbeck Publishing. In this beautifully presented book, Ikin explores the themes of rarity, history, trade, traditional use, conservation, science, and threat as he tells the stories of 40 rare and endangered plants from around the world.

*The Earth in Her Hands : 75 Extraordinary Women* was honored with the CBHL 2021 Award of Excellence in Biography. Written by Jennifer Jewell and published by Timber Press, this book celebrates talented and accomplished women in the areas of horticulture, botany, environmental science, landscape design, floriculture, agriculture, social justice, plant hunting and breeding, seed science, garden writing and photography, public garden administration, research, and public policy. In this work, Jewell honors diversity, equity, and inclusion, through her widely diverse selection of extraordinary women.

*Botanical Art Techniques : A Comprehensive Guide : Watercolor, Graphite, Colored Pencil, Vellum, Pen and Ink, Egg Tempera, Oils, Printmaking, and More* was honored with the 2021 CBHL Award of Excellence in Botanical Art and Illustration. Edited by Carol Woodin and Robin A. Jess in association with the American Society of Botanical Artists and published by Timber Press, this work will inspire and inform current and future generations of botanical artists. Detailing various techniques, this award honoree also highlights the importance of direct observation, focus on detail, and technical excellence that characterize botanical art and distinguish it from other more decorative art forms.

Written by Enrique Salmón and published by Timber Press, *Iwígara : American Indian Ethnobotanical Traditions and Science* was presented with the 2021 CBHL Award of Excellence in Botany. A culmination of decades of sharing and gathering plant knowledge, this informative and accessible book features 80 plants traditionally important to North American indigenous peoples.

*Spirited Stone: lessons from Kubota's Garden* created by Gemina Garland-Lewis and many others and published by Chin Music Press received the 2021 CBHL Award of Excellence in Gardening and Gardens. This work celebrates the remarkable Seattle garden created by Fujitaro Kubota. A complex mix of essays written in prose or poetry, or expressed in photographs, by many different authors from a variety of backgrounds, the work is a testament to beauty and the singular vision of Kubota.

Luke Keogh's *The Wardian Case : How a Simple Box Moved Plants and Changed the World* published by the University of Chicago Press was recognized with the 2021 CBHL Award of Excellence in History. When is a simple box not just a box? Keogh shares the remarkable story of a "simple box" that moved plants and changed the world! Taking the reader across centuries and seas, Keogh shows how Nathaniel Ward's invention spurred a revolution in the movement of plants, and that many of the repercussions of that revolution are still with us, from new industries to invasive plant species.

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