

2010 Summer reading list from the Barbara A. Margolis Library at the Hort

Compost Stew: An A-Z Recipe for the Earth

By Mary Siddals

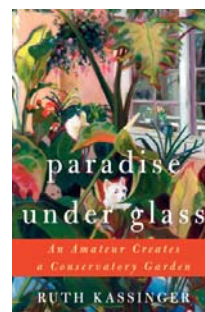
Get your little ones cooking! Cooking up the good earth, that is.



Paradise under Glass: An Amateur Creates a Conservatory Garden

By Ruth Kassinger

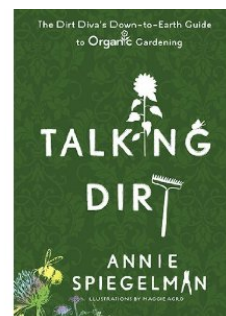
This is a memoir by a non-gardener who creates a verdant, private sanctuary for herself. She includes a brief history of glass houses based on her research for the project that consumed and rewarded her. The author was recently interviewed in *The New York Times*.



Talking Dirt: The Dirt Diva's Down-to-Earth Guide to Organic Gardening

by Annie Spiegelman

Right-on tips for beginners from a former New Yorker transplanted to California.



Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast: A Field Guide

by Peter Del Tredici

Need a crash course in urban weeds? This is it! The author, a senior research scientist at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, takes a hard look at the tough plants that thrive in our cities. His solid descriptions and color photos will help you identify these green survivors, and his inclusion of their cultural significance may get you thinking differently. The dandelion, for example, is listed in Joselyn's *New England's Rarities* published in 1672. An early visitor to Central Park, completed in 1878, describes the lawn studded with dandelions as "green lakes reflecting a heaven sown with stars." Today's homeowners see stars too, but that's because they spend millions trying to eradicate the tenacious plant.

Tredici will be speaking in the library on Nov. 1



Edible Estates: Attack on the Front Lawn

By Fritz Haeg

Haeg is a landscape architect and activist for food production at home. He makes a compelling case for re-imagining the front lawn.

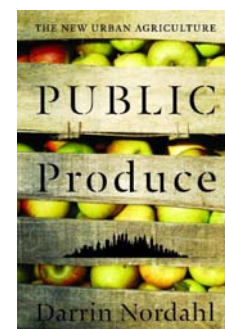
Haeg will be at The Hort on June 27 for a panel discussion



Public Produce

By Darrin Nordahl

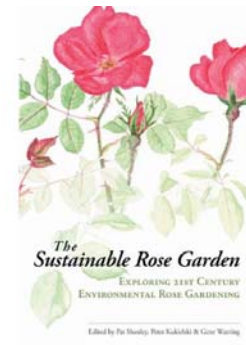
The author examines the broader issues involved in public initiatives to bring food production to cities in the 21st century.



The Sustainable Rose Garden

by Pat Shanley and Peter Kukielski

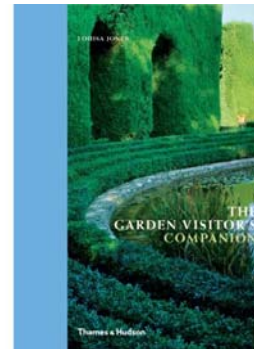
Though we all love them, roses have a reputation for being fussy and requiring toxic garden practices. This booklet published by The Manhattan Rose Society explores a more environmental approach. A revised and expanded edition will be available in September but until then let the experts introduce you to 21st century rose growing.



The Garden Visitors Companion

By Louisa Jones

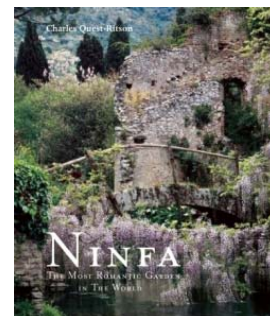
The author, who has lived in France for over 30 years, has written several books on gardens, each like this one beautifully illustrated. In this novel guide, she uses ten different types of gardens to help visitors develop an informed approach providing questions to consider and suggestions for things to look for and think about.



Ninfa: The Most Romantic Garden in the World

By Charles Quest-Ritson

Be transported to this enchanted landscape owned by the Caetani family since 1298. The author is an internationally acclaimed writer on gardens, roses, history and Italy.

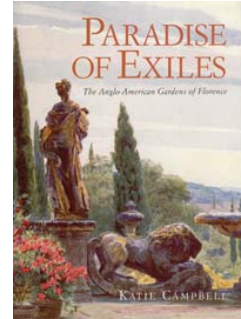


Paradise of Exiles: The Anglo-American Gardens of Florence

By Katie Campbell

An eccentric community of exiles settles into the Florentine countryside remaking its dilapidated villas and gardens each in his/her own dramatic style.

Campbell will present an illustrated lecture in the library on June 10



Sissinghurst, An Unfinished History: The Quest to Restore a Working Farm at Vita Sackville-West's Legendary Garden

By Adam Nicolson

Nicolson, Vita Sackville-West's grandson, was fortunate enough to grow up on the Sissinghurst estate. When he returns many years later he is determined to restore its working farm despite meeting resistance from the National Trust.

