



Master Gardener Bookworms Stephenson County Master Gardeners 2013-Present Reading List

2013

October 2013

Shirlee Iverson: *The Gardener's Year*, Karel Capek

November 2013

Ruth Eilers: *The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World*, Michael Pollan

2014

January 2014

Jill DeGraw: ***Writing the Garden: A Literary Conversation across Two Centuries**, Elizabeth Barlow Rogers

February 2014

Shey Lowman: *The \$64 Tomato: How one Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden*, William Alexander

March 2014

Joan Oliver: *From the Ground Up: The Story of a First Garden*, Amy Stewart

April 2014

Carol Ahrens: *American Grown: The Story of the White House Kitchen Garden and Gardens Across America*, Michelle Obama

May 2014

Barb Schaefer: *Elements of Design*, Joe Eck

June 2014

Shirlee Iverson: *Old Herbaceous*, Reginald Arkell

July 2014

Joan Oliver: *Butterfly Farm: A Prairie Restoration*, Annette Yonke and Gerald Estes

August 2014

Carol Ahrens: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life*, Barbara Kingsolver

September 2014

Shirlee Iverson: "A Rich Spot of Earth": *Thomas Jefferson's Revolutionary Garden at Monticello*, Peter Hatch

October 2014

Shey Lowman: *Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold

November 2014

Shirlee Iverson: *We Made a Garden*, Margery Fish

December 2014

Shirlee Iverson: *Jody's Beans*, Judith Allibone

2015

January 2015

Jill DeGraw: *Silent Spring*, Rachel Carson

February 2015

Joan Oliver: *Seeds of Wealth: Four Plants That Made Men Rich*, Henry Hobhouse

March 2015

Shey Lowman: *A Seed Underground- A Growing Revolution to Save Food*, Janisse Ray

April 2015

Carol Ahrens: ***Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life: The plants and places that inspired the classic childrens' tales**, Marta McDowell

May 2015

Jill DeGraw: *The Tulip*, Anna Pavord

June 2015

Wilma Faerber: *The Red Garden*, Alice Hoffman

July 2015

Shirlee Iverson: *The Wild Gardener*, Peter Loewer

August 2015

Barb Schaefer: *Trudi's Garden: The Story of Trudi Temple, Founder of Market Day*, Trudi Temple

September 2015

Shey Lowman: *What a Plant Knows: A Field Guide to the Senses*, Daniel Chamovitz

October 2015

Joan Oliver: *The Ingenious Mr. Fairchild*, Michael Leapman

November 2015

Jill DeGraw: ***Founding Gardeners: The Revolutionary Generation, Nature and the Shaping of the American Nation**,
Andrea Wulf

December 2015

All: *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, Beatrix Potter

2016

January 2016

Carol Ahrens: *The Garden Primer*, Barbara Damrosch

February 2016

Shirlee Iverson: *The Writer's Garden: How Gardens Inspired our Best Loved Authors*, Jackie Bennett and Richard Hanson

March 2016

Shey Lowman: *The Roots of My Obsession: Thirty Great Gardeners Reveal Why They Garden*, Thomas C. Cooper, editor

April 2016

Wilma Faerber: ***The Forgotten Garden**, Kate Morton

May 2016

Ruth Eilers: *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, Richard Louv

June 2016

Barb Schaefer: *The Gardener's Eye and Other Essays*, Allen Lacy

July 2016

Shirlee Iverson: *Down the Garden Path*, Beverley Nichols

August 2016

Joan Oliver: *Go Native!: Gardening with Native Plants and Wildflowers in the Lower Midwest*, Carolyn Harstad

September 2016

Shey Lowman: *Legends in the Garden: Who in the World is Nellie Stevens?*, Linda Copeland & Allan Armitage

October 2016

Jill DeGraw: *Henry Mitchell on Gardening*, Henry Mitchell

November 2016

Ruth Eilers: *The Signature of All Things: A Novel*, Elizabeth Gilbert

December 2016

Wilma Faerber: *The Cow Who Ate the Hippopotamus*, Wilma Faerber

2017

January 2017

Carol Ahrens: ***Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants**, Robin
Wall Kimmerer

February 2017

Shey Lowman: *Two Gardeners: A Friendship in Letters* edited, Emily Herring Wilson

March 2017

Joan Oliver: *Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer*, Novella Carpenter

April 2017

One Book One Freeport: *Gloryland: a novel*, Shelton Johnson

May 2017

Shey Lowman: *The Earth Moved: On the Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms*, Amy Stewart

June 2017

Wilma Faerber: *The Brother Gardeners: A Generation of Gentlemen Naturalists and the Birth of an Obsession*, Andrea Wulf

July 2017

Shey Lowman: *The Seasons on Henry's Farm: A Year of Food and Life on a Sustainable Farm*, Terra Brockman

August 2017

Jill DeGraw: *Embroidered Ground: Revisiting the Garden*, Page Dickey

September 2017

Barb Schaefer: *One Man's Garden*, Henry Mitchell

October 2017

Shirlee Iverson: *The Inward Garden: Creating a Place of Beauty and Meaning*, Julie Moir Messervy

November 2017

Ruth Eilers: *Falling into Place: An Intimate Geography of Home*, Catherine Reid

December 2017

Shirlee Iverson: *The Secret Garden*, Frances Hodgson Burnett

2018

January 2018

Barb Schaefer: *The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady*, Edith Holden

February 2018

Joan Oliver: *Gardening for Love: The Market Bulletins*, Elizabeth Lawrence

March 2018

Carol Ahrens: *Daffodil: The remarkable story of the world's most popular spring flower*, Noel Kingsbury

April 2018

Wilma Faerber: *All the Presidents' Gardens: Madison's Cabbages to Kennedy's Roses—How the White House Grounds Have Grown with America*, Marta McDowell

May 2018

Joan Oliver: *Virgin Earth: A Novel*, Philippa Gregory (Part 2)

June 2018

Shey Lowman: *The Natural World of Winnie-The-Pooh: A walk through the forest that inspired the Hundred Acre Wood*, Kathryn Aalto

July 2018

Jill DeGraw: ***Lab Girl**, Hope Jahren

August 2018

Ruth Eilers: *Siftings*, Jens Jensen

September 2018

Shirlee Iverson: *Growing Pains: Time and Change in the Garden*, Patricia Thorpe

October 2018

Barb Schaefer: *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*, Douglas W. Tallamy

November 2018

Shey Lowman: *The Forest Unseen: A Year's Watch in Nature*, David George Haskell

December 2018

Meeting canceled.

2019

January 2019

Shey Lowman: *Elizabeth and her German Garden*, Elizabeth von Arnim

February 2019

Carol Ahrens: *Digging Deep: Unearthing Your Creative Roots Through Gardening*, Fran Sorin

March 2019

Joan Oliver: ***The Orchid Thief**, Susan Orlean

April 2019

Ruth Eilers: *Emily Dickinson's Gardens: A Celebration of a Poet and Gardener*, Marta McDowell

May 2019

Wilma Faerber: *The Lost Garden: A Novel*, Helen Humphreys

June 2019

Jill DeGraw: *In the Garden with Jane Austen*, Kim Wilson

July 2019

Barb Schaefer: *Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History*, Bill Laws

August 2019

Joan Oliver: *Green Thoughts: A Writer in the Garden*, Eleanor Perenyi

September 2019

Shirlee Iverson: *Bean Blossom Dreams: A City Family's Search for a Simple Country Life*, Sallyann J. Murphey

October 2019

Barb Schaefer: *Buffalo Bird Woman's Garden: The classic account of Hidatsa American Indian gardening techniques*, Gilbert L. Wilson

November 2019

Ruth Eilers: *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate-Discoveries from a Secret World*, Peter Wohlleben

December 2019

All: *Winnie-the-Pooh*, A. A. Milne

2020

January 2020

Mary Blair: *The Landscapes of Anne of Green Gables: The Enchanting Island that Inspired L. M. Montgomery*, Catherine Reid

February 2020

Carol Ahrens: *Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening: How I Learned the Unexpected Joy of a Green Thumb and an Open Heart*, Carol Wall

March 2020

Mary Blair: **The Overstory: A Novel*, Richard Powers

April 2020

Marcy Wessels: *Victory Gardens for Bees: A DIY Guide to Saving the Bees*, Lori Weidenhammer

May 2020

Ruth Eilers: *Remarkable Creatures: A Novel*, Tracy Chevalier

June 2020

Shey Lowman: *Gardens of the High Line: Elevating the Nature of Modern Landscapes*, Piet Oudolf & Rick Darke

July 2020

Wilma Faerber: *Time and the Gardener: Writings on a Lifelong Passion*, Elizabeth Sheldon

August 2020

Shey Lowman: *Teaming with Microbes: The Organic Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web*, Jeff Lowenfels & Wayne Lewis

September 2020

Ruth Eilers: *The Solitary Summer*, Elizabeth von Arnim

October 2020

Shirlee Iverson: *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*, Annie Dillard

November 2020

Jill DeGraw: *The Unlikely Lavender Queen: A Memoir of Unexpected Blossoming* Jeannie Ralston

December 2020

Joan Oliver: *The Gardener*, Sarah Stewart (a children's book)

2021

January 2021

Shirlee Iverson: *My Family and Other Animals*, Gerald Durrell

February 2021

Ruth Eilers: *The Nature Fix: Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative*, Florence Williams

March 2021

Jean Korte: *Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice: An Ethnobotanist Searches for New Medicines in the Amazon Rain Forest*, Mark J Plotkin, PH.D.

April 2021

Shirlee Iverson: *A Blessing of Toads: A Gardener's Guide to Living with Nature*, Susan Lovejoy

May 2021

Carol Ahrens: *Vegetables: A Biography*, Evelyne Bloch-Dano

June 2021

Jean Korte: *Ripe for Change: Garden-Based Learning in Schools*, Jane Hirsch

July 2021

Mary Blair: *The Invisible Garden*, Dorothy Sucher

August 2021

Jill DeGraw: *Flower Confidential : The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful*, Amy Stewart (2007)

September 2021

Shey Lowman: *The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats*, Daniel Stone

October 2021

Joan Oliver/Shey Lowman: *Onward and Upward in the Garden*, Katharine S. White

November 2021

Barb Schaefer/Group: *Second Nature: A Gardener's Education*, Michael Pollan

December 2021

Joan Oliver: *Miss Rumphius*, Barbara Cooney (a children's book)

2022

January 2022

Ruth Eilers: *Winter Bloom* by Tara Heavy

February 2022

Dianne Freeze: *Passalong Plants*, Steve Bender and Felder Rushing

March 2022

Mary Blair: *The Potting Shed Papers*, Charles Elliot

April 2022

Shirlee Iverson: *A Thousand Mile Walk to the Gulf*, John Muir

May 2022

Dianne Freeze: *Passalong Plants*, Steve Bender and Felder Rushing

June 2022

Mary Blair: *Tree Story: The History of the World Written in Rings*, Valerie Trouet

July 2022

Joan Oliver: *Gardening for a Lifetime: How to Garden Wiser as You Grow Older*, Sydney Eddison

August 2022

Jean Korte: *Faith in a Seed : The Dispersion Of Seeds And Other Late Natural History Writings*, Henry C. Thoreau

September 2022

Ruth Eilers: *The Paper Garden: An Artist Begins Her Life's Work at 72*, Mary Peacock

October 2022

Shey Lowman: *A Clearing in the Distance: Frederick Law Olmstead and American in the 19th Century*, Witold Rybczynski

November 2022

Shirlee Iverson: *Walden*, Henry David Thoreau

December 2022

Group: *And Then It's Spring*, Julie Fogliano and illustrations Erin E. Stead (a children's book)

January 2023

Shey Lowman: *Uprooted: A Gardener Reflects on Beginning Again*, Page Dickey