NCBG 50: Celebrating Past, Present and Future

Suggested Reading or Reference


McVaugh, Rogers, Michael R. McVaugh, and Mary Ayers. 1996. Chapel Hill and Elisha Mitchell the Botanist. Chapel Hill: Botanical Garden Foundation. “This well-documented study tells the hitherto unknown story of the nineteenth-century geologist’s ‘botanizing’ during his early decades in Chapel Hill at the University of North Carolina. Of interest to those curious about the foundations of the science curriculum at the University of North Carolina.”


“This book, the most complete and expert treatment of wild flower propagation and cultivation to date, offers a sure approach to gardening with native plants while practicing good conservation.”


"Still regarded as the “Green Bible” by many. Although in need of an update, remains an established reference for professionals, students, and plant enthusiasts throughout the Southeast."


“A tribute to the first 100 years of the Coker Arboretum, it includes stories about the Arboretum’s evolution and descriptions of its natural history. These come alive amid historical photographs and artists’ renderings”


“This autobiographical book, John Terres’s vivid portrayal of wildlife on an old North Carolina farm, should never be allowed to go out of print.” - Roger Tory Peterson


“Anyone with a love of North Carolina’s natural history must read, and will undoubtedly want to own, this revised edition of The Natural Gardens of North Carolina.” Served as inspiration for the NCBG’s Habitat Gardens.


This durable, pocket-sized field guide is packed with color photographs of the Smokies’ most beautiful wildflowers.


“Alan Weakley’s *Flora of the Southern and Mid-Atlantic States* is the resource for the vascular plant flora of the southeast. All 1000-odd pages of this behemoth-in-progress are available for free download as a searchable pdf.”

- Duke University Herbarium