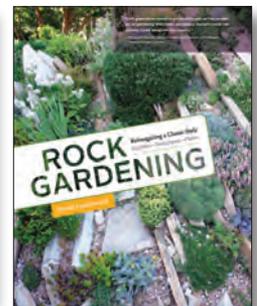
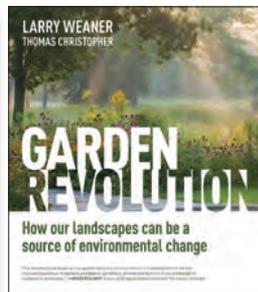
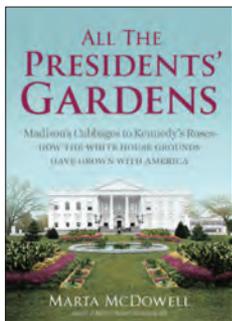


## 2017 AHS Book Award Winners



Each year, the American Horticultural Society recognizes outstanding gardening books published in North America with its annual Book Award. Nominated books are judged by the AHS Book Award Committee on qualities such as writing style, authority, accuracy, and physical quality. This year's recipients, selected from books published in 2016, are listed below.

The 2017 Book Award Committee members were: chair **Susan Hines**, a garden communicator in Hyattsville, Maryland; **Augustus "Jenks" Farmer**, garden book author and plantsman based in the Columbia, South Carolina, area; **Mary Ann Newcomer**, a garden communicator in Boise, Idaho; **Doug Oster**, Home & Garden editor for the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*, television host, and radio personality based in Pennsylvania; **Brian Thompson**, manager and curator of the Elisabeth C. Miller Library at the University of Washington Botanic Gardens in Seattle; **Deb Wiley**, garden writer, editor, and book project manager in Des Moines, Iowa, and **Anne Marie Van Nest**, a garden communicator and horticulturist in the Niagara Falls area of New York.



### All the Presidents' Gardens

by Marta McDowell. Timber Press.

■ "Thoroughly researched prose and fascinating, historic images tell a refreshingly non-partisan story of how the White House grounds have grown with America," says Anne Marie Van Nest. "This sort of storytelling and history of one place, one relatively small garden, helps us understand how much gardens do—and should—change with every generation, every family, every new desire of what we need and want from our outside spaces," says Jenks Farmer.

### The Bee-Friendly Garden

by Kate Frey and Gretchen LeBuhn. Ten Speed Press.

■ Filled with "practical information that any gardener can use, this book does an excellent job of focusing on a specific, sufficiently narrow subject," notes Brian Thompson, especially one that has increasing significance to pollinator health. Mary Ann Newcomer appreciates the "wide range of plant recommendations by region, making it a useful resource anywhere in North America." From its in-depth, insightful discussions to its "layout and photography, it's a well done book all the way through," says Doug Oster.

### Garden Revolution

by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher. Timber Press.

■ Deb Wiley declares this book "has it all: inspirational personal anecdotes and photographs, a deep understanding of horticulture, a fresh take on how to garden ecologically and beauti-

fully." Thompson praises it for "explaining complex ecological concepts in an easy-to-understand, encouraging way that is applicable to home gardens." Farmer notes that "it's more than pie-in-the-sky dreams of naturalistic landscapes," it's one he would put to use when making decisions about his own garden.

### Plant

by the editors at Phaidon Press.

■ "Not only is this book a stunning visual feast," says Oster, "but it also brims with fascinating details about the botanical art which graces its pages." Susan Hines describes it as "an art exhibit in book form that provides tidbits of knowledge without being the least bit pedantic." Newcomer notes that by showcasing different ways of approaching botanical art through various eras, the book also fosters an "appreciation for plants through this art."

### Rock Gardening

by Joseph Tychonievich. Timber Press.

■ Spectacular photography, colorful writing, and detailed plant information combine to bring rock gardening to life for modern audiences that are increasingly interested in diminutive gardens. "The author takes readers through some of the most amazing gardens around the world and shares his own epiphanies from each," says Oster. "Tychonievich's enthusiasm shines throughout the book," says Van Nest, "and readers just can't help but fall in love—or in love again—with this style of gardening."