

About the Herbal History Research Network

There is a lack of credible and readily available research on plants, people and practice using herbs as medicines. As a consequence a small group of researchers have come together, including professionally trained medical herbalists with active interests in the history of medicine, ranging from classical studies to medieval, early modern and modern medicine. Through the Herbal History Research Network, this group aims to promote a scholarly approach, an approach which is systematic, objective and developmental. The Network can help to connect together people who share common interests in researching the history of herbal medicine through seminars and other events.

Gardens and Herbal History

Herbs, as useful plants, have featured strongly in gardens throughout the ages, but there has been relatively limited research which has closely examined the relationship between people and medicinal plants in the garden context. Many forms of managed growing environments can be considered from the past, defined by both physical and social boundaries, from kitchen garden to orchard and botanic garden. Matters of interest include preferences for wild or cultivated sources of medicinal plants, the extent of knowledge of plant cultivation and how this was passed on and controlled, relationships between plants grown for food or medicine, social and cultural aspects of growing and harvesting. The aim of this day is to bring together current and interested researchers to explore issues of interest in both garden and herbal historical research, especially those related to finding and interpreting archival and other sources. Speakers have been invited to contribute reports on their progress in current and recent projects and to share ideas and problems.

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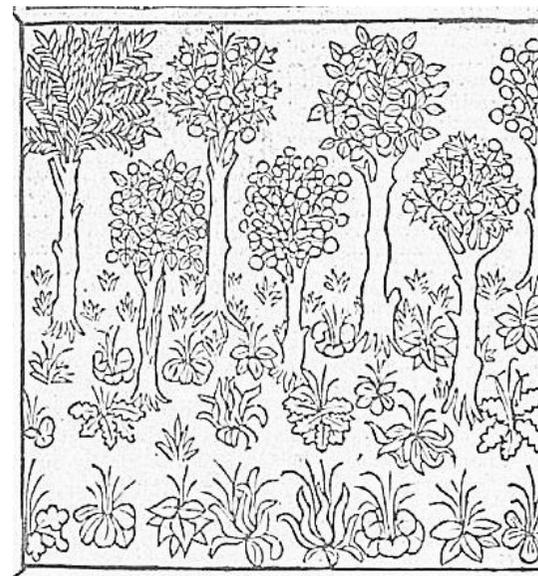


Illustration of trees and herbs adapted from Bartholomaeus Anglicus, *De Proprietatibus Rerum*. (Westminster: Wynkyn de Worde, 1495)

Gardens and Herbal History Research Seminar

Wednesday 26 June 2013, 10.30 am–4.30 pm

Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution,

16–18 Queen Square, Bath, BA1 2HN

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10.00 Registration, tea and coffee provided

10.30 Welcome

Morning session: Locating sources for garden and herbal history

'Lady Boscawen's seventeenth-century plant notebook: Some issues in herbal and garden history', Dr Anne Stobart (Herbal History Research Network)

'The culture and folklore of orchards: Considering the sources', Joanna Crosby (University of Essex)

'The influence of Roman writers on Elizabethan gardens', Christina Stapley (Herbal History Research Network)

1.15-2.15 Lunch (included in registration cost)

Afternoon session: Using and interpreting sources

'Maintaining and developing a physician's garden in London', Jane Knowles (Head Gardener, Royal College of Physicians)

'Reviving a late medieval garden: Dean William Turner and his "garden at Wellis"', Frances Neale (formerly Archivist to the Dean and Chapter of Wells Cathedral)

'New World Gardens: medicinal plants in colonial America', Dr Bruna Gushurst-Moore (University of Plymouth)

4.15–4.30 Concluding discussion

Registration

Advance registration is essential as space is limited. The cost of this seminar is £48 (£28 for students). Early bird registration before 24th April 2013 is discounted by £6 per place to £42 (£22). To book your place send a cheque payable to **Herbal History Research Network** with the slip below. Confirmation of your place will be sent to you.

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Return to: Herbal History Research Network, c/o Christina Stapley, Deepwell House, 205 Quemerford, Calne, Wilts SN11 8JY, UK.

I wish to book ____ place (s) at the Herbs and Garden History Seminar. I enclose £ ____ payable to Herbal History Research Network.

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