Burpee Foundation Funds “Cultivating America’s Gardens”


Using books and objects from Smithsonian Libraries and Smithsonian Gardens, *Cultivating America’s Gardens* will include early horticulture publications, 19th century popular and new “exotic plants,” prominent landscape designers, selling seeds, victory gardens, the romance of the American lawn and gardens of today. The Burpee Foundation grant will fund exhibition design, fabrication, conservation of books and objects, installation, programming, website design and marketing.

“The Burpee Foundation is committed to educating the public about gardening and horticulture in the United States,” said George Ball, Chairman and CEO of W. Atlee Burpee and Chairman of the Board of the Burpee Foundation. “We’re thrilled to partner with the Smithsonian to tell the story of the American garden to visitors from all over the country and world, both in person and online.”

The Smithsonian Libraries depends on private philanthropy for its exhibition programs and related presentations by experts, which are free and open to the public.

**About the Smithsonian Libraries**

The Smithsonian Libraries maintains a collection of more than 2 million volumes and serves as an educational resource for the Smithsonian Institution, the global research community and the public. The Libraries are located in Washington, D.C.; Edgewater, Md.; New York City; and the Republic of Panama. For more information, visit the [Smithsonian Libraries website](http://newsdesk.si.edu).

**About Smithsonian Gardens**

Smithsonian Gardens was established in 1972 to manage the grounds of the Smithsonian museums and to create interior and exterior horticultural exhibitions. Its research and educational programs promote the ongoing development of collections of living plants, garden documentation and horticultural artifacts. For more information, visit the [Smithsonian Gardens website](http://newsdesk.si.edu).
About the Burpee Foundation

The Burpee Foundation is a philanthropic organization headquartered in New York City devoted to gardening education.

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