Leafting Through the Pages of the Sterling Morton Library  
Discussion History – 2003-2024

2003

March 13, 2003  
First meeting

April 10, 2003  

May 8, 2003  

June 12, 2003  

July 10, 2003  
Watts, May T. Reading the Landscape of America, 1999.

August 14, 2003  

September 11, 2003  

October 9, 2003  

November 13, 2003  
Cather, Willa. My Antonia, 1918.

December 11, 2003  
Selections from children’s books on gardening and natural history.

2004

January 8, 2004  
Dillard, Annie. Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, 1974.

February 12, 2004  

March 11, 2004  

April 8, 2004  

May 13, 2004  

June 10, 2004  

July 8, 2004  

August 12, 2004  

September 9, 2004  

October 14, 2004  

November 11, 2004  
Thoreau, Henry David. Walden.

December 9, 2004  
Selections of nature poetry.

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2005


2006

March 9, 2006  Mee, Margaret. Margaret Mee: in search of flowers of the Amazon forest: diaries of an English artist reveal the beauty of the vanishing rainforest, 1988.
October 12, 2006 Berry, Wendell. Watch with Me: and six other stories of the yet-remembered Ptolemy Proudfoot and his wife, Miss Minnie, nee Quinch, 1994.
November 9, 2006 Peattie, Donald Culross. Green Laurels: the lives and achievements of the great naturalists, 1936.
December 14, 2006 Capek, Karel. “The Blue Chrysanthemum” & “The Stolen Cactus” (Short stories in: Tales from two pockets, 1994.)

2007

2008
February 14 2008 Peterson, Roger Tory and James Fisher. Wild America: the record of a 30,000-mile journey around the continent by a distinguished naturalist and his British colleague, 1955.

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<td>April 9, 2009</td>
<td>Friedman, Thomas. Hot, Flat and Crowded: why we need a green revolution--and how it can renew America, 2008.</td>
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2010
March 11, 2010 Enchanted April, 1992. (Film)
September 9, 2010 Bartram, William. Travels through North and South Carolina, East and West Florida, originally published in 1791.
November 11, 2010 Buck, Pearl. The Good Earth, originally published in 1931.

2011
January 13, 2011 The Curious Mister Catesby, 2007. (Film)

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2012
March 8, 2012  Beatrix Potter: artist, storyteller and country-woman, 1993. (Film)
December 13, 2012  Each group member shares a book with photo images by Ansel Adams.

2013
March 14, 2013  Appalachian Trail, 2010. (Film)
April 11, 2013  Williams, Michael and Richard Cahan. The Lost Panoramas: when Chicago changed its river and the land beyond, 2011.

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May 9, 2013  Mather, Robin. The Feast Nearby: how I lost my job, buried a marriage, and found my way by keeping chickens, foraging, preserving, bartering, and eating locally, 2011.


2014

January 9, 2014  Caputo, Philip. The Longest Road: overland in search of America from Key West to the Arctic Ocean, 2013.


April 10, 2014  A Man Named Pearl, 2008. (Film)


2015


March 12, 2015  Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a land ethic for our time, 2010. (Film)

2016
February 11, 2016  Chasing Ice, 2012. (Film)
March 10, 2016  Aalto, Kathryn. The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh: a walk through the forest that inspired the Hundred Acre Wood, 2015.
May 12, 2016  Macdonald, Helen. H is for Hawk, 2014.

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<td>All Things Bright and Beautiful, 1974.</td>
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<td>Waal, Frans de.</td>
<td>Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are? 2016.</td>
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<td>Gooley, Tristan</td>
<td>The Lost Art of Reading Nature’s Signs: use outdoor clues to find your way, predict the weather, locate water, track animals—and other forgotten skills, 2014.</td>
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<td>Jens Jensen</td>
<td>The Living Green, 2013. (Film)</td>
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<td>McDowell, Marta</td>
<td>All the Presidents’ Gardens: Madison's cabbages to Kennedy's roses, how the White House grounds have grown with America, 2016.</td>
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<td>April 12, 2018</td>
<td>Before the Flood, (Film)</td>
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<td>Wohlleben, Peter</td>
<td>The Hidden Life of Trees: what they feel, how they communicate, discoveries from the secret world, 2016.</td>
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<td>Adams, Mark.</td>
<td>Turn Right at Machu Picchu: rediscovering the lost city one step at a time, 2011.</td>
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<td>October 11, 2018</td>
<td>Croke, Vicki.</td>
<td>The Lady and the Panda: the true adventures of the first American explorer to bring back China's most exotic animal, 2005.</td>
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<td>December 13, 2018</td>
<td>Poetry –</td>
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<td>February 14, 2019</td>
<td>Jones, Lucy.</td>
<td>The Big Ones: how natural disasters have shaped us (and what we can do about them), 2018.</td>
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<td>March 14, 2019</td>
<td>Shifting Sands:</td>
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May 14, 2020  Nature poetry (More Than Honey – Originally scheduled film was cancelled due to pandemic.)
July 9, 2020  Egan, Timothy. The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America, 2009. [LTTP redux – first discussed on February 11, 2011]
August 13, 2020  Dunn, Robert. Never Home Alone: from microbes to millipedes, camel crickets, and honeybees, the natural history of where we live, 2018.
November 12, 2020  George, Rose. Ninety Percent of Everything: inside shipping, the invisible industry that puts clothes on your back, gas in your car, and food on your plate, 2013.

2021


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<td>Adams, Mark. Tip of the Iceberg: my 3,000-mile journey around wild Alaska, the last great American frontier, 2019.</td>
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<td>August 11, 2022</td>
<td>Carson, Rachel. The Sea Around Us, 1951.</td>
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2023


February 9, 2023  Sheldrake, Merlin. Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds & Shape Our Futures (2020) AND the following articles by Andrew Hipp, Senior Scientist in Plant Systematics and Herbarium Director:
- Each Year in the Forest: Winter – Arnoldia, v. 77, issue 3
- Each Year in the Forest: Spring – Arnoldia, v. 77, issue 4
- Each Year in the Forest: Summer – Arnoldia, v. 78, issue 1
- Each Year in the Forest: Autumn – Arnoldia, v.78, issue 2

March 9, 2023  Simard, Suzanne. Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest (2021) AND the following article by Kim Shearer, Curator of Collections and Manager of New Plant Development:
- George Ware and the Thornhill Elm: A Vision of Trees for the Future – Arnoldia, v. 78, issue 4

April 13, 2023  The Biggest Little Farm, 2018. (Film)


2024

January 11, 2024  De Gracia, Naira. The Last Cold Place: a field season studying penguins in Antarctica, 2023.

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<td>What an Owl Knows: the new science of the world’s most enigmatic birds, 2023.</td>
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<td>December 5, 2024</td>
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