

Leafing Through the Pages of the Sterling Morton Library Discussion History – 2003-2025

2003

March 13, 2003	First meeting
April 10, 2003	Pollan, Michael. <i>Botany of Desire</i> , 2001.
May 8, 2003	Ambrose, Stephen. <i>Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West</i> , 1996.
June 12, 2003	Stevens, William. <i>Miracle Under the Oaks: the revival of nature in America</i> , 1995.
July 10, 2003	Watts, May T. <i>Reading the Landscape of America</i> , 1999.
August 14, 2003	Kingsolver, Barbara. <i>Prodigal Summer</i> , 2000.
Sept. 11, 2003	Greenberg, Joel. <i>A Natural History of the Chicago Region</i> , 2002.
October 9, 2003	Wiedensaul, Scott. <i>Living on the Wind: across the hemisphere with migratory birds</i> , 1999.
November 13, 2003	Cather, Willa. <i>My Antonia</i> , 1918.
December 11, 2003	Selections from children's books on gardening and natural history.

2004

January 8, 2004	Dillard, Annie. <i>Pilgrim at Tinker Creek</i> , 1974.
February 12, 2004	Leopold, Aldo. <i>A Sand County Almanac</i> , 1949.
March 11, 2004	Sharp Eyes: John Burroughs and American nature writing, 2000.
April 8, 2004	Grese, Robert. <i>Jens Jensen: maker of natural parks and gardens</i> , 1992.
May 13, 2004	Rybczynski, Witold. <i>A Clearing in the Distance: Frederick Law Olmsted and America in the nineteenth century</i> , 1999.
June 10, 2004	Crosby, Cindy. <i>By Willoway Brook: exploring the landscape of prayer</i> , 2003.
July 8, 2004	Zwinger, Ann. <i>Downcanyon: a naturalist explores the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon</i> , 1995.
August 12, 2004	Madson, John. <i>Where the Sky Began: land of the tallgrass prairie</i> , 1996.
September 9, 2004	Baskin, Yvonne. <i>A Plague of Rats and Rubbervines: the growing threat of species invasions</i> , 2002.
October 14, 2004	Wilkins, Thurman. <i>John Muir: apostle of nature</i> , 1995.
November 11, 2004	Thoreau, Henry David. <i>Walden</i> .
December 9, 2004	Selections of nature poetry.

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2005

- January 13, 2005 Dennis, Jerry. *The Living Great Lakes: searching for the heart of the inland seas*, 2003.
- February 10, 2005 Rolvaag, O. E. *Giants in the Earth: a saga of the prairie*, 1927.
- March 10, 2005 Rhodes, Richard. *Audubon: the making of an American*, 2004.
- April 14, 2005 Norris, Kathleen. *Dakota: a spiritual geography*, 1993.
- May 12, 2005 Abbey, Edward. *Desert Solitaire: a season in the wilderness*, 1968.
- June 9, 2005 Toth, Susan Allen. *Leaning into the Wind: a memoir of Midwest weather*, 2003.
- July 14, 2005 Sullivan, Jerry. *Hunting for Frogs on Elston, and other tales from Field & Street*, 2004.
- August 11, 2005 Wilber, Ken. *The Simple Feeling of Being: embracing your true nature*, 2004.
- September 8, 2005 Bird, Isabella L. *A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains*, 1960.
- October 13, 2005 Hudson, W. H. *Far Away and Long Ago*, 1918.
- November 10, 2005 Watts, May T. *Reading the Landscape of Europe*, 1971.
- December 8, 2005 *A Selection of Essays -- The Hummingbird of the California Waterfalls* by John Muir. *The Passenger Pigeon* by John James Audubon.

2006

- January 12, 2006 Teale, Edwin Way. *Wandering Through Winter: a naturalist's record of a 20,000-mile journey through the North American winter*, 1965.
- February 9, 2006 Heinrich, Bernd. *Winter World: the ingenuity of animal survival*, 2003.
- 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.
- April 13, 2006 Simon, Laura. *Dear Mr. Jefferson: letters from a Nantucket gardener*, 1998.
- May 11, 2006 Nearing, Helen and Scott. *Living the Good Life: how to live sanely and simply in a troubled world*, 1970.
- June 8, 2006 Moring, John. *Early American Naturalists: exploring the American west, 1804-1900*, 2002.
- July 13, 2006 Gallagher, Tim. *The Grail Bird: hot on the trail of the ivory-billed woodpecker*, 2005.
- August 10, 2006 DeBlieu, Jan. *Wind: how the flow of air has shaped life, myth, and the land*, 1998.

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- Sept. 14, 2006 Horn, Tammy. Bees in America: how the honey bee shaped a nation, 2005.
- 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

- January 11, 2007 Halpern, Sue. Four wings and a prayer: caught in the mystery of the monarch butterflies, 2001.
- February 8, 2007 Blunt, Wilfrid. Linnaeus: the compleat naturalist, 1971.
- March 8, 2007 Stratton-Porter, Gene. A Girl of the Limberlost, first published in 1909.
- April 12, 2007 Kolbert, Elizabeth. Field Notes from a Catastrophe: man, nature, and climate change, 2006.
- May 10, 2007 Darwin, Charles. The Voyage of the Beagle, first published in 1839.
- June 14, 2007 Louv, Richard. Last Child in the Woods: saving our children from nature-deficit disorder, 2006.
- July 12, 2007 White, Katharine S. and Elizabeth Lawrence. Two Gardeners: Katharine S. White and Elizabeth Lawrence: a friendship in letters, 2002.
- August 9, 2007 Newton, Julianne Lutz. Aldo Leopold's Odyssey: rediscovering the author of a Sand County Almanac, 2006.
- Sept. 13, 2007 Millard, Candice. The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's darkest journey, 2005.
- October 11, 2007 Tudge, Colin. The Tree: a natural history of what trees are, how they live, and why they matter, 2006.
- November 8, 2007 Maloof, Joan. Teaching the Trees: lessons from the forest, 2005.
- December 13, 2007 Pollan, Michael. Second Nature: a gardener's education, 1991.

2008

- January 10, 2008 Cherry-Garrard, Apsley. The Worst Journey in the World, 1922.
- 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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March 13, 2008	Kingsolver, Barbara. <i>Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: a year of food life</i> , 2007.
April 10, 2008	Egan, Timothy. <i>The Worst Hard Time: the untold story of those who survived the great American dust bowl</i> , 2006.
May 8, 2008	Bjornerud, Marcia. <i>Reading the Rocks: the autobiography of the earth</i> , 2005.
June 12, 2008	Littlepage, Dean. <i>Steller's Island: adventures of a pioneer naturalist in Alaska</i> , 2006.
July 10, 2008	Todd, Kim. <i>Chrysalis: Maria Sibylla Merian and the secrets of metamorphosis</i> , 2007.
August 14, 2008	Stutchbury, Bridget Joan. <i>Silence of the Songbirds</i> , 2007.
Sept. 11, 2008	Ray, Janisse. <i>Ecology of a Cracker Childhood</i> , 1999.
October 9, 2008	Pollan, Michael. <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma: a natural history of four meals</i> , 2006.
November 13, 2008	Weidensaul, Scott. <i>Return to Wild America: a yearlong search for the continent's natural soul</i> , 2005.
December 11, 2008	Greenberg, Joel. <i>Of Prairie, Woods, & Water: two centuries of Chicago nature writing</i> , 2008.

2009

January 8, 2009	Helphand, Kenneth. <i>Defiant Gardens: making gardens in wartime</i> , 2006.
February 12, 2009	Frome, Michael. <i>Strangers in High Places: the story of the Great Smoky Mountains</i> , 1966.
March 12, 2009	Dillard, Annie. <i>Teaching a Stone to Talk: expeditions and encounters</i> , 1982.
April 9, 2009	Friedman, Thomas. <i>Hot, Flat and Crowded: why we need a green revolution--and how it can renew America</i> , 2008.
May 14, 2009	Smith, Carl. <i>The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the remaking of the American city</i> , 2006.
June 11, 2009	Ballowe, James. <i>A Man of Salt and Trees: the life of Joy Morton</i> , 2009.
July 9, 2009	Maloney, Cathy Jean. <i>Chicago Gardens: the early history</i> , 2008.
August 13, 2009	Johnson, Wendy. <i>Gardening at the Dragon's Gate: at work in the wild and cultivated world</i> , 2008.
Sept. 10, 2009	Campanella, Thomas J. <i>Republic of Shade: New England and the American elm</i> , 2003.
October 8, 2009	Koeppel, Dan. <i>Banana: the fate of the fruit that changed the world</i> , 2008.

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November 12, 2009 Kull, Robert. Solitude: seeking wisdom in extremes: a year alone in the Patagonia wilderness, 2008.

December 10, 2009 Zwinger, Ann. Wind in the Rock, 1978.

2010

January 14, 2010 Hensley, William L. Igġiaġruk. Fifty Miles from Tomorrow: a memoir of Alaska and the real people, 2009.

February 11, 2010 Heinrich, Bernd. The Snoring Bird: my family's journey through a century of biology, 2007.

March 11, 2010 Enchanted April, 1992. (Film)

April 8, 2010 Wilke, Joanne. Eight Women, two Model Ts, and the American West, 2007.

May 13, 2010 Cousteau, Jacques and Susan Schiefelbein. The Human, the Orchid, and the Octopus: exploring and conserving our natural world, 2007.

June 10, 2010 Gentile, Olivia. Life List: a woman's quest for the world's most amazing birds, 2009.

July 8, 2010 Smith, Jane S. The Garden of Invention: Luther Burbank and the business of breeding plants, 2009.

August 12, 2010 Bryson, Bill. A Walk in the Woods: rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail, 1999.

September 9, 2010 Bartram, William. Travels through North and South Carolina, East and West Florida, originally published in 1791.

October 14, 2010 Stewart, Amy. Wicked Plants: the weed that killed Lincoln's mother & other botanical atrocities, 2009.

November 11, 2010 Buck, Pearl. The Good Earth, originally published in 1931.

December 9, 2010 Ballowe, Jim. Christmas in Illinois, 2010.

2011

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

February 10, 2011 Egan, Timothy. The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America, 2010.

March 10, 2011 Muir, John. A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf, 1916.

April 14, 2011 Lisle, Laurie. Portrait of an Artist: a biography of Georgia O'Keeffe, 1997.

May 12, 2011 Biggers, Jeff. Reckoning at Eagle Creek: the secret legacy of coal in the heartland, 2010.

June 9, 2011 Freinkel, Susan. American Chestnut: the life, death, and rebirth of a perfect tree, 2007.

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- July 14, 2011 Carson, Rachel. *Silent Spring*, 1962.
August 11, 2011 Wulf, Andrea. *The Brother Gardeners: botany, empire and the birth of an obsession*, 2009.
September 8, 2011 Lewis, Charles. *Green Nature/Human Nature: the meaning of plants in our lives*, 1996.
October 13, 2011 Plotkin, Mark J. *Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice: an ethnobotanist searches for new medicines in the Amazon rain forest*, 1993.
November 10, 2011 Stegner, Wallace. *Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the second opening of the west*, 1954.
December 8, 2011 Greenfield, Amy Butler. *A Perfect Red: empire, espionage, and the quest for the color of desire*, 2005.

2012

- January 12, 2012 Jensen, Jens. *Siftings*, 1939.
February 9, 2012 Montgomery-Fate, Tom. *Cabin Fever: a suburban father's search for the wild*, 2011.
March 8, 2012 Beatrix Potter: artist, storyteller and country-woman, 1993. (Film)
April 12, 2012 Barry, John M. *The Rising Tide: the great Mississippi flood of 1927 and how it changed America*, 1998.
May 10, 2012 Wells, Diana. *Lives of the Trees: an uncommon history*, 2010.
June 14, 2012 Wulf, Andrea. *Founding Gardeners: the revolutionary generation, nature, and the shaping of the American nation*, 2011.
July 12, 2012 Beston, Henry. *The Outermost House*, 1928.
August 9, 2012 Steinbeck, John. *Travels with Charley: in search of America*, 1962.
Sept. 13, 2012 Deakin, Roger. *Wildwood: a journey through trees*, 2009.
October 11, 2012 Flannery, Tim F. *Here on Earth: a natural history of the planet*, 2010.
November 8, 2012 Lindbergh, Anne Morrow. *Listen! The wind*, 1938.
December 13, 2012 Each group member shares a book with photo images by Ansel Adams.

2013

- January 10, 2013 Watts, May T. *Reading the Landscape*, 1957. [LTTP redux – later edition previously discussed on July 10, 2003.]
February 14, 2013 Bailey, Elisabeth Tova. *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*, 2010.
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.
- June 13, 2013 Muir, John. Steep Trails, 1918.
- July 11, 2013 Maloney, Cathy Jean. World's Fair Gardens: shaping American landscapes, 2012.
- August 8, 2013 Carson, Rachel. The Sense of Wonder, 1965.
- Sept. 12, 2013 Gould, Carol Grant. The Remarkable Life of William Beebe: explorer and naturalist, 2004.
- October 10, 2013 Freinkel, Susan. Plastic: a toxic love story, 2011.
- November 14, 2013 Olson, Sigurd. The Singing Wilderness, 1956.
- December 12, 2013 Maitland, Sara. From the Forest: a search for the hidden roots of our fairy tales, 2012.

2014

- January 9, 2014 Caputo, Philip. The Longest Road: overland in search of America from Key West to the Arctic Ocean, 2013.
- February 13, 2014 Mowat, Farley. Never Cry Wolf, 1963.
- March 13, 2014 Katz, Jon. The Dogs of Bedlam Farm: an adventure with sixteen sheep, tree dogs, two donkeys, and me, 2005.
- April 10, 2014 A Man Named Pearl, 2008. (Film)
- May 8, 2014 Crane, Peter. Ginkgo: the tree that time forgot, 2013.
- June 12, 2014 Heinrich, Bernd. Mind of the Raven, 2009.
- July 10, 2014 Gilbert, Elizabeth. The Signature of All Things, 2013.
- August 14, 2014 Gould, James and Carol. Nature's Compass: the mystery of animal migration, 2012.
- Sept. 11, 2014 Greenberg, Joel. A Feathered River Across the Sky: the passenger pigeon's flight to extinction, 2014.
- October 9, 2014 Ehrlich, Gretel. The Solace of Open Spaces, 1985.
- November 13, 2014 Stegner, Wallace. Wolf Willow: a history, a story, and a memory of the last plains frontier, 1962.
- December 11, 2014 Holden, Edith. The Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady, 1906.

2015

- January 8, 2015 Dennis, Jerry. The Living Great Lakes: searching for the heart of the inland sea, 2003. [LTTP redux – previously discussed on January 13, 2005]
- February 12, 2015 Kolbert, Elizabeth. The Sixth Extinction: an unnatural history, 2014.
- March 12, 2015 Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a land ethic for our time, 2010. (Film)

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| April 9, 2015 | Bachrach, Julia S. <i>The City in a Garden: a history of Chicago's parks</i> , 2012. |
| May 14, 2015 | McDowell, Marta. <i>Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life: the plants and places that inspired the classic children's tales</i> , 2013. |
| June 11, 2015 | Peattie, Donald Culross. <i>A Natural History of Trees of Eastern and Central North America</i> , 1950. |
| July 9, 2015 | Rutkow, Eric. <i>American Canopy: trees, forests, and the making of a nation</i> , 2012. |
| August 13, 2015 | Strayed, Cheryl. <i>Wild: from lost to found on the Pacific Crest Trail</i> , 2013. |
| Sept. 10, 2015 | Eisler, Benita. <i>The Red Man's Bones: George Catlin, artist and showman</i> , 2013. |
| October 8, 2015 | Bone, Eugenia. <i>Mycophilia: revelations from the weird world of mushrooms</i> , 2011. |
| November 12, 2015 | Croke, Vicki Constantine. <i>Elephant Company: the inspiring story of an unlikely hero and the animals who helped him save lives in World War II</i> , 2014. |
| December 10, 2015 | Herriot, James. <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> , 1972. |

2016

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| January 14, 2016 | Millard, Candice. <i>The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's darkest journey</i> , 2005. [LTTP redux – previously discussed on September 13, 2007] |
| February 11, 2016 | <i>Chasing Ice</i> , 2012. (Film) |
| March 10, 2016 | Aalto, Kathryn. <i>The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh: a walk through the forest that inspired the Hundred Acre Wood</i> , 2015. |
| April 14, 2016 | Hatch, Peter J. <i>A Rich Spot of Earth: Thomas Jefferson's revolutionary garden at Monticello</i> , 2012. |
| May 12, 2016 | Macdonald, Helen. <i>H is for Hawk</i> , 2014. |
| June 9, 2016 | Montgomery, Ben. <i>Grandma Gatewood's Walk: the inspiring story of the woman who saved the Appalachian Trail</i> , 2014. |
| July 14, 2016 | Abbey, Edward. <i>Desert Solitaire: a season in the wilderness</i> , 1968. |
| August 11, 2016 | Keating, Ann Durkin. <i>Rising Up from Indian Country: the battle of Fort Dearborn and the birth of Chicago</i> , 2012. |
| September 8, 2016 | Rebanks, James. <i>The Shepherd's Life: modern dispatches from an ancient landscape</i> , 2015. |
| October 13, 2016 | Muir, John. <i>John Muir: Nature Writings: The Story of My Boyhood and Youth; My First Summer in the Sierra; The Mountains of California</i> ; Stickeen, 1997. |

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November 10, 2016 Stegner, Wallace. Angle of Repose, 1971.
December 8, 2016 Herriot, James. All Things Bright and Beautiful, 1974.

2017

January 12, 2017 Jahren, Hope. Lab Girl, 2016.
February 9, 2017 Waal, Frans de. Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are? 2016.
March 9, 2017 Buck, Rinker. The Oregon Trail: a new American journey, 2015.
April 13, 2017 Gooley, Tristan. 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.
May 11, 2017 Nordhaus, Hannah. The Beekeeper's Lament: how one man and half a billion honey bees help feed America, 2011.
June 8, 2017 Anthony, Lawrence. The Elephant Whisperer: my life with the herd in the African wild, 2009.
July 13, 2017 Ackerman, Jennifer. The Genius of Birds, 2016.
August 10, 2017 Jens Jensen: The Living Green, 2013. (Film)
Sept. 14, 2017 McDowell, Marta. All the Presidents' Gardens: Madison's cabbages to Kennedy's roses, how the White House grounds have grown with America, 2016.
October 12, 2017 Flores, Dan L. Coyote America: a natural and supernatural history, 2016.
November 9, 2017 Wulf, Andrea. The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's new world, 2015.
December 14, 2017 Theroux, Paul. Deep South: four seasons on back roads, 2015.

2018

January 11, 2018 Egan, Dan. The Death and Life of the Great Lakes, 2017.
February 8, 2018 Crosby, Cindy. The Tallgrass Prairie: an introduction, 2017.
March 8, 2018 Duncan, Dayton and Ken Burns. The National Parks: America's best idea, 2009.
April 12, 2018 Before the Flood, 2017. (Film)
May 10, 2018 Wohlleben, Peter. The Hidden Life of Trees: what they feel, how they communicate, discoveries from the secret world, 2016.
June 14, 2018 Pearson, Arthur. Force of Nature: George Fell, founder of the Natural Areas Movement, 2017.
July 12, 2018 Adams, Mark. Turn Right at Machu Picchu: rediscovering the lost city one step at a time, 2011.
August 9, 2018 Jans, Nick. A Wolf Called Romeo, 2014.

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- Sept. 13, 2018 Tyson, Neil deGrasse. *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*, 2017.
October 11, 2018 Croke, Vicki. *The Lady and the Panda: the true adventures of the first American explorer to bring back China's most exotic animal*, 2005.
November 8, 2018 Owen, David. *Where the Water Goes: life and death along the Colorado River*, 2017.
December 13, 2018 Poetry – At this gathering, each participant is invited to bring a nature-related poem/s to share and discuss.

2019

- January 10, 2019 Agrawal, Anurag. *Monarchs and Milkweed: a migrating butterfly, a poisonous plant, and their remarkable story of coevolution*, 2017.
February 14, 2019 Jones, Lucy. *The Big Ones: how natural disasters have shaped us (and what we can do about them)*, 2018.
March 14, 2019 Shifting Sands: on the path to sustainability, 2016. (Film)
April 11, 2019 Mapes, Lynda V. *Witness Tree: seasons of change with a century-old oak*, 2017.
May 9, 2019 Stone, Daniel. *The Food Explorer: the true adventures of the globe-trotting botanist who transformed what America eats*, 2018.
June 13, 2019 Johnson, Kirk W. *The Feather Thief: beauty, obsession, and the natural history heist of the century*, 2018.
July 11, 2019 Connors, Philip. *Fire Season: field notes from a wilderness lookout*, 2012.
August 8, 2019 Heinrich, Bernd. *Life Everlasting: the animal way of death*, 2012.
Sept. 12, 2019 Spinney, Laura. *Pale Rider: the Spanish Flu of 1918 and how it changed the world*, 2017.
October 10, 2019 Preston, Douglas. *The Lost City of the Monkey God: a true story*, 2017.
November 14, 2019 McDowell, Marta. *The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder: the frontier landscapes that inspired the Little House books*, 2017.
December 12, 2019 Matthiessen, Peter. *The Snow Leopard*, 1978.

2020

- January 9, 2020 Goldfarb, Ben. *Eager: the surprising, secret life of beavers and why they matter*, 2018.
February 13, 2020 Jonnes, Jill. *Urban Forests: a natural history of trees in the American cityscape*, 2016.
March 12, 2020 Crosby, Cindy. *Tallgrass Conversations: in search of the prairie spirit*, 2019.

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April 9, 2020	Blum, Andrew. <i>The Weather Machine: a journey inside the forecast</i> , 2019.
May 14, 2020	Nature poetry (More Than Honey – Originally scheduled film was cancelled due to pandemic.)
June 11, 2020	Powers, Richard. <i>The Overstory</i> , 2018.
July 9, 2020	Egan, Timothy. <i>The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the fire that saved America</i> , 2009. [LTTP redux – first discussed on February 11, 2011]
August 13, 2020	Dunn, Robert. <i>Never Home Alone: from microbes to millipedes, camel crickets, and honeybees, the natural history of where we live</i> , 2018.
Sept. 10, 2020	Maclean, Norman. <i>A River Runs Through It, and other stories</i> , 1976.
October 8, 2020	Wohlleben, Peter. <i>The Secret Wisdom of Nature: trees, animals, and the extraordinary balance of all living things</i> , 2019.
November 12, 2020	George, Rose. <i>Ninety Percent of Everything: inside shipping, the invisible industry that puts clothes on your back, gas in your car, and food on your plate</i> , 2013.
December 10, 2020	Fraser, Caroline. <i>Prairie Fires: the American dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder</i> , 2017.

2021

January 14, 2021	Hill, Libby. <i>The Chicago River: a natural and unnatural history</i> , 2019.
February 11, 2021	Kimmerer, Robin Wall. <i>Braiding Sweetgrass: indigenous wisdom, scientific knowledge and the teaching of plants</i> , 2015.
March 11, 2021	Crosby, Cindy. <i>Chasing Dragonflies: a natural, cultural, and personal history</i> , 2020.
April 8, 2021	Lanham, J. Drew. <i>The Home Place: memoirs of a colored man's love affair with nature</i> , 2016.
May 13, 2021	Tallamy, Douglas. <i>Nature's Best Hope: a new approach to conservation that starts in your yard</i> , 2020.
June 10, 2021	Fletcher, Colin. <i>The Man Who Walked Through Time: the story of the first trip afoot through the Grand Canyon</i> , 1967.
July 8, 2021	Andrews, Bryce. <i>Down from the Mountain: the life and death of a grizzly bear</i> , 2019.
August 12, 2021	Kingsolver, Barbara. <i>Unsheltered: a novel</i> , 2018.
September 9, 2021	Sibley, David. <i>What It's Like to Be a Bird: from flying to nesting, eating to singing--what birds Are doing, and why</i> , 2020.

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- October 14, 2021 Jahren, Hope. The Story of More: how we got to climate change and where to go from here, 2019.
- November 11, 2021 Adams, Mark. Tip of the Iceberg: my 3,000-mile journey around wild Alaska, the last great American frontier, 2019.
- December 9, 2021 Berry, Wendell. The World-Ending Fire: the essential Wendell Berry, 2017.

2022

- January 13, 2022 Lopez, Barry. Arctic Dreams, 1986.
- February 10, 2022 Carson, Rachel. Silent Spring, 1962. [LTTP redux – first discussed on July 14, 2011]
- March 10, 2022 Brosnan, Kathleen A., William C. Barnett, Ann Durkin Keating (editors) City of Lake and Prairie: Chicago's environmental history, 2020.
- April 14, 2022 Leopold, Aldo. A Sand County Almanac: And Sketches Here and There, 1949. [LTTP redux – first discussed on February 12, 2004]
- May 12, 2022 Ballowe, James. A Man of Salt and Trees: the Life of Joy Morton, 2009. [LTTP redux – first discussed on June 11, 2009]
- June 9, 2022 Berry, Wendell. The Unsettling of America: culture and agriculture, 1977.
- July 14, 2022 Macfarlane, Robert. The Old Ways: a journey on foot, 2012.
- August 11, 2022 Carson, Rachel. The Sea Around Us, 1951.
- September 8, 2022 Maclean, John N. Home Waters: a chronicle of family and a river, 2021.
- October 13, 2022 Tallamy, Douglas W. The Nature of Oaks, 2021.
- November 10, 2022 Stegner, Wallace. Where the Bluebird Sings to the Lemonade Springs, 1992.
- December 8, 2022 Peterson, Dale. Jane Goodall: the woman who redefined man, 2006.

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- January 12, 2023 Burnett, Frances Hodgson. The Secret Garden (1911) AND Unearthing the Secret Garden: the Plants and Places That Inspired Frances Hodgson Burnett by Marta McDowell, 2021. **Note: Meeting via Zoom**

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- 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
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[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)
- May 11, 2023 Yong, Ed. *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us*, 2022.
- June 8, 2023 Sciolino, Elaine. *The Seine: the River that Made Paris*, 2020.
- July 13, 2023 Attenborough, David. *A Life on Our Planet: My Witness Statement and a Vision for the Future*, 2020.
- August 10, 2023 Montgomery, Sy. *The Soul of an Octopus: a Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*, 2015.
- Sept.14, 2023 Weidensaul, Scott. *A World on the Wing: the Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds*, 2021.
- October 12, 2023 Wohlleben, Peter. *The Heartbeat of Trees: Embracing Our Ancient Bond with Forests and Nature*, 2019.
- November 9, 2023 Isaacson, Walter. *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race*, 2021.
- December 14, 2023 Winn, Raynor. *The Salt Path*, 2018.

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- January 11, 2024 De Gracia, Naira. *The Last Cold Place: a field season studying penguins in Antarctica*, 2023.
- February 8, 2024 McDowell, Marta. *Gardening Can Be Murder: how poisonous poppies, sinister shovels, and grim gardens have inspired mystery writers*, 2023. **Note: Meeting via Zoom**
- March 14, 2024 Cooper, Christian. *Better Living Through Birding: notes from a Black man in the natural world*, 2023.
- April 11, 2024 *The Gardener*, 2018. (Film - viewing and discussion)

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May 9, 2024	Dungy, Camille T. Soil: the story of a Black mother's garden, 2023.
June 13, 2024	Sevigny, Melissa L. Brave the Wild River: the untold story of two women who mapped the botany of the Grand Canyon, 2023.
July 11, 2024	King, Dean. Guardians of the Valley: John Muir and the friendship that saved Yosemite, 2023.
August 8, 2024	Buck, Rinker. Life on the Mississippi: an epic American adventure, 2022.
Sept. 12, 2024	Ackerman, Jennifer. What an Owl Knows: the new science of the world's most enigmatic birds, 2023.
October 10, 2024	Kimmerer, Robin Wall. Gathering Moss: a natural and cultural history of mosses, 2003.
November 14, 2024	Dykman, Sara. Bicycling with Butterflies: my 10,201-mile journey following the monarch migration, 2021.
December 5, 2024	Poetry Cabaret – At this gathering, each participant is invited to share a nature-related poem. Note: Date change.

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January 9, 2025	Hipp, Andrew and Rachel Davis. Oak Origins: from acorns to species and the tree of life, 2024.
February 13, 2025	Lewis, Daniel. Twelve Trees: the deep roots of our future, 2024.
March 13, 2025	Tan, Amy. The Backyard Bird Chronicles, 2024.
April 10, 2025	Barnett, Cynthia. Rain: a natural and cultural history, 2016.
May 8, 2025	Figgenger, Christine. My Life with Sea Turtles: a marine biologist's quest to protect one of the most ancient animals on earth, 2024.
June 12, 2025	Schlanger, Zoë. The Light Eaters: how the unseen world of plant intelligence offers a new understanding of life on Earth, 2024.
July 10, 2025	My Garden of a Thousand Bees (Film - viewing and discussion)
August 14, 2025	Calvo, Paco. Planta Sapiens: the new science of plant intelligence, 2023.
Sept. 11, 2025	Renkl, Margaret. The Comfort of Crows: a backyard year, 2023.
October 9, 2025	Chittka, Lars. The Mind of a Bee, 2022.
November 13, 2025	Wilson, E.O. Tales from the Ant World, 2020.
December 11, 2025	Ross, Ivy and Susan Magsamen. Your Brain on Art: how the arts transform us, 2023.

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