

# Gardening Companions

For the next several weeks we will continue to run our sale on our gardening books. We felt that you might appreciate a quick description of each book we are offering. These books are discounted at 15% off and can be purchased at the following link:

<http://christopherpublications.com/index.html>

These books would make wonderful Mother's Day gifts as well as a welcome addition to your library.

## **The Essential Garden Design Workbook** by Rosemary Alexander (second edition)

Filled with many drawings, diagrams and photographs, this is a wonderful garden and yard resource. Rosemary takes you step-by-step through the process of designing not only a beautiful garden, but your entire property. Filled to the brim with examples, options to take into consideration, placement of plants, shrubs, trees, outbuildings, material options, etc. This book is a wealth of professional design information.

## **Growing and Using Herbs Successfully** by Betty E. M. Jacobs

Growing and Using Herbs Successfully includes botanical drawings of many of the herbs listed within the text. Each herb included has a description of its growing conditions, what type of soil to grow it in, how to propagate and use each herb. Many methods of propagation including dividing herb plants, root cuttings, stem cuttings, etc. Other informative topics within this text include; harvesting, drying, storing and freezing herbs, growing herbs as a business and recipes to use once you have grown your herbs.

## **Grow It, Heal It, Natural and Effective Herbal Remedies from Your Garden or Windowsill** by Christopher Hobbs and Leslie Gardner

Grow It, Heal It features 50 herbs in a clean, fresh, easy to read layout. Each herb features a color photo, the plant family it belongs to, along with a description of the herb, preparation and dosage, healing properties, safety, growing and harvesting suggestions.

Included is a chart with medicinal weeds and their uses as well as one with, "Plants to Grow for Herbal Healing" within the Propagation section. There are several recipes for making your own seed-starting mixes and potting mixes. Other recipes include recipes for teas, syrups, oils, tinctures, compresses, creams, lotions and salves.

The last section of the book includes specific ailments and which herbs to use to successfully alleviate common complaints.

## **The Vegetable Gardener's BIBLE** by Edward C. Smith

Although Ed uses his W.O.R.D. System, which is an acronym for Wide Rows, Organic Methods, Raised Beds, Deep Soil, this description doesn't begin to cover all that is contained within this book. The Vegetable Gardener's BIBLE is full of step by step instructions along with color photos. This book is a plethora of information and is a must have for your library.