



Historic Flat Rock Inc. (HFR) is pleased to announce that its first-ever book, *Gardening Tips from Well-Seasoned Gardeners*, has arrived—just in time for spring!

HFR enlisted the help of 38 professionals, master gardeners, and other plant enthusiasts. Three are nationally recognized plantsmen, 11 hold important positions at popular Western North Carolina garden shops, and 14 are HFR members. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of them. The tips were vetted by Steve Pettis, NC Horticulture Agent, Henderson County. Two generous volunteer artists created sketches for the book. This truly is a “homegrown” publication.

Gardening-tips books are rare. Even more rare (if not unique) is one with a focus on **Western North Carolina**.

The book is 129 pages in length. There is quite literally something for everyone including tips about: design, preparation and maintenance, houseplants and indoor arrangements, herbs and vegetables, native plants, container gardening, favorite plants, and birds, bees and butterflies (including 10 pages about monarch butterflies and other pollinators from contributor Kim Bailey, one of the few recognized monarch experts in the southeast).

Because we are HFR, there are liberal doses of history: the introduction from HFR President Victoria Flanagan, an herbal lesson from a colonial-period culinary and medicinal herb gardener, and contributions from two gardeners intimately associated with Carl Sandburg properties—The Carl Sandburg National Historic Site in Flat Rock and the Carl Sandburg Birthplace in Galesburg, Illinois.

If you do not garden yourself but know others who do, please consider purchasing gift books!

On Saturday, March 14, from 11 am until 3 pm, the books will be “launched” and available for sale at HFR’s Cultural Center/Museum (CC/M), [118 Village Center Dr., Flat Rock](#). If you would like to purchase a book but are unable to come to the CC/M on this date, please contact Mickey Derr, and she will make things work for you: mderr01@hotmail.com

The price per book is \$20. We will appreciate exact change. Please accept our apology for this inconvenience. Your cooperation will make the process easy for us. Each buyer will receive a complimentary Historic Flat Rock Inc. T-shirt.

The sale of each book supports HFR’s mission To Protect, Preserve and Promote the Historic and Cultural Heritage of Flat Rock, NC.

Thank you for being members and friends of HFR!

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