

## BOOK NOTICE

FLORENCE THINARD. PHOTOGRAPHS BY YANNICK FOURIE. 2016. **Explorers' Botanical Notebook: In the Footsteps of Theophrastus, Marco Polo, Linnaeus, Flinders, Darwin, Speke and Hooker.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-77085-753-6, hbk). Firefly Books, P.O. Box 1338, Ellicott Station, Buffalo, New York 14205, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.fireflybooks.com). \$39.95, 175 pp., color throughout, 80 maps, 150 photographs, drawings, engravings, portraits, 8½" × 13½".

*From the publisher:* This splendid book traces the journeys of more than 80 pioneering botanists who explored the unknown world and collected thousands of unusual plants. Many were celebrated at home in Europe and England. Others were working in obscurity to fulfill their own desires and obsessions.

But every one of these explorers made important finds, collecting and preserving unique and valuable plants and often establishing them in cultivation back in their home lands.

Each spread in the book describes the journey and the naturalist, with a map tracing the routes taken, on the left. Facing is the actual plant collected, complete with notes, seeds, pollen, and identifying documents, often in the botanist's own hand.

The stories are packed with detail, describing the theories of the day, the difficulty of raising money, and traversing jungles and forests. But each is colored by the excitement of discovering orchids, trees, teas, flowering roses and acanthus, ferns, strange bulbs, and mountain flowers.

The design is accompanied by 80 maps, 150 photographs, drawings, and engravings. All work to reproduce the spirit of the quest and the discovery of plants.

Having given numerous lectures about botanical history, I was excited to see and get a copy of this book for ideas and inspiration. What a treasure of knowledge about early explorers of botany and natural history. If you have any interest in history, add this beautiful book to your collection. It will make an excellent coffee table piece, but it is really so much more!—*Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.*

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## THE 2017 APPLICATIONS FOR THE DELZIE DEMAREE TRAVEL AWARD

Applications for the 2017 Delzie Demaree Travel Award should include a letter stating how symposium attendance will benefit the student's graduate work and a letter of recommendation sent by the major professor. Please send letters of application to: Dr. Donna M.E. Ware, P.O. Box 8795, Herbarium, Biology Department, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185-8795, U.S.A. 1-757-221-2799; dmeware@verizon.net. Applications may also be sent to: Barney Lipscomb, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400, U.S.A. 1-817-332-7432; barney@brit.org. The period for receiving applications ends three weeks prior to the date of the symposium if a sufficient number of applications are in hand at that time. Anyone wishing to apply after that date should inquire before applying whether applications are still being accepted. The Systematics Symposium dates for 2017 are 13–14 October (dates tentative and subject to change).

The Delzie Demaree Travel Award was established in 1988 honoring **Delzie Demaree** who attended 35 out of a possible 36 symposia before he died in 1987. Delzie Demaree was a frontier botanist, explorer, discoverer, and teacher. His teaching career as a botanist began in Arkansas at Hendrix College in 1922. He also taught botany at the University of Arkansas, Navajo Indian School, Yale School of Forestry, Arkansas A&M, and Arkansas State University at Jonesboro where he retired as professor emeritus in 1953. One of the things he enjoyed most as a botanist was assisting students with their field botany research.