



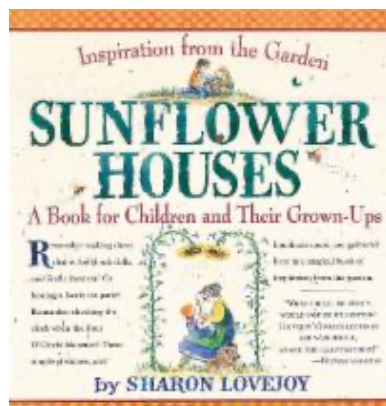
GIFTS TO INSPIRE GARDENERS OF TOMORROW

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The Orcas Island Garden Club promotes a love of nature and gardening. These gift books and activities are recommended for all the young gardeners of tomorrow. We encourage you to support our local independent bookstore, Darvills, which can special order any title not in their inventory. Local libraries are another way to share and enjoy gardening goodness while promoting a lifelong love of reading. This list was created by Helen Huber, former librarian, current literacy educator, and Communications Chair for the Garden Club.

GARDENING ACTIVITIES / GAMES



Sunflower Houses: Inspiration From the Garden—A Book for Children and Their Grown-Ups by Sharon Lovejoy

When my children were young we planted sunflowers in a rectangle, then planted flowering vines that twirled around the stalks, eventually becoming our sunflower house's roof. This enchanting book is rich with gardening inspiration; poems, activities, garden plans such as planting a rainbow garden, fairy tea parties, and more. A delightful way to share the gardening joy with the next generation.



Easy Peasy Gardening for Kids by Kirsten Bradley

Make-your-own pollinator pots, seed balls, pressed flowers, learn how to save seeds, prepare the soil and more. Engaging activities for young gardeners that are sustainable, fun and spark a love of gardening.



Gathering a Garden Board Game

This award-winning simple game develops basic skills like patience, counting, and understanding the different categories of plants and gardening-related elements. Perfect for age five and older, this board game has no plastic pieces. Players move around the board collecting garden items from each shopkeeper then return home to plant a garden.



Kids' Garden: 50 Hands-On Activities for All Seasons

by Whitney Cohen

Fifty easy-to-follow activity cards in 5 engaging categories invite children to learn not just the basics of gardening, but also new ways of looking at nature. Perfect for ages 6-10.