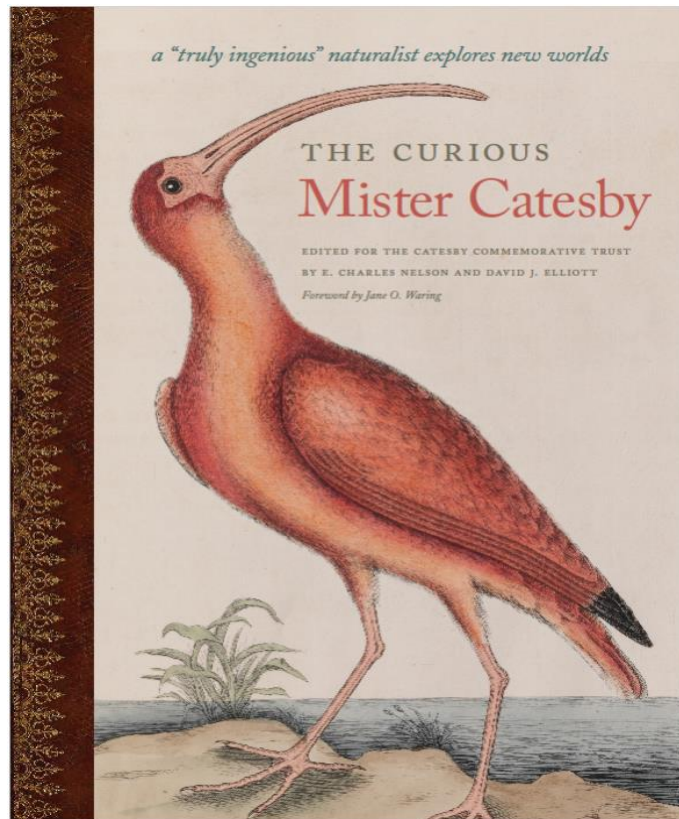


Catesby Commemorative Trust Events in US/UK - Launching New Book on Mark Catesby

The Catesby Trust's new book, *the curious Mr. Catesby: a "truly ingenious" naturalist explores new worlds*, which the Society for the History of Natural History helped sponsor, is now available. See our short promotional video at <http://vimeo.com/106305692>.



The book is being introduced at a series of events in the US and the UK, to which SHNH members are invited. The events will be held in April and May, in Washington DC, New York, Cincinnati, Richmond, Charleston, Atlanta, San Francisco, London & Sudbury. Detailed information on each location is below. All are free and open to the public, but if reservations are noted as being required, please contact Janice Stanley at stellayaris@gmail.com who can make them for you.

Dr. Charles Nelson will speak at every event, joined by Leslie Overstreet at all US locations (except in Savannah, Atlanta and San Francisco, where David Elliott will speak). UK speakers will be Sir Ghillean Prance and Dr. Nelson. Brief biographies are shown below.

There will be question and answer panels as well as book signings at every location, involving the speakers and other authors. Each venue plans to display Addison Publication's new version of Catesby's *Natural History* based on facsimiles of his original watercolors at Windsor Castle.

Smithsonian Libraries, Washington, DC

Tuesday, April 14 @ 5:30 pm; Baird Auditorium – Museum of Natural History, 10 Street & Constitution Avenue NW (Constitution Avenue entrance)

Free and open to public

Grolier Club, New York City, NY

Friday, April 17 – 6-7:30 pm; Grolier Club Exhibition Hall, 47 East 60th Street

Reservation required

Lloyd Museum & Library/Cincinnati Museum Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

Sunday, April 19 @ 2:00 pm; Cincinnati Museum Center Auditorium, 1301 Western Avenue
Reservation required

OTHER EXHIBITS: Lloyd Library's 1st ed. Catesby *Natural History* and CMC's– Catesby *Hortus*.

Wilton House Museum, Richmond, VA

Tuesday, April 21 – 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm; 215 S Wilton Road (dependency building behind museum)

Reservation required

Charleston Library Society, Charleston, SC

Friday, April 24 – 6 to 8:00 pm; 164 King Street

Reservation required

Georgia Center for the Book at DeKalb County Public Library, Atlanta, GA

Wednesday, April 29 @ 7:15 pm; 215 Sycamore Street, Decatur

Reservation required

California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA

Thursday, April 30 @ 5:00 pm; 55 Music Concourse Drive

Reservation required

OTHER EXHIBITS: CAS plans to exhibit its rare natural history holdings, including MC's *Natural History*

Linnean Society of London, London, UK

Tuesday, May 19 – Tea @ 5:30 pm; program begins @ 6:00 pm; Burlington House, Piccadilly

Reservation required

Gainsborough's House Museum, Sudbury, Suffolk, UK

Friday, May 22 – 6 to 8:00 pm; 46 Gainsborough Street

Reservation required

OTHER EXHIBITS: Brewer's Map & Catesby-era Town regalia of silver loving cup, plus two medieval maces & Town seal.

If you are unable to attend one of these special events, but are interested purchasing the book please visit www.catesbytrust.org.

Biographies of Speakers:

Sir Ghillean Prance was educated at Malvern College and Keble College, Oxford. He has been senior vice president for science at the New York Botanical Garden and director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. He is currently McBryde Senior Fellow at the National Tropical Botanical Garden, Hawaii, as well as scientific director and a trustee of the Eden Project in Cornwall and visiting professor at Reading University. He was elected a fellow of the Royal Society in 1993 and was knighted in July 1995. Sir Ghillean Prance continues to be active with research in plant systematics and in conservation of the tropical rain forest.

E. Charles Nelson is a native of Northern Ireland. He graduated in botany (1st class honors) from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1971. After completing his doctoral research at the Australian National University, Canberra, he was appointed horticultural taxonomist in the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin. His numerous publications include several beautifully illustrated, award-winning books about the history of Irish botany and gardening. Now a freelance author and editor living in Norfolk, England, Charles was Honorary Editor of *Archives of natural history* from 1999 until 2012 and was awarded the Founders' Medal of the Society for the History of Natural History in 2013. In February 2015, he was awarded The Royal Horticultural Society's Veitch Memorial Medal for his outstanding contribution to the advancement of the science and practice of horticulture.

Leslie Overstreet is the Curator of Natural-History Rare Books and heads the Smithsonian Libraries' Joseph F. Cullman 3rd Library of Natural History. She has co-authored papers on early books in the natural sciences and on the history and technologies of printing as they affect scientific publications. For many years her primary research has focused on the printing of Mark Catesby's *The natural history of Carolina, Florida and the Bahama islands*. She has given talks on the work and served as a consultant to the documentary film *The Curious Mister Catesby*.

David J. Elliott has been executive director of the Catesby Commemorative Trust since 2002 and was executive producer of *The Curious Mister Catesby* documentary. He was educated at Dartington Hall School in England, where he developed his interest in natural history, and Trinity College in Connecticut. He retired from a thirty-seven-year career at Procter & Gamble as director of international trade and has served as deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce. He was founder and first chairman of the Kiawah Conservancy, which is devoted to the protection of wildlife habitat.