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OF GARDENS AND BOOKS

Fondation Martin Bodmer, until 9 September 2018

If you love the current design trend for botanical prints, or if you're a bibliophile who loves gardens, then you'll want to visit *Des Jardins et Des Livres*. From ancient Babylon to today's world, the exhibition in Geneva opens up the fascinating world of books and gardens and their intertwined history. The display references mythical and real places such as the gardens of Eden and Venus, Poliphilo's *Strife of Love in a Dream*,

a pattern book for European gardens, *Orlando Furioso* which is the subtext of the Gardens of Bomarzo, and a key passage of *Paradise Lost* which is the aesthetic inspiration of the classic English Garden.

Structured as a leisurely walk through time, *Des Jardins et Des Livres* also showcases the "beautiful garden book" both as novelty and as a centerpiece of the art of the book. Exhibits include

well known examples of exceptional workmanship as well as unfairly forgotten books, such as *Fruits Walls Improved* by the Swiss mathematician, natural philosopher, and inventor Nicolas Fatio de Duillier.

Des Jardins et Des Livres is open 2-6pm from Tuesday through to Sunday up to 9 September, 2018 at Fondation Martin Bodmer, Cologny-Geneva, Switzerland. Curators: Michael Jakob and Jacques Berchtold. Scenography: Saskia Zurcher

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