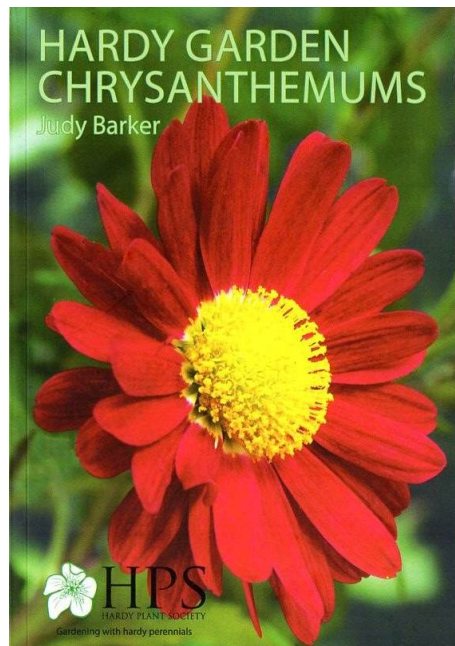


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The HPS published two books in 2018, continuing this attractive full-colour series which gives excellent value.

The first book was the second edition of Neil Timm's *Ferns*. (The first edition came out in 2008. Neil runs The Fern Nursery, Binbrook, Lincolnshire.) This is more substantial than the original, mainly because there are more photographs. The first part of the book gives some botanical information about ferns and the terms used to describe them, all well-illustrated. There follow alphabetical descriptive lists of plants recommended for shade/woodland, wet areas and alpine use. Ferns have deservedly increased in popularity recently but many Hardy Planters know little about them. This inexpensive book would be a good introduction.



Plant Heritage National Collection® Holder Judy Barker has spent several years writing *Hardy Garden Chrysanthemums*. There is no other monograph on the subject and this book should be welcomed by many members. It begins with a historical review of the breeding and then has a detailed section on cultivation, including propagation and pests/diseases. The largest part of the book is an alphabetical directory of cultivars. The descriptions include comments on habit and disease-resistance, as well as historical information. All the varieties are illustrated by close-ups and some have photographs showing habit or the way the flower ages. There is a large range of colours, size of flowers and flowering times. This is an exciting book for anyone interested in growing hardy chrysanthemums.

Both books are available from the HPS office, price £5.50 for members, post free.