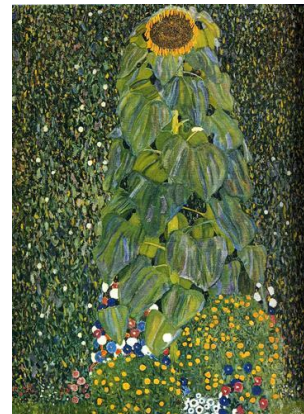


## *The Sunflower in Art and Culture*

Date: Thursday 18 June 2020, 8.00 pm

Lecturer: Twigs Way

Location: Vortragsraum (first floor),  
Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek  
Von-Melle-Park 3, 20146 Hamburg



The Sunflower. Gustav Klimt 1906-1907

### LECTURE SUMMARY

A fascinating talk exploring the many depictions, myths and cultural roles of that most glorious of plants, the sunflower.

Tracing its origins from South America, its association with the god Apollo, to its role in art as personification of kings starring in depictions by artists from van Dyck to van Gogh. Worshipped by the aesthetes and arts and crafts movements it found favour in the gardens of the Impressionists, and led a touch of magic to the humbler cottage garden.

From Clytie to Klimt this is the extraordinary tale of an extraordinary plant.

### BIOGRAPHY OF LECTURER

*Twigs Way is a successful writer, researcher and speaker, who is fascinated by the social and cultural aspects of garden history including landscapes in art and literature. She combines this with a specialist consultancy in management of historic landscapes.*

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