

# Suggested Reading List

## for *First Vermont Fairy Houses Tour*

### September 26 and 27, 2009

The Nature Museum at Grafton – [www.nature-museum.org](http://www.nature-museum.org)

Fairies, elves, and all sorts of other wee folk or small creatures and the places they might live are the foci of this reading list and the *first Vermont Fairy Houses Tour*. Read, get inspired, get creative, welcome fairies.

**Fairy Houses Series of Books** by Tracy Kane, Light-Beams Publishing (also reference [www.fairyhouses.com](http://www.fairyhouses.com) - photos of many fairy houses on previous tours and other information). *Fairy Houses, Fairy Houses Everywhere!, Fairy Houses & Beyond, Fairy Boat, Fairy Flight, Kristen's Fairy House*.

*Miss Hickory* by Carolyn Sherwin Bailey (1946) (Newbery Winner for best young person's story, 1959). Nature as seen through the eyes of a hickory-head doll. Ages 9-12.

*My Garden of Flower Fairies* by Cicely Mary Barker (2003). Beautiful illustrations and charming short text or poems about fairies specific to certain botanically accurate flowers. Also *Flower Fairies* by the same author where each flower fairy figure has a poem and a picture of the appropriate flower.

*Quimble Wood* by N. M. Bodecker (2004). Little people no bigger than a finger learn how to survive in a forest.

*Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran, illustrated by Barbara Cooney (2004). Children on the Maine coast make their own imaginary village with rocks to outline the paths and houses. Not about fairies, but great for those who want to build their own secret place.

*The Children of the Forest* by Elsa Beskow. Wee folk, written over a century ago. Ages 4 and up.

*The Fairies' Ring* by Jane Yolen (1999). Stories/poems about fairies from around the world. Ages 7-12.

*The Giant Golden Book of Elves and Fairies*. Golden Classic compilation of stories and poems with illustrations by Garth Williams.

*The House above the Trees* by Ethel Cook Eliot (1921). Old-fashioned, beautifully illustrated fairy tale about wee folk. Ages 7 and up.

*The Minpins* by Roald Dahl (1991). The Minpins – wee folk who live in trees – are discovered by a boy who goes into the forbidden forest. Ages 6 and up.

*The Rainbabies* by Laura Krauss Melmed (1992). A magical folktale in the classic tradition about wee folk. Large LaMarche illustrations.

*The Story of the Root Children* by Sybil Von Olfers (1980). Seasonal stories of wee folk with Mother Earth.

*Thumbelina*. Beautiful 1979 version illustrated by Susan Jeffers.

*Tom's Midnight Garden* by Philippa Pearce (1992). A fantasy about a British boy sent to live with an aunt and uncle who finds a secret world behind a hallway door and goes there every night. Ages 8-12.

*Wild Robin* by Susan Jeffers (1998). An Irish story of a small boy who misbehaves and then is stolen by the Queen of the Fairies. His sister comes to the rescue.

*A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare.