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The Lloyd Library's Upcoming Exhibition and Programs Flourish

Flourish: An Artistic Exploration of Cash Crops



Opening Reception

September 10, 5-7 p.m.

Lloyd Library & Museum

917 Plum Street, Cincinnati

Free and open to the public.

Reservations Required.

The Lloyd Library announces, *Flourish*, an exhibition of the work of their 2020 artist-in-residence, Melissa Haviland. Drawn to the Lloyd's collections of early travel books and botanical illustrations, Haviland used them to create more than 200 screen prints on handmade linen paper. In the Lloyd's Main Reading Room, visitors can view the original works that inspired Haviland's creations.

Each piece in Haviland's installation emulates Royal Copenhagen's famous china pattern, *Flora Danica*, inspired by a book with the same name. Issued between 1761 and 1883, the book took 123 years and thirteen editors to complete. Haviland explores the connection between the many artists involved creating the china and the book, including the papermakers and bookbinders. Departing from romanticized botanical illustrations of flowers, she depicts fifteen cash crops that served as an impetus for European exploration and colonialism, as she incorporates them into handmade wallpaper that provides a backdrop to her screen prints.

Stepping into *Flourish* brings together the worlds of the wealthy and realities of the people and economies that created treasured objects. This exhilarating mix of handmade paper, prints, watercolors, pen drawings, and rare books provides a riveting re-interpretation of what we consider botanical art.

Flourish runs September 10-November 20

The Flowers of Washington Park



Saturday, August 28, 10-11 a.m.
Lloyd Library & Museum

Join Cincinnati Parks Horticulturist David White for a tour of the flowering plants of Washington Park. Stroll the beautiful gardens of this historic park in Over-the-Rhine, three blocks from the Lloyd Library. Hear about the special properties of the plants, many of them pollinators and native to our area, and their suitability for your garden. A brief history of this park treasure will also be provided. Rain or shine. Meet at the bandstand gazebo in Washington Park. Parking available in the underground garage accessible from both Elm and Race Streets.

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Negotiating the Fungus Fad

Wednesday, September 22, 7-8 p.m.
Virtual Lecture

2020 Curtis Gates Lloyd Fellow, doctoral student, Madeline DeDe-Panken, will discuss her investigation into the gendered dimensions of interactions between the scholarly mycological community and those engaged in the little-remembered cultural "fungus fad," which brought mushrooms to the forefront of popular culinary practice and scientific study in late nineteenth-century America.

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The Lloyd Library and Museum is located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio. For more information or to schedule a visit, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707 or email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.

