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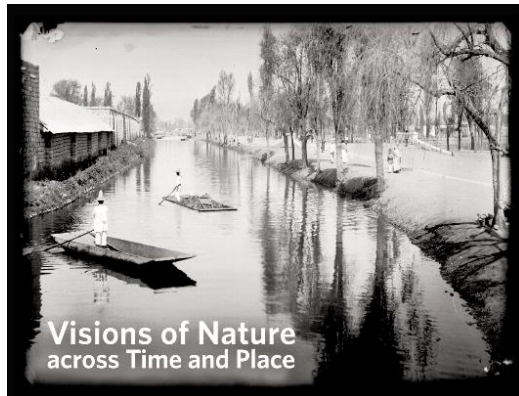
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Lloyd Library Travels the Globe with FotoFocus

The Lloyd Library and Museum brings the past to the present in its 2022 FotoFocus Biennial exhibition *Visions of Nature across Time and Place*, featuring historical and contemporary photographs of the human relationship with nature, near and far. The exhibition opens with photography by Lloyd Library co-founder Curtis Gates Lloyd (1859-1926) and provides a rare glimpse of life from around the globe and close to home--through Lloyd's artistic eye. Rick Conner's and TJ Vissing's contemporary photography of Central Ohio complements Lloyd's by beautifully documenting nature as it exists today.

Visions of Nature is part of the 2022 FotoFocus Biennial. Now in its sixth iteration, the 2022 FotoFocus Biennial encompasses more than 100 projects at Participating Venues across Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Dayton, and Columbus, and features more than 600 artists, curators, and participants -- the largest of its kind in America. The 2022 theme, *World Record*, considers photography's extensive record of life on earth while exploring humankind's impact on the natural world.



Visions of Nature across Time and Place

September 30 – November 19, 2022

Opening Reception

Friday, September 30, 5-8 p.m.

Light Refreshments

Curtis Gates Lloyd traveled the world collecting books and plant specimens during the 1890s through the 1920s. While abroad, Lloyd brought his camera to document plants in their natural habitat and record their uses. His travels included Samoa, Mexico, Caribbean islands, Italy, and Egypt. When at home, Lloyd photographed life in Cincinnati and at his farm in Crittenden, Kentucky. He often displayed these images in photo albums about his journeys, complete with descriptions. Now the subject of ethnobotanical scholars, Lloyd's photographs along with six recently conserved photo albums provide a unique view into the past.

Since nature is an everchanging force, capturing its splendor in the present will serve as a record for the future. The beauty of the natural world now is showcased by Rick Conner and TJ Vissing. Inspired by the work of The Nature Conservancy in Ohio, Conner and Vissing view nature as an incredible force, inviting the viewer to slow down and view life in a different way. Images from these magnificent natural spaces illuminate and create a record of today's everchanging environments.

Programs and Events



Then and Now: Urban Photography Workshop with Damon Wilson

Saturday, October 8, 10 a.m. – noon
Walking Tour starting at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Photographer Damon Wilson leads a tour through downtown Cincinnati to visit locations recorded by Curtis Gates Lloyd from over 100 years ago. Attendees will learn how to recreate Lloyd's techniques and how to record everyday motions through their own lens. Amateurs are welcome, as are film and digital aficionados alike. Be sure to bring your walking shoes!

Damon Wilson is a fine art, editorial, and portrait photographer who is the proprietor of Meta 19: Photographer LLC and a designer at KZF Design. He has had the pleasure of leading projects around the world, including Ascension Island, with solo shows from Arizona to Kentucky. While his work has found its way into several publications, he is most proud of his work with local publishers for the arts and cultural magazine *Polly*.

Registration Required.



Agrarian Mesoamerica Captured in Time with David Lentz

Wednesday, October 12, 7-8 p.m.
In-person at Lloyd Library & Museum and Virtually

Encounter ancient Mesoamerican agriculture with David Lentz, Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. Learn about his discoveries through the Lloyd Library's photography collections.

David L. Lentz is a Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. Formerly he served as Director of Graduate Studies at the New York Botanical Garden, Vice President of Scientific Affairs at the Chicago Botanic Garden and as President of the Society for Economic Botany. He has been the fellow at the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library in Washington DC since 2021, continuing his research for a book project on ancient Mesoamerican agriculture. **In-person Registration** **Virtual Registration**



Pre-BLINK Exhibition Viewing

Saturday, October 15, Noon – 8 p.m.

Cincinnati welcomes back BLINK, the nation's largest outdoor light, art, and projection mapping experience for the first time since 2019, showcasing transcendent works of

across multiple mediums. Before you step out and light up the streets, stop by to view *Visions of Nature* at the Lloyd Library.



Indexing our Time and Place in Words: A Writing Workshop with Annette Wick

Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

In-person at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Join author and teacher Annette Januzzi Wick as she prompts participants to define their record through the written word. During this three-hour workshop, participants will be given access to historic views of faraway lands and

lush natural images captured in Ohio to inspire their writing. Co-sponsored by Women Writing for (a) Change.

Annette Januzzi Wick is a writer, teacher, speaker, and author of two memoirs on love and loss. She writes about the arts, women's issues, cities, aging and memory. Her work can be found in *Cincinnati Magazine*, *3rd Act Magazine*, nextavenue.com, *Promedica*, *Belt Magazine*, and *Ovunque Siamo*, an Italian American journal. Visit annettejwick.com.

Registration Required; Tuition \$35, www.womenwriting.org or call (513) 272-1171.



Final Friday Exhibition Reception

Friday, October 28, 5-7 p.m.

Lloyd Library & Museum

Celebrate Final Friday with a visit to the Lloyd! View the exhibit *Visions of Nature across Time and Place* which includes Curtis Gates Lloyd's historic photography and Rick Conner's and TJ Vissing's beautiful images of nature from Central Ohio. Light refreshments.



Photo Artist Talk: Rick Conner and TJ Vissing

Wednesday, November 9, 7– 8 p.m.

In-person at the Lloyd Library & Museum

FotoFocus photographers Rick Conner and TJ Vissing describe their process and inspiration for their work displayed in *Visions of Nature across Time and Place*.

Rick Conner is the Director of Design and Production for the J.M. Smucker Company. He is passionate about the environment and spends his free time volunteering his skills with marketing and design to help local and global environmental groups. He is an honorary life trustee of The Nature Conservancy in Ohio.

A commercial photographer for about 30 years, TJ Vissing's inspiration harkens back to the days of shooting nature, sunlight, plant and animal life, and the awe-inspiring force of the ocean. The opportunity to shoot projects that foster the attention to, and the success of an organization like The Nature Conservancy, falls right in line with the hopes and dreams that started his photography career in the first place.

Registration required.



The Lloyd Library and Museum is located at 917 Plum St. in Cincinnati, Ohio. Free and open to the public. Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and the third Saturday of the month. For more information, contact the Library at (513) 721-3707, email contact@lloydlibrary.org or visit LloydLibrary.org.

