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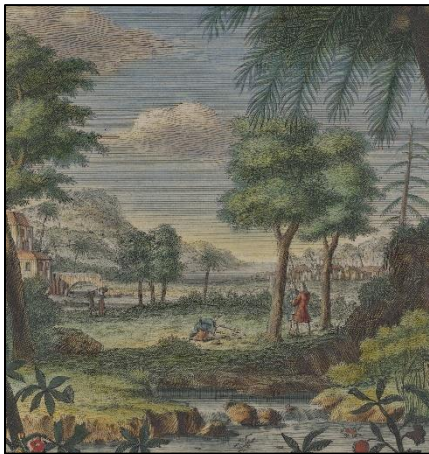
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Springing Ahead with Programs at the Lloyd

Flora Mania continues to blossom this spring with exciting programs, including some on weekends! The exhibit, open until April 20, 2024, flaunts the Lloyd's liveliest botanical book illustrations. It spotlights bold aesthetics but also puts them into context, presenting a range of expressions regarding imperialism, the environment, and the cooperative nature of creating such books. See explosions of riotous color and sublime compositions by legendary botanical artists including Elizabeth Blackwell, Georg Dionysius Ehret, Pierre-Joseph Redouté, and John Dalton Hooker. The dynamic *Flora Mania* programming features our artist-in-residence lecture, a nature walk, bouquet building, and more. Join us!



The Botanical Color Line in Slave Societies: Plant Illustration in the 18th-Century Caribbean

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Reservations Required

Early illustrated Caribbean botanicals remain among the most remarkable artworks from the 17th and 18th centuries, preserving historical value for their identification of indigenous plants and insect species. Yet European botanists depended on enslaved people to carry equipment, clear forest paths, gather specimens, and identify plant uses. While some narratives acknowledged the involvement of unnamed workers and the medicinal use of plants by locals, many masked this process with the splendor and scientific objectivity of the illustrations themselves. Join the Lloyd Library's 2023 artist-in-residence Mark Harris as he addresses how the structure of Caribbean economies ensured this duality and how we might look at these illustrations today.

Artist-in-Residence Mark Harris is a Professor of Art at the University of Cincinnati. He has an MA in Painting from the Royal College of Art, London, and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Goldsmiths College, London. His artwork and writing concern the visual culture and literature of intentional communities and avant-garde groups. He is researching representations of plant cultivation in the Caribbean and the wider African diaspora.



Walking with Wildflowers at Buttercup Valley

Saturday, April 13, 2024, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

In Person Outdoor Hike

Meet at the Parker Woods Montessori School, 4370 Beech Hill Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45223

Join us for a tour through Buttercup Valley Nature Preserve, a 25-acre “hidden gem” nestled in the Northside neighborhood. Buttercup Valley is a hiker’s dream that offers heavily wooded trails and scenic meadow prairie habitats. Among soaring, nearly 200-year-old trees, get a glimpse of a rare community of wildflowers known as the “Spring Ephemerals” before they go dormant for the summer. Our guide will be naturalist, horticulturalist, and former President of Northside Greenspace Inc., Greg Torres. Don’t forget your walking shoes!



Flower Arranging Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 2024, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Ticketed Event - \$50 for nonmembers, \$45 for members

Only 15 spots available!

Reservations Required

Build your own bouquet in this colorful workshop! Nola Lee, owner of Petri’s Floral in Bellevue, leads us through the art of bouquet building and flower arranging. The floral offerings have been directly inspired by botanical illustrations in the Lloyd’s collection! All workshop attendees will take home their creations in a green ceramic vase. Space is limited, so book your spot now!

Watch for an exciting and exclusive event with Mark Blumenthal, Executive Director of the American Botanical Council and the editor/publisher of HerbalGram this April at the Lloyd Library!

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

