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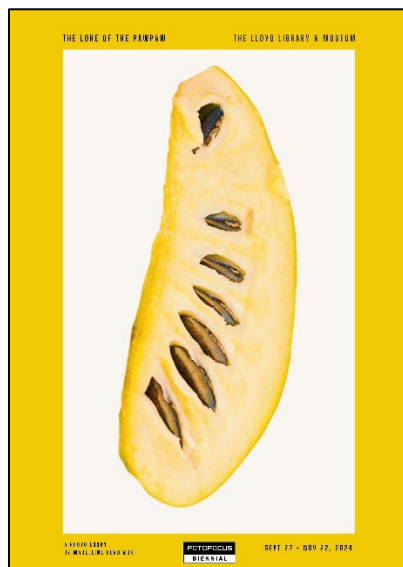
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Lloyd Library's Fall Exhibition Pays Tribute to the Pawpaw

The Lore of the Pawpaw spotlights Ohio's state native fruit, the pawpaw, or *Asimina triloba*, through contemporary photography and videography by nationally acclaimed photojournalist and Ohio native Madeleine Hordinski. As the focal point of the Lloyd Library & Museum's 2024 FotoFocus Biennial exhibition, *Lore* vividly illustrates how pawpaws are valued, celebrated, and revered within local culture while highlighting their natural allure. Hordinski explores why Ohio is the heartland of pawpaw fruits and how influential Ohioans have changed the way people, and the world, interrelate with the native fruit.

The FotoFocus Biennial, now in its seventh iteration, activates over 100 projects at museums, galleries, universities, and public spaces across Greater Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Northern Kentucky in October 2024. Each Biennial is structured around a unifying theme; the 2024 theme, *backstories*, focuses on stories that are not evident at first glance. FotoFocus welcomes global artists, curators, critics, educators, and visitors to Cincinnati with exhibitions, talks, performances, screenings, and panel discussions during its Opening Program Weekend, September 26-September 28, 2024.



The Lore of the Pawpaw

September 27–November 22, 2024

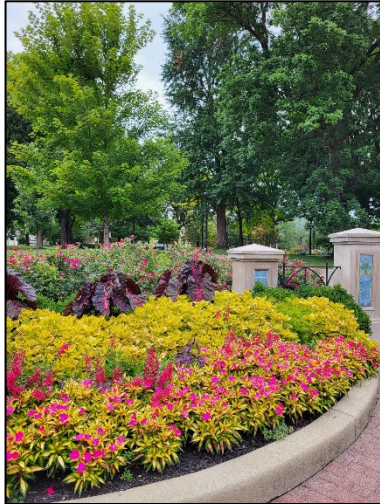
Opening Reception

Friday, September 27, 5-8 p.m.

Free and open to the public. Light refreshments.

Celebrate the opening of *The Lore of the Pawpaw* examining the history, presence, and fascination behind Ohio's state native fruit. Madeleine Hordinski's lens takes you from pawpaw groves to the science of pawpaws, to the largest celebration of pawpaws in the world! Additionally, *Lore* examines Ohio's role in the pawpaw's rising global profile. Refreshments will be served.

Programs and Events



Capturing Native Plants in Washington Park

Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Walking Tour starting at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Registration Required.

Photographer Damon Wilson leads a tour through downtown Cincinnati to visit Washington Park. There, guests will photograph some of the oldest trees in the city and look to the native plants in season for inspiration with camerawork guidance from Wilson. 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*.



Looking Back, Moving Ahead: In Story and Life

Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 7-8 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Registration Required.

Local author Annette Januzzi Wick discusses backstory in writing and in our everyday lives, examining various memoirs - whether on food or the outdoors - to discover what past circumstances can reveal. Readers and writers alike will glean valuable insight into the stories behind memoirs and how they evolve.

Annette Januzzi Wick is a writer, teacher, speaker, and author of two memoirs on love and loss. Her passion for writing grew after working many years in the tech industry. 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*, *Edible Ohio Valley*, and *Ovunque Siamo*, an Italian American journal. Additionally, she is a committee member for Cincinnati's Books by the Banks, creator of the writing workshop Found Voices, and a co-founder of Gugel Alley Writers.



Artist Talk: Madeleine Hordinski

Saturday, October 19, 1-2 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Registration Required.

Join us on our open Saturday to meet the Lloyd Library's 2024 Artist-in-Residence and photographer behind *The Lore of the Pawpaw*, Madeleine Hordinski.

Hordinski is a photographer born and based in Cincinnati. She graduated from Ohio University with degrees in photojournalism and anthropology. Following graduation, she interned for *The Los Angeles Times*. In 2022, she began freelancing full-time in Cincinnati, with work taking her from Poland to Texas. She is a regular contributor to *The New York Times*, with photos appearing in articles on local luminaries Louis Langrée and Jerald Cooper to much acclaim. Her images and writings have been featured in *National Geographic*, *The Washington Post*, the BBC, and more outlets with a growing international audience.



A Legacy of Pawpaw

Wednesday, October 30, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

In Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Registration Required.

Ron Powell shares his story about how a hobby he shared with his late wife grew into growing and researching pawpaw trees on their Adams County farm. For the past thirty years, Powell has documented 500 pawpaw trees in Ohio, including extensive notes and photography. Though

his photo collection is digitally archived, his collection of Kodachrome slides shine on display for *The Lore of the Pawpaw*.

Ron Powell holds a PhD in agriculture education from The Ohio State University and is the founder of the North American Pawpaw Growers Association. He has taught at local universities including University of Cincinnati, The Ohio State University, University of Kentucky, and Cincinnati State on entomology, plant pathology, and botany. He and his late wife Terry Powell became interested in growing pawpaws while he worked for the State of Ohio. Together, they won more than ten awards at the Ohio Pawpaw Festival including "Largest Pawpaw" and "Best Tasting Pawpaw."



Pawpaws: From Appalachia to Europe and Back

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Virtual Program

Registration Required.

Take a journey with Ohio University professor Rob Brannan as he describes his research pathway from here to Europe on the growth and cultivation of pawpaws trees on both continents. Learn from Brannan about his international connections and their recent updates on different cultivars of Ohio's state native fruit.

Rob Brannan is a professor of food and nutrition sciences at Ohio University and leads a food science research program on pawpaw fruit. He teaches a variety of food-based courses including Principles of Food Science and Experimental Foods. Brannan is also the Director of Education for the world's largest pawpaw festival, the Ohio Pawpaw Festival held every year in Albany.

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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.

