



There's a lot happening at the Lloyd! *The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora* programs kick off with an opening reception this Friday, followed on Saturday with a day full of events, culminating on Saturday evening with a community dinner. Plus, read on for more on our first virtual program of the schedule.

The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora Opening Reception

When: Friday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Library

The first of its kind at the Lloyd, *The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora* is a collaborative exhibition accompanied by a daylong symposium, curated in collaboration with 2023 Lloyd Artist-in-Residence and University of Cincinnati professor Mark Harris.

This opening reception kicks off this showcase of original artwork alongside rare 18th-century botanical books from the Lloyd Library's extensive collection. Free and open to the public. Light refreshments.

Detail pictured from *Amaranthus viridis/Amaranth*, acrylic paint and watercolor pens on paper, 1993-2025, by Mark Harris and Carmel Buckley.



The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora: Community Dinner

When: Saturday, April 26, 6-8 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Library

While the *African Plant Diaspora* symposium has sold out, the Lloyd invites you to a community



dinner in collaboration with Cincinnati's Table and Wave Pool celebrating African food culture. Attendees are invited to share their own family recipes and traditions, creating a space for storytelling and cultural exchange. This dinner honors the rich traditions of African cuisine, as we reflect on the profound connections between historical plant migrations and the resilience of African culinary and agricultural practices through a menu crafted by Chef Sabina Gharthey. Reservations not required.



Botany and Botanists in Madagascar

Studying Grasses and Grasslands

Presented by:
Dr. Maria (Bat) S. Vorontsova
from Kew Gardens
— Wednesday, May 10th
7-8 PM

Virtual Program
Registration Required

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When: Wednesday, May 10, 7-8 p.m.

Where: Virtual program

Explore the fascinating world of grasses with Dr. Maria (Bat) S. Vorontsova from Kew Gardens of London, with a focus on their incredible diversity in tropical Africa, especially the lesser-known species and their role in shaping tropical grasslands and savannas. This program will also touch on the development of plant classification systems and the importance of naming plants correctly. **Registration required.**

Register for the Virtual
Program

Lloyd Book Featured in Toledo Exhibit

The Lloyd's copy of pioneering naturalist and artist Maria Sibylla Merian's *Metamorphosis Insectorum Surinamensium* (1705) features in

the Toledo Museum of Art's new exhibition, *Rachel Ruysch: Nature into Art*. The first anthology exhibition of her work, Ruysch (1664-1750) was a Dutch still-life painter a generation younger than Merian, and was inspired by Merian's engraving of a female toad's unique method of reproduction. In addition to dozens of oil paintings, the exhibition highlights the pictured image from Merian's work alongside other books on the Suriname toad, Ruysch's sketch of the toad, and related specimens.



The Lloyd will open at noon on Friday, April 25

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