



It's been a good run as we enter the final week of the Lloyd's current exhibition on houseplants, *Welcome to My Jungle*, but there's still time to make one last visit! In less than three weeks, we'll launch our next exhibition and symposium, co-coordinated by University of Cincinnati professor and 2023 Lloyd Artist-in-Residence Mark Harris, both titled *The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora*. Take a look below for sneak previews of several pieces of his artwork to be featured in the new exhibition.

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. 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: A Symposium

When: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Where: Lloyd Library

We're excited to announce a groundbreaking

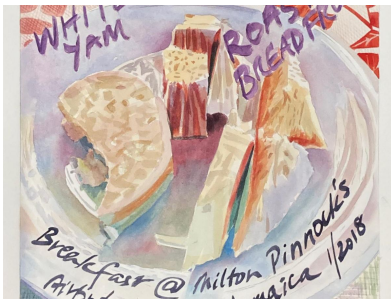
symposium bringing together scholars, artists, and community members to engage at the intersection of African heritage, colonialism, and the plants that shaped the Americas. This free daylong event will generate scholarship and host a community conversation on this history and its legacy. View the full symposium [schedule](#). **Registration required.**

Detail pictured from *Alice Walker-In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens/Bambara Groundnut*, watercolor on paper, 2025, by Mark Harris.



Register for the
Symposium

The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora: Community Dinner



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

The Lloyd invites you to join us for a community dinner in collaboration with Cincinnati's Table and Wave Pool celebrating African food culture, where 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.

Detail pictured from *Jamaican Breakfast-White Yam and Roasted Breadfruit*, watercolor on paper, 2025, by Mark Harris.

Cincinnati Magazine Features Lloyd Exhibition

Get an insider's perspective into our upcoming exhibition, *The Enduring Impact of the African Plant Diaspora*, courtesy of a new [article](#) in *Cincinnati Magazine*. Co-curator Mark Harris explores the research, themes, and inspiration that helped shape contributions to the exhibition.

Pictured here is *African Plant Diaspora*, watercolor on paper, 2019, by Mark Harris.



The Lloyd will open at noon on Friday, April 25

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