



Spring is here and, like the new growth it brings, our programming schedule is beginning to burst into bloom! Stop in for our current exhibition on houseplants, *Welcome to My Jungle*, then mark your calendars for our upcoming symposium and community dinner to tie in with an accompanying exhibition on the diaspora of African plants.

Cultivating Victorian Womanhood: Botany, Domesticity, and Healthy Households

When: Wednesday, April 9, 7-8 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Library

Elizabeth Yuko, journalist, bioethicist, and adjunct professor at Fordham University, takes us through the Victorian plant craze, which went beyond decor into the “cult of domesticity.” Placing expectations on women to keep family members healthy and guide them morally, this phenomenon used houseplants to help the Victorian woman accomplish both. Along with the concept of “moral botany” during outreach to working class families, botany also provided an acceptable entry point for women to the sciences. Registration required.



Register for the In-Person
Program

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. Registration required. Learn more about this event and our related exhibition [here](#).

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

In collaboration with Cincinnati's Table and Wave Pool's Olivia Nava, the Lloyd invites you to join us for a community dinner 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.



Meet Sara Torgison



The Lloyd welcomes Sara Torgison, an interdisciplinary artist specializing in ceramics and fiber art and one of our 2025 Artists-in-Residence. Torgison teaches at Miami University and has received multiple awards, residencies, and fellowships. Her work will draw on Lloyd collections to explore the contribution of living things to human health, including how animals aid

in developing medicines, in comparison with traditional botanical treatments. Read more about her and our other 2025 Fellows and Artist-in-Residence [here](#).

Watch our [Events Calendar](#) for All Upcoming Programs

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