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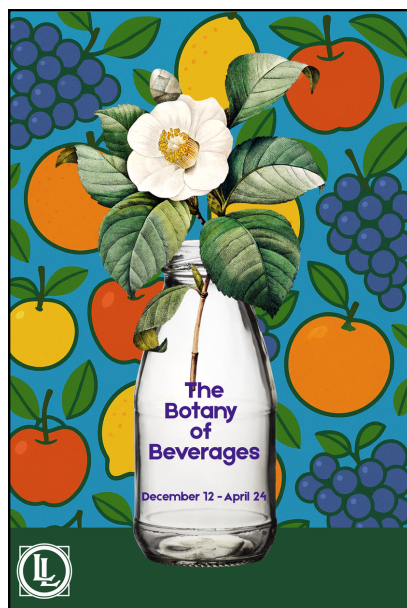
PRESS RELEASE

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Wet Your Whistle at The Lloyd Library & Museum

This winter, The Lloyd Library & Museum invites visitors to raise a glass to science, culture, and history with ***The Botany of Beverages***, an exhibition exploring the deep-rooted connection between plants and the drinks that shape our lives. From coffee, tea, and cocoa to cola, wine, beer, and tequila, this spirited exhibition uncovers the remarkable botanical origins of the world's most beloved beverages. Visitors will discover how plants contribute not only to flavor and aroma but also to the color, chemistry, and cultural significance of the drinks we savor every day. Highlights include a 1774 history of coffee, the groundbreaking fermentation texts by Pasteur and Lavoisier, and a rich collection of historical botanical illustrations tracing centuries of cultivation, commerce, and craft.

Complementing the exhibition is a lively slate of programs designed to educate and entertain. Explore the social and environmental dimensions of coffee production of Honduras in *Climate, Culture, and Coffee*; learn about the modern rise of nonalcoholic adaptogen drinks in *Sober Botanicals*; and even delve into *The Nature of Sex*, a Valentine's season talk on the sensual side of plant reproduction. Whether you're a science enthusiast, a history buff, or simply a lover of a good drink, *The Botany of Beverages* promises to be as enlightening as it is refreshing. Join us as we explore the plants behind the pour!



OPENING RECEPTION

Friday, December 12, 5-7 p.m.
Lloyd Library & Museum
Free and open to the public
Light refreshments

Celebrate the opening of *The Botany of Beverages* with us! Guests are invited to enjoy light refreshments and be among the first to experience this engaging exhibition that toasts the plants behind our favorite drinks. Raise a glass with fellow visitors and examine how we have cultivated and ritualized these palatable plants across centuries and continents.

PROGRAMS

Holiday Open House December 20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The holiday season can be hectic, but a stop at The Lloyd Library & Museum can be restorative!

Experience peace and calm when visiting one of Cincinnati's premier research libraries, explore *The Botany of Beverages*, and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.



Uncover the deeper meaning behind your favorite morning brew in ***Climate, Coffee and Culture***.

This program delves into the origin of coffee and the specific varietals used, providing a transparent look at the distribution channels from farm to cup and the pricing that supports ethical sourcing. It also addresses challenges at coffee farms, including labor shortages and the impact of climate change along with Alejandra's mission to foster community and cultural exchange.

Born in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, **Alejandra Flores** is the founder of Unataza Coffee in Dayton, Kentucky, where she shares the flavors and culture of her homeland. Inspired by her family's coffee-farming roots, she opened Unataza in 2019 to promote ethical sourcing, community connection, and cultural exchange—fulfilling her mission to “connect two homes, one cup at a time.”

Wednesday, January 7, 7-8 p.m.

In-Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

Registration Required

Sober Botanicals: The Plants That Change How We Drink

Whether you are celebrating dry January or not, we hope you'll join us for an evening that explores the evolving culture of alcohol-free, plant-based beverages through stories, aromas, and tastes. This interactive talk and tasting invites guests to discover how herbs, roots, and flowers have shaped our drinking traditions—from ancient tonics to today's innovative elixirs. Experience firsthand how botanicals can engage the senses, inspire creativity, and transform the way we gather and celebrate.

Wednesday, January 21, 7–8 p.m.

Reception at 6:30 p.m.

\$5 Non-Members, Free for Members

Registration Required

Christain Perry-Watt is an entrepreneur and founder of Kentucky Botanical Co. and The Green Door, two ventures rooted in the modern botanical movement. After nearly two decades in the corporate world, she turned her focus toward natural wellness, inspired by her own commitment to approaching life through a more natural path. Her work explores the intersection of ritual, relaxation, and herbalism by reimagining how we gather, unwind, and connect through plants rather than alcohol.



PROGRAMS

Maple Sugaring Hike at Cincinnati Nature Center

Discover the sweeter side of winter with us at Cincinnati Nature Center! On this naturalist-led hike, we'll find native maple trees, check sap buckets, and look for signs of how native animals use sap. Then, we'll head back to the evaporator and sample warm maple syrup! Along the way, you'll learn all about what it takes to make maple syrup, how to find sugar maple trees, why Cincinnati Nature Center calls their maple syrup "liquid sunshine", how maple sugaring has changed through time, and more.

Sunday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

In-Person Program at Rowe Woods

\$10 Non-Members, \$5 Members

Registration Required



The Nature of Sex: The Sexy Side of Plants

This program highlights classic and emerging information about the way plants reproduce. From plants that imprison their pollinators to flowers that remember—yes, remember—when a bee last paid them a visit, Cory Christopher challenges the audience to re-think the distinctions between plants and animals, especially when it comes to sex.

Wednesday, February 11, 7-8 p.m.

Registration Required

Cory Christopher is Director of Conservation at the Cincinnati Nature Center. Cory earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in ecology from the University of Georgia and a PhD in plant ecology from the University of Cincinnati. After completing post-doctoral work at Washington University in St. Louis, he returned to Cincinnati to serve as Graduate and School Programs manager for the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Before coming to the Cincinnati Nature Center, Cory worked for the University of Cincinnati as Director of UC Forward, facilitating collaborative community action projects. He also served as the university's Director of Undergraduate Research.

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.

