

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### More-Than-Human Medicine Continues

The Lloyd Library & Museum continues *More-Than-Human Medicine*, an exhibition that invites visitors to reconsider healing as a shared inheritance between humans and the living world that surrounds us. Moving between art, science, and history, the exhibition illuminates the quiet intelligence of plants and animals whose unseen labor has long sustained practices of medicine and care.

Eighteenth century botanical illustrations from the Library's collections are placed in conversation with hand-stitched elements of a life-sized human skeleton, carefully sculpted animal co-conspirators, and so much more by 2025 Lloyd Artist-in-Residence Sara Torgison, creating a layered narrative where past and present meet. Together, these works trace connections between traditional healing knowledge and contemporary scientific inquiry, revealing medicine as something deeply relational—rooted in reciprocity, observation, and coexistence.

With support from the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation, *More-Than-Human Medicine* encourages audiences to slow their pace, sharpen their attention, and encounter the natural world as collaborator, teacher, and kin.

### Programs

#### *Fungal Communication*

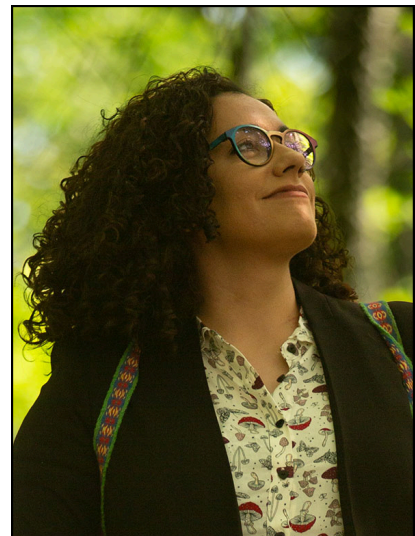
Wednesday, July 8, 7-8 p.m.

In-Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

#### **Registration Required**

*Fungal Communication* invites audiences to rethink what it means to communicate with the more-than-human world. Blending mycology, philosophy, foraging practice, and reflections from their debut book *Gathered: On Foraging, Feasting, and the Seasonal Life*, Gabrielle Cerberville explores fungi not as metaphors for connection, but as living beings whose ways of sensing, exchanging, decomposing, and world-making challenge human assumptions about individuality, intelligence, and relationship. Cerberville ponders how foraging could renew practices of attention, reciprocity, humility, and responsibility.

**Gabrielle Cerberville**, otherwise known as “Chaotic Forager” and sometimes as the “Internet’s Mushroom Auntie”, is a celebrated foraging educator, community mycologist, climate advocate, and author of *Gathered: On Foraging, Feasting, and the Seasonal Life*. A current PhD student at the University of Virginia in the Music Composition and Computer Technologies program, Gabrielle researches the intersection between art, science, and our responsibility to understand, protect, and communicate with the natural world.





### *Dye Garden Walk & Workshop*

**Saturday, July 11, 10 a.m-12 p.m.**

In-Person Program at the Weavers Guild of Cincinnati

4870 Gray Road

Cincinnati, OH 45232

**Registration Required**

Take a walk through the garden with us and explore the art and tradition of natural dyeing with Amber Ostaszewski, president of the Weavers Guild of Cincinnati. A tour of the Guild's carefully planned dye garden, where plants are grown specifically for use in coloring fibers and textiles will be followed by a tour the historic house. Attendees will enjoy light refreshments, and have the opportunity to create their own naturally dyed bandana during an optional hands-on activity (\$5 materials fee directly to the Guild at the time of the event).

The **Weavers Guild of Greater Cincinnati** was created in 1948 as a non-profit educational organization to promote interest in handweaving. Today, the guild offers education in a wide range of fiber processes and techniques, including weaving, felting, spinning, basketry, knitting, and dyeing.

### *Therapy Animals in Care and Community*

**Wednesday, August 5, 7-8 p.m.**

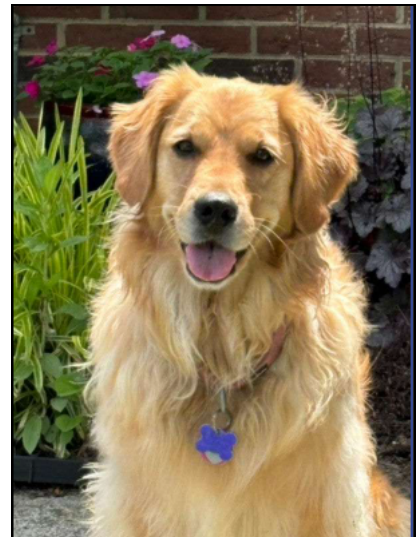
In-Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

**Registration Required**

Marilyn Edwards of Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati shares how trained therapy animal teams bring comfort, emotional support, and meaningful connection to people across the region. Combining scientific research with firsthand experiences, this program highlights the therapeutic power of human-animal relationships and the growing role of therapy animals in health and wellness. Chris Seelbach, President and CEO of SPCA Cincinnati, will introduce Edwards and participate in a Q&A session following the program.

**Please note** that a certified therapy animal will be present during the program. Guests with allergies, sensitivities, or concerns around animals are encouraged to plan accordingly.

**Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati** is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization founded in 2004 as the tri-state resource for Sharing The Love of Therapy Animals. They are proud to be a Community Partner of Pet Partners, a national AAA/AAT organization, with nearly 200 volunteer therapy teams providing Animal-Assisted Activities (AAA) and Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) throughout the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky metro area.





*From Folklore to Pharmacy: The Eclectic's Mastery of Ergot*

**Wednesday, August 26, 7-8 p.m.**

In-Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

**Registration Required**

The ergot fungus (*Claviceps purpurea*) has a dark history, linked to St. Anthony's Fire and the collapse of Peter the Great's 1722 Ottoman campaign after ergot-infected rye poisoned soldiers and horses. Yet for centuries it was also used by midwives as *pulvis ad partum* ("powder for birth"), though misuse later earned it the name *pulvis ad mortem* ("powder for death"). Eclectic Medicine helped refine ergot into stable, reliable medicines through improved extraction methods. Today, ergot-derived compounds remain important treatments for migraines and postpartum hemorrhage, linking folklore with modern pharmacology.

2025 Curtis Gates Lloyd Fellowship recipient **Kimberly Gwinn** is a Professor in the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at University of Tennessee. Her research explores the ecological roles of natural compounds in interactions among humans, animals, and the environment, with a focus on biopesticides from agricultural waste and microbial toxins in plant-based products. She teaches courses on medicinal plant and microbial products and is nationally recognized for advancing STEM education through undergraduate research.

*From Inflammation to Connection: Lessons from the Living World*

**Wednesday, September 9, 7-8 p.m.**

In-Person Program at the Lloyd Library & Museum

**Registration Required**

In *From Inflammation to Connection: Lessons from the Living World* herbalist Rosalee de la Forêt explores what the living world can teach us about resilience, relationship, and balance through the lens of herbalism, ecology, and personal experience. Blending modern insights on chronic inflammation with traditional plant wisdom, Rosalee will share how healing is not just about herbs and symptoms, but about restoring connection: within ourselves, with one another, and with the living world around us. Along the way, she'll highlight a handful of medicinal plants and the deeper lessons they offer about how we live and care for ourselves.

**Rosalee de la Forêt** is the founder of the Herbs with Rosalee online school, a Registered Herbalist with the American Herbalists Guild, and the author of two bestselling books (*Alchemy of Herbs* and *Wild Remedies*). Rosalee has had the joy of working with tens of thousands of students from all over the world—through in-depth courses, free classes, and a weekly podcast that celebrates one healing plant at a time.

