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**Lloyd Library and Museum
Presents Its Fall Exhibition**

Plants in Print: The French Connection

October 15, 2005 through January 15, 2006, the Lloyd Library will be *l'endroit à être*, or as we say in English, the place to be! The exhibition will explore French contributions to botany and botanical illustration. On display will be representative examples of significant herbals and floras printed in France as well as other items from Lloyd's Rare Book Collection that illustrate French contributions, including works from French botanists, such as Jacques Dalechamps and André Michaux, and botanical illustrators Pierre Joseph Redouté and Claude Aubriet. For this exhibition, the Lloyd displays some of its most prized possessions, including an original manuscript letter from Thomas Jefferson to French botanist François André Michaux signed by Jefferson and dated December 14, 1813, and a handwritten manuscript by famous 17th century

French botanist Joseph Pitton de Tournefort describing plants in the Jardin du Roi. Image at left is the title page from *Flora Parisiensis* by Pierre Bulliard. Paris: Chez P. Fr. Didot le Jeune, 1776.

The opening reception and lecture will be **Saturday, November 12 from 4pm to 6pm**. Dr. Pierre Sotteau, Professor Emeritus in the French Department at Miami University, will present his lecture "Botanical Fervor in Renaissance Lyons and Montpellier," which is the result of his extensive research into the Lloyd's collection of French botanical resources. Dr. Sotteau focuses on Lyons and Montpellier because both cities played pivotal roles in the progression and represented in Lloyd Library's Rare Book collection. Mark your calendars now and be sure to attend this interesting and informative exhibition and lecture. See you there! *Voyez-vous là!*

Since its successful collaboration with local artists Susan Brumm and Diane Stemper to display the artists book exhibit *Mining the Lloyd* in 2003-04, the Lloyd Library has been working to position

itself as a new venue for exhibits of interest to the arts community as well as the general public. It is, indeed, a place where art and science converge. For more information about the **Lloyd Library and Museum**, see below.

The **Lloyd Library and Museum**, located at 917 Plum Street, downtown Cincinnati, is a local and regional treasure. The library was developed in the nineteenth century by the Lloyd Brothers—John Uri, Curtis Gates, and Nelson Ashley. Incorporated in 1898, its original purpose was to provide a reference and research facility for Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists, Inc., one of the leading pharmaceutical companies of the period. A trust was established in 1917 to guarantee that the library would continue to fulfill its mission “to collect and maintain a library on botanical, medical, pharmaceutical, and scientific books and periodicals and works of allied sciences” into the future. The library’s operations are still supported by that trust and today, the Lloyd Library and Museum is recognized worldwide by the scientific community as a vital research center. Housing hundreds of thousands of volumes on the subjects of pharmacy, botany, horticulture, herbal and alternative medicines, natural products, homeopathy, and eclectic medicine, the Lloyd maintains a vast collection of scientific texts—from the most current works to those that date back hundreds of years. Included in this rare book collection is an original copy of the ten-volume *Flora Greca* (1840) by John Sibthorp, an original copy of Elizabeth Blackwell’s *A Curious Herbal* (1739), *Mesue Vulgare* (a 1493 “common book” of remedies), and an array of rare European texts from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The Lloyd also houses archival collections, including the papers of John Uri Lloyd, Curtis Gates Lloyd, Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists, Inc., and the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati. Free parking is available behind the library building. For more information about the Lloyd Library and Museum, please visit our website at www.lloydlibrary.org.

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third Saturday of the month, September through May, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00