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**Lloyd Library Announces Spring Exhibits
“Paradise Found: Discovery and Re-Discovery of the Natural American Landscape”**



At left: “Prairie Dock—Giants in the Sun;”
below: “A Reverence for the ‘Lord God’ Above.”
Both images are reproduced from Mary Louise Holt’s original oil paintings.



The **Lloyd Library and Museum** proudly announces its Spring Exhibits. The Lloyd Gallery will display the oil paintings of local nature artist, **Mary Louise Holt**, whose works depict the wildlife, landscape, and indigenous people that once thrived on the Ohio lands before European settlement. The opening reception, **Saturday, May 8, 2010, 4–7 p.m.**, will feature a lecture by the artist, “The Great Ohio Wilderness and Its Native People.” Another lecture by Miami University professor **Kevin Armitage**, “The Nature Study Movement: Its History and Why We Still Need It,” will cover material in his recent book on 19th century Americans’ efforts to re-discover what was left of the natural environment and to escape the industrialized world they had created. Lectures begin at 4:30 p.m. Exhibits will run through August 27, 2010.

A complementary book exhibit will feature books from Lloyd’s collection containing narrative descriptions written by late 18th- and early 19th-century explorers of North America that Holt used to inform her paintings. In addition, several of Lloyd’s early 20th century books on Nature Study will be on display, including works by Liberty Hyde Bailey, Anna Comstock, and other leaders of the movement, as well as

teachers’ guides published by Cornell University, the institutional leader of the movement, and several books on plants, insects, and fields written for children. For more information, call 513-721-3707; or, visit Lloyd’s website at www.lloydlibrary.org.

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 to provide reference sources for Lloyd Brothers Pharmacists, Inc., one of the leading pharmaceutical companies of the period. Today the library is recognized worldwide by the scientific community as a vital research center. The library holds, acquires, and provides access to both historic and current materials on the subjects of pharmacy, botany, horticulture, herbal and alternative medicine, pharmacognosy, and related topics. Although our collections have a scientific focus, they also have relevance to humanities topics, such as visual arts and foreign languages through resources that feature botanical and natural history illustrations, original artworks, and travel literature, thereby revealing the convergence of science and art. The Lloyd is open to anyone with an interest in these topics. Free parking is available for patrons and visitors behind the library building. For more information, visit the Lloyd website at www.lloydlibrary.org.

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

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