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# Lewis and Clark: Medicine and Botany on the Trail



An exciting exhibit of early nineteenth century botanical and medical texts, including exquisite botanical illustrations, will be on view at the Lloyd Library and Museum this summer. ***Lewis and Clark: Medicine and Botany on the Trail* opens July 1, 2004 and continues through September 30, 2004.** With this exhibit, the Lloyd Library joins other institutions and organizations in celebrating the Lewis and Clark bicentennial anniversary. The medical and botanical aspects and contributions of the Corps of Discovery's expedition through the Louisiana Territory and beyond its borders to the Pacific Ocean will be highlighted in this exhibit. Books included feature *Elements of Botany* by Benjamin Smith Barton, an 1804 edition of one of the books carried on the expedition as resources, and William Woodville's 1790 publication, *Medical Botany*, a book used by herbalists in the 18th and 19th centuries, among others, such as Nicholas Culpepper's *English Physician* and John Hill's *Useful Family Herbal*. Beautiful pictorial representations of various plants and herbs will be on display from such sources as *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*. The expedition added a wealth of knowledge about plants in general as well as those that have medicinal properties. The expedition recorded 178 new plants, a contribution commemorated in the botanical lexicon by *Lewisia* and *Clarkia*, plants named for its famous leaders. At left is a reproduction of *Lewisia rediviva* (Bitterroot) from *Curtis's*

*Botanical Magazine*, 1863. This exhibit blends a variety of topics and will appeal to people interested art, botany, medicine, natural healing, and North America, its history and as its natural history.

The [Lloyd Library and Museum](http://www.lloydlibrary.com), 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 1919 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](http://www.lloydlibrary.org).