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DARWIN SYMPOSIUM EXPLORES PLANT CONNECTION

October 22 at The Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia

- WHAT:** The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Botanical Club will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of "On the Origin of Species" with a symposium on plants and evolution. "Darwin and Botany in a Changing World: 150 Years after The Origin of Species" will feature talks on the historical and philosophical implications of evolution and current research on plant evolution.
- Although Darwin's theories and writings are familiar to many, the importance of botany in his work is less well known. However, six of the 10 books he wrote after "On The Origin of Species" were about botanical subjects; a seventh dealt with domesticated plants and animals.
- WHO:** Speakers include James Lennox, science historian from the University of Pittsburgh; Karl Niklas, evolutionary biologist from Cornell University; and Tatyana Livshultz, curator of botany at the Academy. The symposium will be moderated by Ernie Schuyler, curator emeritus of botany at the Academy and treasurer of the Philadelphia Botanical Club.
- WHEN:** Thursday, October 22, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** The Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia 19103
- HOW:** Registration is \$10; \$5 for students and members of the Academy and Botanical Club. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.ansp.org/activities/darwin-botany.php>

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum in the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Saturday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"