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Hunt Institute will present "Botanical art by Georg Dionysius Ehret (1708-1770)"

Pittsburgh — The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Mellon University will display "Botanical art by Georg Dionysius Ehret (1708-1770)" from 9 October 1997 through 27 February 1998.

These watercolors on paper and vellum have been selected from the Institute's extensive collection of paintings by this artist.

Born in Heidelberg and apprenticed as a gardener, Ehret is known as one of the most prominent botanical artists. He moved to England to illustrate some of the 18th century's most sumptuous botanical color-plate works. His commissions were from wealthy patrons and from botanists; countesses and duchesses were among his pupils. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society (the only foreigner on the English list).

The Institute is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Telephone (412) 268-2434 for additional information.