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### FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY'S 'HARVEST BLOOMS' CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF FALL

Columbus, Ohio— Embracing fall color like never before, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens welcomes autumn with, *Harvest Blooms*, presented by GreenScapes Landscape Company, from September 16 to November 12.

Kicking off the exhibition, vibrant reds, oranges and yellows of the season in the form of more than 3,000 mum and ornamental kale plants – as well as 2,000 pumpkins, gourds and other seasonal plantings – will blanket the outdoor gardens. These blooms are expected to last until the end of October. The interior gardens will parallel this theme, and will be on display throughout the entirety of the exhibition.

New this year is another artistic display inspired by nature: intricate wood sculptures, functional and ornamental alike. The display features the work of Central Ohio Woodturners, hand-selected by not only Conservatory staff, but acclaimed master in the woodturning field, Betty Scarpino. More than 40 pieces by 22 artists will be on display at the Cardinal Health Gallery at the Conservatory beginning September 23, and guests will have the opportunity to see [woodturning demonstrations](#) on that day.

In addition to woodturners, gaffers will also be part of *Harvest Blooms* for the highly popular [Great Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale](#), September 29-October 1. Hundreds of locally crafted, hand-blown artisanal glass pumpkins, gourds and other autumnal items in a variety of colors and sizes will be available for purchase. (The Conservatory also provides opportunities for guests to make their own custom glass pumpkin; while classes are currently sold out for this season, interested participants can be put on a waiting list by calling the Visitor Center.)

*Harvest Blooms* will overlap the final weeks of [Topiaries: Wild Wonders](#), an exhibition featuring 14 life-sized (or larger) animal sculptures made of colorful plants. The topiaries will be on display through Oct. 29.

A complete list of special activities throughout *Harvest Blooms* include:

- [Fall Leaf Suncatcher Craft](#): September 16, 11am-2pm
- [Central Ohio Woodturners Demonstrations](#): September 23, 11am-2pm
- [The Great Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale](#): September 29-October 1, 10am-4pm
- [Bean and Seed Mosaic Craft](#): Sept. 30, 11am-2pm
- [Fall Nature Mobile Craft](#): Oct. 7, 11am-2pm
- [Paint a Mini Pumpkin](#): Oct. 21, 11am-2pm
- [Trick or Treat at the Conservatory](#): Oct. 28, 11am-4pm
- [Day of the Dead Crafts](#): Nov. 4, 11am-2pm
- [Pens for the Troops with the Central Ohio Woodturners](#): Nov. 11, 11am-2pm

For more information, visit [FPConservatory.org](http://FPConservatory.org) or follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), and join the conversation with #HarvestBlooms.

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*Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.*