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## **GINGERBREAD COMPETITION RETURNS TO FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY**

Columbus, Ohio— Now is the time to start preparing for the 11th annual Gingerbread Competition at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, with a variety of prizes valuing a total of more than \$1,500.

This year's theme is "Holiday Traditions," a complement to the nostalgic, mid-century modern theme of the Conservatory's seasonal Gardens Aglow exhibition. Participants will be judged on overall appearance, creativity, precision, and development of theme.

Submissions must be delivered to the Conservatory between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 2-3. The pieces will be on public display Dec. 5-Jan. 3, and visitors arriving on or before Dec. 31 will get a chance to cast a vote for Best in Show – the winner of which will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Special guest judges will name the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in all four categories: youth (12 and under), teen (13-17), adult (18+) and family. The prizes are a \$100 Conservatory gift card (1st place), a Conservatory Family Membership (2nd), and four tickets to the Conservatory (3rd).

To enter, please see official rules and download the entry form.

For more information, follow the Gingerbread Competition event page on Facebook and join the conversation on Instagram and Twitter with #FPCgingerbread.

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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.*