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**HARVEST BLOOMS DELIVERS CENTRAL OHIO'S PREMIER FALL DISPLAY**  
**Opening weekend includes the Great Glass Pumpkin Patch Sale**

Columbus, Ohio— Central Ohio has not experienced fall like this before. Thousands upon thousands of pumpkins and ornamental gourds will descend upon Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens for the largest *Harvest Blooms* display yet, open daily September 22 through October 28.

Sponsored by Fahlgren Mortine, this year's *Harvest Blooms* display collects familiar signs of fall and magnifies them into one centralized spectacular of autumn. The exhibit includes:

- 5,000 members of the *Cucurbitacea* family (ornamental gourds, pumpkins, squash)
- 1,500 members of the *Brassicaceae* family (ornamental kale, cabbage, etc.)
- 4,500 flowering Chrysanthemums (aka hardy mums)
- A 10-ft tall "Pumpkin House" in the new Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden

"This year's *Harvest Blooms* is possibly one of the Conservatory's strongest horticulture exhibitions yet," said Horticulture Exhibitions Designer Garet Martin. "This is the best place in central Ohio to become fully immersed in the fall season."

*Harvest Blooms* kicks off with an annual fan-favorite, **The Great Glass Pumpkin Patch** sale from 10am-4pm, September 21-23. This sale features hundreds of collectable, premium glass pumpkins that have been hand crafted by local and nationally known gaffers. Although the opportunities to make your own glass pumpkin (with the assistance of a professional gaffer) have sold out, visitors are welcome to watch this mesmerizing process at the Conservatory Hot Shop. The Great Glass Pumpkin Patch sale is free to shop, but admission is required to enter the Hot Shop and the rest of the Conservatory.

*Harvest Blooms* is made possible through the generous support of presenting sponsor Fahlgren Mortine. Special thanks to Lehner's Pumpkin Farms for growing and sourcing the beautiful gourds and to Wiseman Brothers Fabrication & Steel, LTD for creating the pumpkin house frame.

Other exhibitions currently on display include [Topiaries at the Conservatory](#) (ending Oct. 28); [Field by Design I/O](#), a motion-sensitive digital ecosystem that grows and blooms based on visitors' movements, and the annual [Bonsai Display](#) (ending Nov. 11). For more details: [fpconservatory.org/exhibitions](http://fpconservatory.org/exhibitions).

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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.*