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THE 12th ANNUAL GINGERBREAD COMPETITION RETURNS NOV. 17

Columbus, Ohio– Central Ohio’s culinary creativity will be on display Nov. 17-Jan. 2, as the 12th annual Gingerbread Competition returns to Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens as part of the *Conservatory Aglow* holiday exhibition. With prizes valuing a total of nearly \$3,000, this challenge has attracted some of the most ingenious manipulators of graham and frosting.

New this year, the competition will be split into “professional” and “hobbyist” categories. (Please note that hobbyists can still enter this competition! The deadline to submit an application is Dec. 9, and the creations must be delivered between 10am-9pm on Dec. 8 and 9.) Display dates and prizes as follows:

Professional Category: On display Nov. 17-Dec. 9

Best in Show: \$500 cash
1st place: \$300 Conservatory gift card
2nd place: Conservatory Family Membership
3rd place: Two vouchers for a class at the Conservatory

Hobbyist: On display Dec. 11-Jan. 2

Best in Show: \$500 cash
Group 1st place: \$250 Conservatory gift card
2nd place: Conservatory Family Membership
3rd place: Two vouchers for a class at the Conservatory:

Adult 1st place: \$200 Conservatory gift card
2nd place: Conservatory Family Membership
3rd place: Two vouchers for a class at the Conservatory

Youth 1st place: \$150 Conservatory gift card
2nd place: Conservatory Family Membership
3rd place: Two vouchers for a class at the Conservatory

The top three professionals will be judged by four industry experts on the Conservatory’s exclusive preferred vendor list: Kendall Jensen and Crystal Hart with Short North Piece of Cake; Holly Schaffner, owner of Mrs. Turbo’s Cookies; and Jan Kish, owner of La Petite Fleur. The creations will be judged on overall appearance, difficulty, originality, creativity and use of materials.



The Best in Show winners will be determined by *Conservatory Aglow* visitors, who can cast a vote for their favorite throughout the run of each display. The professional Best in Show will be announced on social media on Dec. 10 and the hobbyist Best in Show will be announced Jan. 3.

Please use the #fpcGingerbread tag and follow us at @fpconservatory on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates. Complete competition details can be found [here](#).

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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.