



***INSPIRED BY HORTICULTURE, FRANKLIN PARK
CONSERVATORY AND BOTANICAL GARDENS
ELEVATES QUALITY OF LIFE AND CONNECTS
THE COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATIONAL,
CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EXPERIENCES.***



**Franklin Park Conservatory
and Botanical Gardens**

CELEBRATE FALL AT THE CONSERVATORY!

Fall is a special time in nature which means it's a special time at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

As the air cools, brilliant colors appear overhead and harvest produce flourishes. Visitors may embrace the season as they stroll the gourd filled grounds or escape it as they relish a trip to one of the warmer biomes. Whatever your approach to the fall season, the Conservatory welcomes you.

This digital brochure highlights the one-of-a-kind exhibitions, exciting events, and stunning autumnal horticulture of the next few months! There's a complimentary page on the Conservatory website that functions in tandem with the digital brochure, so you can easily find more information on everything listed.

Please visit: fpconservatory.org/fall-brochure





The Conservatory's vision is a world that celebrates nature as essential to the human experience. The COVID-19 pandemic has required changes from everyone but our vision remains the same.

In order to realize our vision, new procedures have been implemented to keep our guests, employees, and communities healthy.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



- 🌿 **TICKETING:** All guests, including members, must reserve their tickets online before their visit.
- 🌿 **FACE COVERINGS:** In accordance with state and local mandates, face coverings are required for both indoor and outdoor experiences. Exceptions will be made for children under the age of 6 and individuals with medical exemptions.
 - 🌿 **MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS:** Notify the front desk upon arrival to receive your medical exemption wristband, exempting you from wearing a mask.
 - 🌿 **DISPOSABLE MASKS:** Available for \$1 at the Main Entrance. A variety of cloth masks are also available for purchase at Botanica Gift Shop and Greenhouse.
- 🌿 **LIMITED CAPACITY:** In accordance with state and local mandates, total capacity for the facility has been reduced. Some areas may have a one-way traffic flow and/or have maximum capacity limitations.
- 🌿 **DISTANCING:** Maintain a 6-foot distance from others not in your party.
- 🌿 **VULNERABLE HOURS:** Every Thursday, the Conservatory will open at 9am for guests with high-risk considerations, such as seniors or individuals with compromised immune systems. Tickets must be reserved in advance online.



Our visitors have shown tremendous support for these procedures over the past few months. It's for this reason that the Conservatory can remain open and a safe place for all to enjoy the beauty of nature.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION!

“We went to the outdoor gardens and exhibits today. You’ve done amazing work with this! We had a wonderful time and felt safe.”



HARVEST BLOOMS

SEPTEMBER 26–NOVEMBER 1, 2020

The Conservatory becomes one of the most beautiful places to celebrate the magic of fall during the annual *Harvest Blooms* exhibition. Thousands of mums, pumpkins and gourds paint the botanical landscape in autumnal colors, and the returning Pumpkin House is sure to delight visitors of all ages. The new *Paul Busse Garden Railway*, adorned with seasonal plantings, is also included in the *Harvest Blooms* experience. With plenty of outdoor space to social distance, *Harvest Blooms* is a visual experience not to be missed.

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SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT: PUMPKINS AGLOW

OCTOBER 14–18 & 21–25, 5–9PM *Special Engagement admission rates apply*

Take in the bounty of the fall season with this after-dark, family-friendly event. Stroll through the jack-o-lantern lined paths, a tunnel of floating candles, and a pumpkin patch guarded by a 1000-pound monster pumpkin, carved by Rock on Ice. Larger than life spiders created by Tork Collaborative Arts, Inc. crawl the gardens, and hiding amongst the plants are seasonal surprises and spooky delights to discover.

PUMPKINS AGLOW ENTERTAINMENT:

October 14 through October 18, 6–8pm

The Royal Jokers, Matt and Jeff, will be in the outside gardens lighting up the night with their comedy juggling act.

October 21 through October 25, 6-8pm

A fire performer from the Cincinnati Circus will roam through the outside gardens, amazing guests by juggling and eating fire.

NOTE FOR 2020: During *Pumpkins Aglow* dates, General Admission will end at 4pm and the Conservatory will close. The Special Engagement will begin at 5pm.

GLASS PUMPKIN SALE

Pumpkins Aglow includes access to the Glass Pumpkin Sale where hand-blown glass pumpkins are available for purchase.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT: CHIHULY NIGHTS

OCTOBER 9 & NOVEMBER 6, 7–10PM *Special Engagement admission rates apply*

Enjoy the Conservatory and the vibrant colors of the Chihuly Collection after hours. All 19 installations will be professionally lit to create a breathtaking view within the backdrop of the interior Conservatory Biomes. In addition to Chihuly Nights, the Chihuly Collection is on permanent display and can be viewed during general admission hours.



BONSAI

ON VIEW THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2020

In meditative reflection, explore the visual legacy of the Conservatory's bonsai collection. Take a journey through the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse to refine your senses using the bonsai as your guide. This year's exhibition begins with sculptural displays that invite visitors to focus on the textures, forms and balance found in nature. In this mindset, the beauty of the individual bonsai specimens can be more deeply appreciated. The bonsai trees will rotate throughout the run of this exhibition, as well as the seasonal plantings, making every visit unique.



PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY

ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2021

Paul Busse Garden Railway, located in the Grand Mallway, has been enlivened by the colors and textures of fall. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in the Garden Railway as nine model trains whirl across 1,122 feet of track and through four unique botanical themes. Explore enchanting botanical villages including Fairytale Land, the Wild West, animal habitats and European Travels.

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COMING THIS WINTER

HOLIDAY BLOOMS & CONSERVATORY AGLOW

Celebrate the enchanting holiday season at the Conservatory with elegant holiday vignettes, hundreds of poinsettias and, of course, the giant poinsettia tree! Each night the gardens magically transform into a wonderland of lights. New displays accompany traditional favorites, include ornament trees, the rainbow tunnel, the annual gingerbread competition and much more.

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GINGERBREAD COMPETITION

Need a fun home bound family project?

Enter the Conservatory's 14th annual Gingerbread Competition!

This year's theme, as we celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the John F. Wolfe Palm House, will be "Inspired by the Conservatory."

Register in one of three categories:

Youth (15 and under), Family or Community Organization, or Adult (16 and older). Entries must be dropped off between 10am–9pm on November 28 or 29. Judges will award first, second and third prizes for each category. The public will vote on Best of Show. Registration and rules at fpconservatory.org.



NATURE SCHOOL EXPLORERS 2020

Designed for ages 3–5, Nature School Explorers are encouraged to nurture their curiosity, investigation, and understanding of plants, insects and the natural world through weekly hands-on activities.

Nature School Explorers is now a two-part Conservatory experience to facilitate social distancing, beginning with a small group classroom experience using science, language arts, math, art and music to support learning in fun, developmentally appropriate ways.

The learning and fun continue after class when each Explorer, accompanied by their guardian, completes a self-guided classroom-inspired activity at the Conservatory.

VIRTUAL EXPLORATIONS

NEW FOR 2020

Experience the Conservatory from your own classroom on a digital field trip. The program includes a 45-minute virtual tour with a Conservatory educator as well as activities to complete before and after.

All Virtual Explorations are designed to address Ohio learning standards for science or art and connect students with the Conservatory.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the Conservatory's programs on planting a garden, as well as staff videos on making pasta."



WEDDINGS AT THE CONSERVATORY

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Host your wedding at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The Conservatory's versatile spaces add a natural ambiance to your event.

"They took all my instructions and made the event more beautiful than I imagined and it ran seamlessly. As stressful as wedding planning could be, I am actually a little sad I won't be communicating with the Conservatory anymore since they were so wonderful!"



BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

The Conservatory's award-winning gift shop and greenhouse offers an eclectic array of seasonal home and garden decor, books, children's toys, jewelry, accessories and more!

GLASS PUMPKIN SALE

SEPTEMBER 25-27

Hundreds of beautiful, hand blown glass pumpkins created by local artists will be on display and available for purchase. These one-of-a-kind pumpkins are the perfect accent for anyone's fall decor. The glass pumpkins will also be available for purchase during *Pumpkins Aglow*, October 14-18 & 21-25.

FALL PATIO SALE

OCTOBER 17 - 31

50% off all patio plants, pottery and garden accessories

BULB SALE

OCTOBER 24 - 31

Enjoy 50% off remaining spring blooming bulbs

HALLOWEEN SALE

OCTOBER 26-31

Enjoy 50% off all Halloween themed items

WE COULDN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

Charitable gifts are vital to creating the world-class exhibitions, beautiful horticulture displays and important educational programs offered by the Conservatory. Our seasonal displays, such as *Harvest Blooms*, and special exhibitions, such as *Paul Busse Garden Railway*, are made possible through generous financial support from individuals just like you! If you'd like to make a gift to support this programming, you may do so online at fpconservatory.org/giving

THANK YOU!



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