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HARVEST BLOOMS KICKS OFF FALL WITH GOURD-EOUS OUTDOOR DISPLAYS

Columbus, OH— Autumn at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens officially begins Sept. 26 — the opening day of *Harvest Blooms*, an outdoor exhibition open daily through Nov. 1, 2020.

Presented by Fahlgren Mortine, *Harvest Blooms* is a visual feast celebrating the best parts of autumn: colorful chrysanthemums, bright brassica, graceful grasses and, of course, hundreds upon hundreds of weird and wonderful heirloom pumpkins and gourds displayed among color-changing trees.

Some of the outdoor *Harvest Blooms* visual attractions include:

- **The Pumpkin House:** This whimsical structure built out of pumpkins and gourds looks like something from a fairytale, and makes for the perfect fall photo opportunity.
- **Paul Busse Garden Railway:** This outdoor, g-scale model train exhibition spanning the Grand Mallway quickly became a visitor favorite this summer, and will get a new fall look during *Harvest Blooms*.
- **Bonsai:** *Harvest Blooms* is the last chance to enjoy this year's annual exhibition of the Conservatory's bonsai collection, featured inside the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse
- Lush plant displays:
 - o 3,600 pumpkins and gourds
 - o 650 brassica (cabbages and kales)
 - o 560 chrysanthemums

Other attractions during the *Harvest Blooms* season include:

Pumpkins Aglow: (5-9pm Oct. 14-18 and 21-25) A special chance to explore the Conservatory and *Harvest Blooms* after-hours, featuring hundreds of glowing jack-o-lanterns, live entertainment, seasonal treats, and selection of glass pumpkins available for purchase. Special engagement pricing is required. *Harvest Blooms* will close at 4pm on Pumpkins Aglow evenings.

The Glass Pumpkin Sale: (11am-4pm, Sept. 25-27) Featuring hundreds of collectable hand-blown glass pumpkins created by local artisans. Glass pumpkins will also be available for purchase during Pumpkins Aglow.

Harvest Blooms and *Pumpkins Aglow* are primarily outdoor experiences, spanning Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden and the Grand Mallway, with plenty of space to social distance. (Please visit fpconservatory.org to review the complete COVID-19 policies.)

For more details and photos, follow @fpconservatory on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art and nature-based exhibitions, and educational programs for all ages. Situated on 40 acres on the eastern side of Franklin Park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House; 83,000 square feet of glasshouses; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden; and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns the largest collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly in a botanical garden and is home to internationally recognized light artist James Turrell's Light Raiment II, which illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.