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NEW EXHIBITION WITH LOCAL ARTIST FEATURES PLANTS SCULPTED FROM PAPER

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is partnering with local artist Lea Gray for a brand new exhibition. The exhibition, *Bringing Reverence to Nature: An Exploration of Botanicals in Paper*, will feature sculptures consisting of hundreds of intricate plants made entirely of paper.

The aesthetics of nature is a source of inspiration for Gray's work. She aims to create sculptures that not only accurately replicate colors, shapes and textures but also capture the awe-inspiring spirit found within every plant.

"There is an intrinsic beauty found in nature that is undeniable, and it is an ever changing art form of its own," said Gray. Located in the Cardinal Health Gallery, near the Conservatory's main entrance, the exhibition will serve as an opportunity to consider nature as an art form before proceeding on to the Conservatory's plant collections.

Bringing Reverence to Nature: An Exploration of Botanicals will be on display from January 23 to May 31, 2021, during General Admission (10am–5pm) and Special Engagements on select evenings. Gray will be onsite from 2-5pm on opening day to discuss her work and answer visitor questions.

The exhibition is supported by the Greater Columbus Arts Council and the Ohio Arts Council. For more information on this exhibition and other happenings at the Conservatory, please visit fpconservatory.org or follow the Conservatory on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

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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.*