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Columbus, OH—Amateur bakers and dessert lovers are invited to participate in Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' 15th Annual Gingerbread Competition.

Recent events reminded us of the importance and joy of being with loved ones. In honor of togetherness, this year's theme is "There is no place like home for the holidays." Entries must be delivered to the Conservatory on November 27 or 28 from 10am–4pm or 5-9pm.

Participants can enter in one of three categories:

- Youth (15 and younger)
- Adult (16 and older)
- Family or Community Organization

Local guest judges will select the top three gingerbread houses in each category. The prizes awarded for the top three entries are as follows:

- 1st Place: Conservatory Family Membership
- 2nd Place: \$100 Conservatory Gift Card
- 3rd Place: 4 Conservatory Admission Tickets

Conservatory visitors will vote on which gingerbread house is the Best in Show. The entry with the most votes will receive a \$500 cash prize. All of the gingerbread houses will be on display December 1-31. The display is included in general admission (10am-4pm) and *Conservatory Aglow* (5-9pm).

Details on the competition and display are available on our website: fpconservatory.org/gingerbread-competition. For updates, 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.