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**CONSERVATORY BIOME TRANSFORMS INTO TROPICAL PARADISE DURING
*BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES***

COLUMBUS, OH – *Blooms & Butterflies* is a favorite year after year because of its ability to transport guests from Central Ohio to a tropical paradise filled with gorgeous butterflies and colorful flora. *Blooms & Butterflies* will be on display from February 26 through May 30, 2022.

The annual exhibition's primary attraction is an assortment of butterflies flying freely inside the Pacific Island Water Garden biome. The biome is a large, multi-elevation garden modeled on the volcanically formed islands in the Pacific Ocean with lush, tropical plant life. The butterflies live their entire lives in the Pacific Island Water Garden, stopping at fruit and nectar feeding stations, basking on plant life, and soaring through the garden. This year, around 12,000 butterflies will be a part of *Blooms & Butterflies*. Roughly 700-800 individual butterflies are delivered to the Conservatory each week, and about 2,500 fly around the biome on any given day.

Before the butterflies are released into the biome, they arrive at the Conservatory as chrysalides. These chrysalides are on view at the Metamorphosis Lab, located in the Grand Atrium just outside the exhibition. Guests can spot the chrysalides of the butterflies featured in the exhibition and learn about lifecycles as they watch the butterflies emerge.

Blooms & Butterflies is included in admission. Guests should visit during the day for the best experience of the exhibition. The butterflies will be most active on bright days with clear lighting from the sun. Guests can also consider taking advantage of Community Day on March 6, April 3 and May 1. On these dates, general admission will be free for Columbus and Franklin County residents, providing an opportunity for everyone in our community to enjoy the exhibition.

For more details, please visit fpconservatory.org/blooms-butterflies/, and 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.

