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COLUMBUS BLOOMS BRINGS THE JOYS OF SPRING TO FRANKLIN PARK

COLUMBUS, OH – Spring is the season of renewal, and over the coming weeks, hundreds of thousands of blooms will transform Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. These blooms are a part of *Columbus Blooms*, the largest annual outdoor floral exhibition in the greater Columbus area. *Columbus Blooms* is presented by GreenScapes.

A refreshing exhibition after the winter, the gardens change as different species flower. Tulips, daffodils and hyacinths spring up from garden beds and pansies accent container displays. Flowering trees and shrubs such as cherry, dogwood, forsythia, lilac, magnolia, redbud and viburnum mark the landscape of the Conservatory's botanical gardens and the rest of Franklin Park. Guests will also experience bursts of scents and colors from thousands of herbaceous perennials like columbine, hellebores, geranium and bluestar.

Within the Conservatory, guests should look for blooms throughout the botanical gardens, Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden and Grand Mallway. Additionally, there are signs of spring in the interior courtyards: the North Courtyard and Bonsai Courtyard. The Bonsai Collection is also on display starting in early spring. Outside the Conservatory, guests can spot numerous blossoms as they travel from the main entrance, through Franklin Park, to the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus.

The exhibition is traditionally scheduled for April 1-30 every year because that's when the majority of bulbs planted for the exhibition bloom. However, spring sights are noticeable starting in March as species flower during different times and conditions. The Conservatory is publishing a Spring Blooms Report weekly on Thursdays so guests to the Conservatory or Franklin Park visitors can make the most of the season. The report is available online (fpconservatory.org/spring-blooms) and shared on social media and our weekly newsletter.

Columbus Blooms is included in admission and best enjoyed during daylight hours. Reserving tickets in advance is strongly recommended but not required. For more details, visit fpconservatory.org/columbus-blooms/, 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.