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## 16TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

Columbus, OH—Amateur bakers and dessert lovers are invited to participate in Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' 16th Annual Gingerbread Competition. This year's Gingerbread Competition theme is "Throwback to Your Favorite Era". Contestants can create an entry that celebrates their favorite time period (the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s and beyond). Entries must be delivered to the Conservatory on November 26 or 27 from 10am–4pm or 5-9pm.

Participants can enter one of three categories:

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

Local guest judges including Mallory Harr (culinary content creator), Nick Dekker (food/travel writer & content creator), Teresa Woodard (author and magazine writer & editor) and Elaine Li (owner of Sweet & Shiny bakery and glassblowing instructor) 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

The Best of Show award will be determined by Conservatory guests who can vote in person while viewing the display. The entry with the most votes will receive a \$500 cash prize. All of the gingerbread houses will be shown in the Cardinal Health Gallery December 1-31. The display is included in General Admission (10am-4pm) and *Conservatory Aglow* admission (5-9pm). Details on the competition and display are available on our website: [fpconservatory.org/gingerbread-competition](https://fpconservatory.org/gingerbread-competition). For updates, follow [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#) or [TikTok](#).

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*Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers world-class horticulture, art & nature-based exhibitions and educational programs. The 13-acre indoor and outdoor facility—situated two miles from downtown Columbus—features glasshouses including the historic John F. Wolfe Palm House; botanical gardens including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden and Scotts Miracle Gro-Foundation Community Garden Campus;*



*and event venues. The Conservatory is home to the largest collection of Chihuly glass in a botanical garden and Light Raiment II by internationally renowned artist James Turrell. Committed to the community, the Conservatory strives to provide an accessible and welcoming experience to all.*