HOLIDAY BROCHURE
All are invited to join in the joy of the holidays at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Festive exhibitions, plant displays, and programs will delight guests during this season of celebration and togetherness.

This brochure includes an overview of Conservatory offerings through early January. Clickable links are included in every section for more information.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO
VISITING:
For the best experience, all guests are asked to comply with the listed safety and operational policies:
fpconservatory.org/visit

HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES:
The Conservatory is open every day during the holiday season except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

From November 19, 2022, to January 8, 2023, General Admission will end at 4pm and the Conservatory will close to visitors. The Conservatory will re-open at 5pm for Conservatory Aglow.

TICKETING:
Guests, including members at all levels, are encouraged to reserve tickets to guarantee the availability of their preferred date and time and for an efficient check-in.

The Conservatory recently transitioned to a new ticketing and reservation system. This change provides guests with seamless access to tickets, reservations and benefits. Guests will need to create an account or reset their password when using the system for the first time. Thank you for your continued support of this change that benefits everyone!
fpconservatory.org/tickets
CONSERVATORY AGLOW
SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2023 | 5–9PM
The Conservatory’s gardens glow with light displays organized into themed vignettes. See enhanced displays such as the Rainbow Tunnel with motion elements and Candy Lane with life-size candy! Experience new displays such as the Disco Dance Party complete with a dance floor or the new Rockin’ Trees that move to music! This year, candlelit pathways also illuminate the interior Conservatory alongside increased lighting within the biomes.

Guests can buy refreshments from the Garden Café, rotating food trucks and cash bars, and cross off their gift list at Botanica Gift Shop & Greenhouse.

fpconservatory.org/conservatory-aglow

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HOLIDAY EXHIBITIONS

CONSERVATORY AGLOW LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SELECT DATES FROM 6–8PM
SNOWFLAKE ROLLERSKATERS | November 25
ACROBATIC DUO | November 26
ACROBATIC DUO | December 10
SANTA & LIVE REINDEER | December 17 & 18
COSTUMED PERFORMER AND LIGHT UP PENNY FARTHING | December 20
MIRROR DUO | December 21
BUBBLE BABE | December 22
HOLIDAY STILTWALKERS | December 23
BUBBLE BABE | December 26
LED JUGGLER | December 27
MIRROR DUO | December 28
COSTUMED PERFORMER AND LIGHT UP PENNY FARTHING | December 29
LED JUGGLER | December 30
HOLIDAY STILTWALKERS | January 6
SNOWFLAKE ROLLERSKATERS | January 7

CONSERVATORY AGLOW MUSICAL PERFORMANCES SELECT DATES AT 7PM
SCIOTO VALLEY CHORUS | December 3
COLUMBUS GAY MEN’S CHORUS | December 9
URBAN STRINGS COLUMBUS YOUTH ORCHESTRA | December 16
THE MUSIC MEN & JEN | December 19
IN FULL SWING BIG BAND | December 31
MEMBER PREVIEW NIGHTS
NOVEMBER 21–23 | 5–9PM
Members receive free admission to Conservatory Aglow November 21–23 and 50% off for the rest Special Engagement. Patron, Benefactor and Monarch Society members receive free admission for those named on the membership and allotted guests. Reservations are recommended as some nights may sell out!
Make reservations: fpconservatory.org/member-holiday-party

HOLIDAYS EXHIBITIONS

HOLIDAY BLOOMS
ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2023
We’ve decked the Conservatory’s halls, and they’re blooming with holiday spirit! Visitors can spend the season amidst themed, photo-ready holiday vignettes featuring hundreds of unique poinsettias, the poinsettia trees and more! Outdoors in the Grand Mallway and Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children’s Garden, container gardens are creatively styled for the winter.
fpconservatory.org/holiday-blooms

HOLIDAY BLOOMS MUSICAL PERFORMANCES SELECT DATES AT 2PM
COLUMBUS RINGS | November 19
VAUD VILLITIES, VOCALITIES | November 20
HARPIST ALLENE SCHWARTZ | November 26
BRYDEN STRING QUARTET | November 27
MADGRILS | December 3
COLUMBUS CHILDREN’S CHOIR | December 4
THE COLUMBUS CHORUS | December 10
ABOVE THE NOISE | December 11
GRACE NOTES | December 17
JONATHAN ALDER HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR | December 18

PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY
ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 8, 2023
Decorated with lights, the garden railway is an enchanting holiday destination in the daytime and evenings. Discover the details of the railway while nine G scale model trains whirl across 1,000+ feet of track.
fpconservatory.org/paul-busse-garden-railway

WITH SUPPORT FROM

The Columbus Foundation
Greater Columbus Arts Council
Ohio Arts Council
HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING
Family-friendly programming is included with admission and does not require pre-registration unless otherwise noted.
fpcconservatory.org/calendar

SWEET TURKEYS: NOVEMBER 23 | 11AM–2PM
Make a turkey-shaped treat and listen to a story about the turkey that got away ($4). Advance registration required.

CREATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE: NOVEMBER 25 | 11AM–3PM
Spend a sweet day with friends and family creating a mini house with graham crackers, icing and candy ($8 per kit). Upon arrival, guests have the option to take the ‘polar express’ to the Wells Barn for their gingerbread fun! Advance registration required.

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION: DECEMBER 19 | 5–7PM
Open to all, this special Conservatory Aglow evening is presented in partnership with the Jewish Community Center. The event will celebrate Hanukkah, the “Festival of Lights” with children’s crafts, activities and entertainment.
Advance registration required; these events will sell out.
$20 per adult (13+), $15 per child (3-12) and free for children under 3.

THE GREAT DEAN-O: DECEMBER 26 | 11AM & 2PM
Gregg Pruett entertains as The Great Dean-O with his children’s magic comedy show!

THE BUG MAN: DECEMBER 27 | 11AM –2PM
Meet cool bugs and learn buggy facts during this interactive walk-up program with Mark Berman.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BUBBLES: DECEMBER 28 | 11AM & 2PM
Sue the Bubble Lady transports guests to a wonderful world of bubbles. See bubbles that change shape, turn square, walk a tightrope and more!

VENTRILOQUIST SHOW: DECEMBER 29 | 11AM & 2PM
Join ventriloquist David Crone from I’m No Dummy Productions and his cast of quirky characters for a show with a touch of comedy, magic and audience participation.

ROCKIN’ PIRATE MAGIC SHOW: DECEMBER 30 | 11AM & 2PM
Get ready to participate in a magical treasure hunt show with Sedgie the Hedgie, a live hedgehog.

NOONYEAR’S EVE: DECEMBER 31 | 11AM–1PM
Goodbye 2022, hello 2023! Make a party hat, play some games and get ready to dance as we do a celebratory countdown with a one-of-a-kind bubble stomp. So everyone can celebrate, we’ll do it all again with a countdown to 1pm.
16TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION & DISPLAY

ENTRIES DUE NOVEMBER 26–27 | ON DISPLAY DECEMBER 1–31, 2022

This year’s Gingerbread Competition theme is a vintage throwback that allows contestants to celebrate their favorite era (the 50s, ‘60s, ’70s, ’80s and beyond).

Participants can take a trip down memory lane, to design a gingerbread house that’s funky, fresh, hip, groovy, cool, mind-blowing, totally awesome, or wicked!

Enter one of three categories—Youth, Adult or Family/Community Organization. Local judges will award prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category, while guests will vote on the $500 Best of Show prize. All entries must be dropped off on November 26 or 27. Entries will be on display in the Cardinal Health Gallery from December 1-31 for guests to enjoy during admission.

fpconservatory.org/gingerbread-competition

MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY

CHIHULY COLLECTION
AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND | INCLUDED IN ADMISSION

The Conservatory’s Chihuly Collection—the largest permanent collection in a botanical garden—is on view daily. Eighteen installations of stunning glass art are displayed throughout the interior Conservatory.

fpconservatory.org/chihuly-collection

CONSERVATORY HOT SHOP
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022 | INCLUDED WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

The Conservatory’s glass blowing studio hosts daily demonstrations in which artists transform molten glass into art.

fpconservatory.org/hot-shop

TAKE A CLASS

The holidays are all about spending time with loved ones. Take a class with friends and family to share a moment of learning with each other.

A full list can be found on our calendar:
fpconservatory.org/calendar
GIVING TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 29

Pay it forward with a gift to support ho-ho-horticulture for all!

As a part of our nonprofit mission, the Conservatory provides “Community Days” on the first Sunday of each month, with free admission to residents of Franklin County and the City of Columbus. This year for Giving Tuesday on November 29, we’re celebrating 100,000 visitors joining us during a free Community Day!

Make a tax-deductible contribution on Giving Tuesday to help offset the cost of our first Community Day in 2023. Consider giving back to help share our gardens with everyone in our community, regardless of ability to pay. Your donation of even $25 helps us host this “Community-funded Community Day”.

To donate, visit fpconservatory.org/giving

MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY

HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY
An unforgettable holiday party awaits at the Conservatory! Plan a special night out for your friends, family or coworkers by contacting our team. Premium dates and venues are available this holiday season.

614.715.8100 | EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG

“The venue is absolutely STUNNING!”
-Whitney J., Event Host

COMING EARLY 2023

ORCHIDS | January 21–March 12, 2023
Orchids returns to the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse.

ELENA OSTERWALDER | January 21–May 29, 2023
Installation artist and curator, Elena Osterwalder will display a collection of her work in the Cardinal Health Gallery.

BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES | February 25–May 29, 2023
Butterflies soar amid tropical florals and foliage.
CHECK OFF YOUR GIFT LIST AT THE CONSERVATORY

BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE
fpconservatory.org/botanica

GIVE SOMETHING SPECIAL FROM BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE
Botanica offers unique home and garden decor, houseplants, hand-blown glass and much more. Discover something special for everyone!

DESIGN YOUR OWN ORNAMENT | November 19–December 16
Choose from several designs and color combinations.

BLACK FRIDAY SALE | November 25
10% off full-priced items for all visitors.

POP-UP HOLIDAY ORNAMENT SHOP | December 2–4
Shop for hand-blown glass ornaments, local art, and other holiday gifts.

AFTER CHRISTMAS SALE | December 26–January 8, 2023
50% off all holiday-themed merchandise.

GIVE AN EXPERIENCE WITH A CONSERVATORY GIFT CARD
Conservatory gift cards make easy and thoughtful gifts, and recipients can use them to personalize their visit. Gift cards can be used for admission, membership, classes, or at Botanica and the Garden Café.
Contact: tc@fpconservatory.org

GIVE A YEAR OF MEMORIES WITH A CONSERVATORY MEMBERSHIP
Children and adults of all interests can enjoy the many benefits of membership, including a year of free General Admission, reduced Special Engagement Admission, discounts at Botanica and the Garden Café, invitations to special member events and more!
Memberships start at $45. To guarantee delivery by December 25, please make your membership purchase by December 13, 2022.
fpconservatory.org/membership

GIVE IN A LOVED ONE’S HONOR HONOR WITH A TRIBUTE GIFT
In honor or in memory of someone you love spending the holidays with, consider a Tribute Gift to the Conservatory. Tributes of any size are a meaningful gift and support our non-profit mission to connect people with nature and honor the important people in your life.
Make a Tribute Gift today: fpconservatory.org/giving