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**THE CONSERVATORY PARTNERS WITH BOTANICAL GARDENS TO OFFER  
CELEBRITY LECTURE SERIES ON PLANTS, CUISINE & CULTURE**

COLUMBUS, OH – Plants are intimately linked to our cultural identities and food traditions. To explore this connection, Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is partnering with peer institutions to host the virtual class series Plants, Cuisine and Culture. The partnership consists of Chicago Botanic Garden, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Missouri Botanical Garden and Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens.

During these lecture-style classes, renowned chefs, culinary historians, and authors from cultures around the world will discuss how plants shaped their foodways. Four classes in the series have been announced, with additional classes possibly being added.

- Native American Cuisine with Sean Sherman on January 24, 7-8pm EDT
- Hawaiian Cuisine with Sheldon Simeon on March 21, 7-8pm EDT
- Indian Cuisine with Simon Majumdar on May 8, 7-8pm EDT
- African American Cuisine with Toni Tipton-Martin on July 25, 7-8pm EDT

Participants can register through any collaborating institution, resulting in attendance from around the US and the world, strengthening the theme of food plants and their connection to culture. Conservatory registrants are welcome to join a watch party at the Conservatory featuring a social hour, light refreshments and a cash bar.

Registration is \$10 for members and \$12 for the general public. Registration is for individual classes and not for the series as a whole.

For more details, please visit [fpconservatory.org/plants-cuisine-culture](https://fpconservatory.org/plants-cuisine-culture) and follow the Conservatory on [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.*