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MAKE A SPRING ESCAPE WITH *BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES*

Columbus, OH — Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' remarkable annual exhibition, *Blooms & Butterflies*, is scheduled to return on February 25-May 29, 2023. The beloved exhibition is a sure sign of spring to the Central Ohio community.

Blooms & Butterflies features various butterflies from around the world inside the largest indoor biome at the Conservatory: the Pacific Island Water Garden. One of the most popular butterflies is the blue morpho (*Morpho peleides*), a butterfly with large, iridescent blue wings. Approximately 12,000 butterflies will be a part of the exhibition this year, with 700-800 butterflies arriving each week, and 2,500 or so butterflies flying around the Pacific Island Water Garden on any given day.

The butterflies arrive at the Conservatory as chrysalises and are carefully placed inside the Conservatory's Metamorphosis Lab where they are cared for until they emerge. Visitors can view the chrysalises displayed in the lab, learn about the butterfly lifecycle and watch butterflies in various stages of emergence.

Blooms & Butterflies is included in General Admission. Guests should visit during the day for the best experience of the exhibition as butterflies are most active on bright days with clear lighting from the sun. There will be an opening day celebration on February 25 from 11am to 2pm. Make a fairy wand, then head into the Pacific Island Water Garden Biome to get some great pictures with the newly emerged butterflies and costumed Garden Fairies performers. Children are welcome to wear their butterfly or fairy wings.

Members are invited to an exclusive opportunity to experience *Blooms & Butterflies*. The second annual *Blooms & Butterflies* Member Celebration is on Friday, April 28, 2023 from 5:30-8:30pm for members to enjoy two springtime exhibitions during this special event: *Blooms & Butterflies* and *Columbus Blooms*, the annual outdoor exhibition of more than 100,000 tulips, daffodils, pansies and other spring blooms.

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