



Franklin Park Conservatory
and Botanical Gardens

FALL FOR THE CONSERVATORY

Experience the best of autumn at the Conservatory! Immerse yourself in the breathtaking hues of the season, explore outdoor exhibitions, and indulge in fall-themed activities.

Discover all that awaits you in this brochure, featuring an overview of our offerings until mid-November. Each section includes clickable links for further details.

These delightful experiences are made possible by the generosity of our supporters. Join us in witnessing our mission come alive this fall at the Conservatory!

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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

TICKETING:

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

The Conservatory transitioned to a new ticketing and reservation system last year. 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 support!

fpconservatory.org/tickets



HARVEST BLOOMS

ON DISPLAY SEPTEMBER 23–OCTOBER 29, 2023 | INCLUDED IN ADMISSION

Returning this fall to infuse the botanical garden landscapes and containers with the essence of fall: thousands of pumpkins, mums, cabbages and more.

fpconservatory.org/harvest-blooms

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🍂 Colorful foliage is a highlight of fall. Follow along with the fall color tracker: fpconservatory.org/fall-color



EXHIBITIONS & SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS

PUMPKINS AGLOW

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OCTOBER 11–15, 18–22 & 25–29 | 5–9PM

***NEW THIS YEAR! OPEN 5–10PM ON FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**

Fall evenings offer delights and spooky surprises during these after dark, family-friendly events. The Conservatory's grounds are illuminated with hundreds of pumpkins carved by staff, volunteers and members. Visit returning favorites, the gardening skeletons and Pumpkin Houses, and new bewitching displays, the pumpkin tunnel light show and alien invasion.

Stop by the Glass Pumpkin Patch to buy a gorgeous glass pumpkin. Food options will be available from Conservatory dining and local food trucks. Cash bars serving specialty drinks and mocktails will also be available. fpconservatory.org/pumpkins-aglow

PUMPKINS AGLOW ENTERTAINMENT ALL EVENINGS 6–8PM

SPOOKY SAND ART (\$4) • SPIDER SPIN ART (\$3)

LIGHT UP JUGGLING BY MATT JERGENS | October 11–15

WHEEL OF DEATH; CINCINNATI CIRCUS | October 18–22

AMAZING GIANTS SWAY POLE WITCH | October 25–29

THE ALL-INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP!

If you love *Pumpkins Aglow*, *Conservatory Aglow* and *Chihuly Nights*, the Patron membership is the best value for you. Patron members receive unlimited free admission to all Special Engagements for everyone named on your membership and up to four guests! With *Pumpkins Aglow* and *Conservatory Aglow* around the corner, now is the time to upgrade!

fpconservatory.org/membership



FRANKLIN: THE PEOPLES PARK

ON DISPLAY THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 2023

The works of local photographer Steve Harrison document activity in Franklin Park over the last 50 years, from everyday occurrences to historical moments. A collection of these photographs will be on display in the Cardinal Health Gallery.

Harrison began photographing the park in the 1960s when it was a gathering place for young black people. He also captured historical moments in the park from the 1960s to present-day, including Ameriflora and Dick Gregory's Food Run. These moments, preserved as black and white images, are brought together into one gallery for community members to reminisce and reflect. fpconservatory.org/franklin-the-peoples-park

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PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY

ON DISPLAY IN THE GRAND MALLWAY THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2024

All aboard! *The Paul Busse Garden Railway* returns to the Grand Mallway this summer. Guests can make a return trip to their favorite destinations: Fairytale Land, Wild West Town, European Travels and the animal-themed Who Lives Here. Nine g-scale model trains travel across over 1,000 feet of track that runs high and low through the themed destinations. A miniature world of 51 botanical models made from all-natural plant material opens itself up for exploration as the trains whirl around you. Special elements to find include an enchanted tree hollow, two waterfalls and plantings specific to each theme. fpconservatory.org/paul-busse-garden-railway



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BONSAI COLLECTION

AVAILABLE THROUGH LATE OCTOBER | INCLUDED WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

A rotating selection of trees from the Conservatory's Bonsai Collection will be on display in the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse and the Botanical Garden Welcome Patio. The bonsai represents a variety of species and growing styles. fpconservatory.org/bonsai

CHIHULY COLLECTION

AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND | INCLUDED WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

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

fpconservatory.org/chihuly-collection

HOT SHOP & GLASSBLOWING CLASSES

THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 | INCLUDED WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

The Conservatory's glass blowing studio puts on daily demonstrations, artists transform molten glass into finished pieces.

Glassblowing Classes: Studio classes and personal sessions are available on select dates. Advance registration is required!

fpconservatory.org/hot-shop

CHIHULY NIGHT

OCTOBER 7, 2023 | 7-10PM | SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ADMISSION REQUIRED

See the Collection in a whole new light during Chihuly Nights from 7–10pm. The entire Conservatory is open for guests to explore after dark.

fpconservatory.org/chihuly-nights-october

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EXHIBITIONS & SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS

COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

5:30-9:30PM | EVENT TICKETS REQUIRED | 21+ ONLY

NOVEMBER 2 | THROWBACK THURSDAYS ('70S)

Let's boogie! Cocktails at the Conservatory is throwing it all the way back to the '70s. Relive the glory days with revived cocktails, nostalgic snacks, karaoke, decades trivia and more.

DECEMBER 7 | MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

Enjoy holiday-themed cocktails while exploring the beautiful lights during *Conservatory Aglow*. Food trucks and live music will be available along with holiday trivia and access to the entire Conservatory.

\$5 from every ticket sold is donated to the programs that positively impact the community. See event details and reserve tickets:

fpconservatory.org/cocktails





SCOTT'S MIRACLE-GRO FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S GARDEN

AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND | INCLUDED WITH GENERAL ADMISSION

The Children's Garden is part of the year-round Conservatory experience, but educational programming is included through October 1, 2023!

fpconservatory.org/childrens-garden

COMING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



HOLIDAY BLOOMS & CONSERVATORY AGLOW

NOVEMBER 18, 2023–JANUARY 7, 2024

Experience the magic of the holiday season amidst extravagantly themed holiday vignettes featuring hundreds of colorful poinsettias and the famous poinsettia trees. Each night enjoy the gardens as they transform into a wonderland of lights. Never before seen displays, alongside returning favorites, include ornament trees, illuminated topiaries, and the annual gingerbread competition and much more.

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GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

DECEMBER 1–31, 2023

This year's competition theme is **TOYLAND**. From Hot Wheels and Matchbox Cars, to Candyland and the Mystery Date Game, to Barbie's Dream House and American Girl Dolls, to Princess Peach and Mario Kart, every generation has their favorite toys.

Contestants will enter and compete for prizes in one of three categories:

Youth (15 and under), Adult (16 and over)

or Family/Community (mixed ages or unrelated participants).

Entry drop off are due:

November 25–27, 2023; 10am–4pm or 5–9pm

and will be on public display December 1–31, 2023.

fpconservatory.org/gingerbread-competition

BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

This time of year is so lovely. Find merchandise at Botanica that matches the spirit of the season. Shop Halloween & Thanksgiving decorations, weekly shipments of unique plants and spring-blooming bulbs.

fpconservatory.org/botanica

FALL PATIO SALE | MONDAY, OCTOBER 9–27

All outdoor plants, pottery and garden accessories 50–75% off.

HALLOWEEN SALE | OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 5

All Halloween themed items 50% off.

HOT SHOP SALE | NOVEMBER 3–5

Buy one Get One Free Hot Shop Glass Sale – Purchase one piece of Hot Shop glass and receive another of equal or lesser value for free!



MORE TO DO THIS FALL

HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY

EVENT SALES | 614.715.8100 | EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG

Host a wedding or private event at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. The natural beauty of our venues brings a magical ambiance to your event.

“We had an amazing 2-day experience for our administrators. Our Event Specialist was BEYOND accommodating and welcoming to us. Her flexibility and feedback enhanced our experience. The support staff was also accommodating and friendly! It is refreshing to be able to collaborate with a team that also wants a group to have an amazing experience. Customer service top notch!!”

–Diane





TAKE A CLASS

Take horticulture, arts and culinary classes taught by educators & local experts.

- 🍂 **AUTUMN WATERCOLOR POSTCARD** | Wednesday, September 27, 6–8pm
- 🍂 **NEEDLE FELTED PUMPKIN PATCH** | Saturday, October 8, 1–3pm
- 🍂 **FALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** | Tuesday October 17, 6–8pm
- 🍂 **INDIAN APPETIZERS** | Thursday, October 19, 6–8pm
- 🍂 **NOCTURNE PAINTING WORKSHOP** | Saturday, October 28, 1–3pm
- 🍂 **MACRAME PLANT HANGER** | Sunday, November 12, 1–3 PM

A full list can be found on our calendar: fpconservatory.org/calendar

MORE TO DO THIS FALL



TEEN CORPS AT THE CONSERVATORY

With the support of our volunteers, the Conservatory grows and harvests nearly 3,000 pounds of produce each year! In addition to supplying this fresh produce to our neighborhood food pantries, 24 Columbus teens were able to get their hands dirty, tending their own community garden bed while building leadership skills this summer by working in the Farmers Market. For many Teen Corps members, this is their first exposure to gardening, sustainability, and even certain vegetables. But, the education does not stop with teens! The Growing to Green program, the 47 garden plots in the Community Garden Campus, and our Communal Garden education series provide ample opportunities for community members to create dialogue around urban gardening and grow more 'good' in our community.

"I was a member of Franklin Park Conservatory's Teen Corps program during the summer of 2021.

Working at FPC ignited my passion for plants...You were instrumental in my decision to study horticulture in college."

-Teen Corps Graduate



You can make experiences like these possible, year-round. Consider making a gift today to continue educational and nutritional abundance in our community.

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