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HARVEST BLOOMS 2023 BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Columbus, OH — Fall is full of beauty, and nothing captures the spirit of the season quite like *Harvest Blooms* at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. This horticultural exhibition is on display daily from September 23 through October 29, 2023.

Harvest Blooms sees the botanical gardens and container gardens filled with rich horticultural displays composed of thousands of pumpkins, gourds, mums and cabbages. In addition to these displays, visitors will discover that both pumpkin houses have returned and are joined by a larger-than-life cornucopia and a magnificent pumpkin tree. Primarily located in the outdoor gardens, elements of *Harvest Blooms* are visible in the Grand Atrium, the Grove rooftop garden and Paul Busse Garden Railway.

One of the most beloved parts of fall in Central Ohio is the colorful foliage. Color changes happen throughout the season, and "peak foliage" usually arrives mid- to late-October, depending on weather and temperature. Visitors looking for fall leaves to accent their *Harvest Blooms* experience should follow along with the Conservatory's <u>Fall Color Report</u> online and on social media.

While at the Conservatory for *Harvest Blooms*, visitors can see the indoor plant <u>collections</u>, the <u>Chihuly Collection</u>, <u>Paul Busse Garden Railway</u> and <u>Franklin the Peoples Park</u>. Harvest Blooms is also on view during <u>Pumpkins Aglow</u>, a Special Engagement on select evenings in October.

Harvest Blooms is presented by Fahlgren Mortine. Guests are encouraged—but not required—to reserve tickets in advance. For more details, please visit fpconservatory.org/harvest-blooms and follow the Conservatory on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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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.