

## 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

### HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES:

The Conservatory is open every day during the holiday season except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

November 18, 2023, through January 7, 2024, General Admission will end at 4pm and the Conservatory will close to visitors. The Conservatory will re-open at 5pm for *Conservatory Aglow*.

*Conservatory Aglow* will be closed on December 7 for an adults-only Cocktails at the Conservatory event.

### VISITING:

For the best experience, all guests are asked to comply with the listed safety and operational policies:

[fpconservatory.org/visit](https://fpconservatory.org/visit)

### 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.

[fpconservatory.org/tickets](https://fpconservatory.org/tickets)

## GIVING TUESDAY

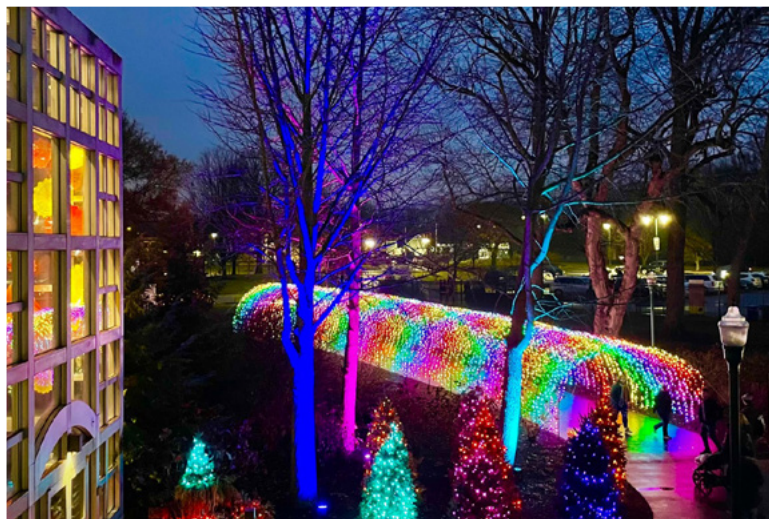
*"A magnifying glass, with it everything looks close!"*

-HeadStart Student

Help us get closer to a world that celebrates nature as essential to the human experience!

Support us this Giving Tuesday, November 28, as we work to provide free admission and immersive learning to 960 Columbus school students. This opportunity provides learner-led observation and experimentation that is personal with nature

[fpconservatory.org/2023GivingTuesday](https://fpconservatory.org/2023GivingTuesday)







## CONSERVATORY AGLOW

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2024

5–9PM NIGHTLY & 5–10PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER

Join us as the gardens and interior biomes transform into a wonderland of lights and experiences. Explore captivating new displays, including mesmerizing lights synchronized with holiday melodies, immersive light installations, outdoor illuminated games, a lively dance celebration, and a retreat to festive igloos for an assortment of tabletop games.

These fun new additions are featured alongside returning favorites, including the ornament trees, the Whirly Tree by Tork Inc., the life-size gingerbread house, and the magical train display of the *Paul Busse Garden Railway*. Guests can buy refreshments from rotating dining options and cash bars and cross off their gift list at Botanica Gift Shop & Greenhouse.

[fpconservatory.org/conservatory-aglow](http://fpconservatory.org/conservatory-aglow)

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## HOLIDAY EXHIBITIONS



## CONSERVATORY AGLOW ENTERTAINMENT:

**ALL PERFORMANCES ARE INCLUDED WITH SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ADMISSION**

The Amazing Giants, with their talented troupe of acrobats, stilt walkers and variety entertainers will roam the outside experience on select nights during *Conservatory Aglow*. Performances will vary by night, with each night featuring a pair of performers who will entertain the crowd as mirrored dancers, acrobats, stilt walkers, roller skaters, LED jugglers, and penny farther riders.

***Conservatory Aglow* Amazing Giants Roaming Entertainment nights include:**

Sat., Nov. 18, 6–8pm	Mon., Dec. 18, 6–8pm	Tues., Dec. 26, 6–8pm
Fri., Nov. 24, 6–8pm	Tues., Dec. 19, 6–8pm	Wed., Dec. 27, 6–8pm
Sat., Nov. 25, 6–8pm	Wed., Dec. 20, 6–8pm	Thu., Dec. 28, 6–8pm
Sat., Dec. 2, 6–9pm	Thu., Dec. 21, 6–8pm	Fri., Dec. 29, 6–9pm
Sat., Dec. 9, 6–9pm	Sat., Dec. 23, 6–9pm	Sat., Dec. 30, 6–9pm

**CONSERVATORY AGLOW MUSICAL PERFORMANCES SELECT DATES AT 7PM**

**SCIOTO VALLEY CHORUS** | Friday, December 1

**IMANI & HALLE** | Friday, December 8

**MOLLY WINTERS DUO** | Saturday, December 8

**BYRDEN STRING QUARTET** | Friday, December 15

**URBAN STRINGS COLUMBUS YOUTH ORCHESTRA** | Friday, December 22

**ALEX BURGOWNE QUARTET** | Sunday, December 31





## MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHTS

**NOVEMBER 20–22 | 5–9PM**

Members receive free admission to *Conservatory Aglow* November 20–22 and 50% off for the rest of the 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](https://fpconservatory.org/member-holiday-party)

## HOLIDAY EXHIBITIONS



### ICE SKATING AT THE CONSERVATORY

**NEW THIS YEAR! DECEMBER 1–14 ONLY | 5PM-CLOSE NIGHTLY**

Early December *Conservatory Aglow* nights bring extra value as Franklin Park Conservatory adds a public ice skating rink to the nighttime experience. This additional amenity is brought to you through generous support by Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation. The rink is synthetic ice, so will operate regardless of the outside temperature. Guests can bring their own skates, or borrow some from the on-site inventory. The Ahlum & Arbor Ice Rink is limited in capacity to about 60 guests skating at a time and will operate on a first come, first served basis.

### HOLIDAY BLOOMS

**ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2024**

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](https://fpconservatory.org/holiday-blooms)



#### HOLIDAY BLOOMS MUSICAL PERFORMANCES SELECT DATES AT 2PM

**VAUD VILLITIES, VOCALITIES** | Sunday, November 19

**FLUTASIA** | Saturday, November 25

**COLUMBUS CELLO CHOIR** | Sunday, November 26

**COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHOIR** | Thursday, December 2

**GRACE NOTES** | Sunday, December 3

**BLUE KIDS ON THE BLOCK** | Saturday, December 9

**ABOVE THE NOISE** | Sunday, December 10

**THE COLUMBUS CHORUS** | Saturday, December 16

**LADIES OF LONGFORD** | Sunday, December 17

**COLUMBUS RINGS: RING OUT!** | Saturday, December 23



## GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

**ENTRIES DUE NOVEMBER 25–27 | ON DISPLAY DECEMBER 1–31, 2023**

This year's Gingerbread 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. This year's Gingerbread Competition theme is to create an entry that celebrates your all time favorite toy.

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 between **November 25-27** and will be on display in the Cardinal Health Gallery from December 1-31.

[fpconservatory.org/gingerbread-competition](https://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](https://fpconservatory.org/chihuly-collection)

### CONSERVATORY HOT SHOP

**THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 | INCLUDED WITH GENERAL ADMISSION**

The Conservatory's glassblowing studio hosts daily demonstrations in which artists transform molten glass into art. Studio classes and personal sessions are available on select dates. Advance registration is required!

[fpconservatory.org/hot-shop](https://fpconservatory.org/hot-shop)



### PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY

**ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 7, 2024**

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](https://fpconservatory.org/paul-busse-garden-railway)



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# HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Family-friendly programming is included with admission and does not require pre-registration unless otherwise noted.

[fpconservatory.org/calendar](http://fpconservatory.org/calendar)

## **SWEET TURKEYS: NOVEMBER 22 | 11AM–2PM**

Make a turkey-shaped treat and listen to a story about the turkey that got away (\$5 per edible treat). Advance registration required.

## **CREATE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE: NOVEMBER 24 | 11AM–4PM**

Enjoy a fall walk to the Wells Barn for some gingerbread fun! Create a mini house with graham crackers, icing and candy (\$10 per house kit). Advance registration is required.

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: DECEMBER 2–3 & 9–10 | 8AM–12PM**

Katie's pancakes will be on-site flipping pancakes for you to "catch" your breakfast! Enjoy all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, real orange juice or coffee: and a visit with the big guy himself, Santa!

[VIEW MEMBER & NON-MEMBER PRICING HERE](#)

## **SANTA & HIS REINDEER: DECEMBER 16 & 17 | 6–8PM**

Don't miss this meet and greet with Santa and his live reindeer! Visit with Santa and get an up-close look at his furry friends. *Special Engagement ticket required.*

## **HANUKKAH CELEBRATION: DECEMBER 11 | 5–7:30PM**

Open to all, this special *Conservatory Aglow* evening, presented in partnership with the Jewish Community Center, will celebrate Hanukkah the "Festival of Lights." Through kids crafts, activities and entertainment guests can learn more about the traditions surrounding Hanukkah. Musical guests include Mark Rossio and Josh Warshawsky. The event will culminate with a 7pm lighting of the Menorah.

## **FROZEN SISTERS: DECEMBER 9 | 11AM–1PM**

Watch the frozen sisters perform on ice, followed by a meet & greet with opportunities to get your picture taken with this famous duo.

## **CELEBRATE KWANZAA: DECEMBER 26 | 11AM & 2PM**

Tony West and The Imani Dancers celebrate the first day and principal of Kwanzaa, Umoja (unity) with a performance featuring the vibrant style of West African drumming and dance.

## **REALM OF THE REPTILE: DECEMBER 27 | 11AM & 2PM**

Marissa Hall shares the captivating world of reptiles in this memorable experience. Get an up-close look at some reptile friends and learn more about what makes reptiles so great!





### **SEDGEWICK THE HEDGEHOG: DECEMBER 28 | 11AM & 2PM**

Erica Carlson: The “Super-Duper” Magic Show featuring Sedgewick the live Hedgehog. It’s a bird! It’s a plane! It’s a ... hedgehog? That’s right... a super hedgehog! Grab your superhero cape and show off your muscles for this comedy magic show featuring Sedgewick, a real live hedgehog! Erica and her crew of heroes will go on an adventure of super duper proportions!

### **THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF BUBBLES: DECEMBER 29 | 11AM & 2PM**

See the wonderful world of bubbles in this engaging one of a kind program! Don’t miss your chance to see Sue the Bubble Lady create bubbles that change shape, turn square, walk a tightrope and more!

### **COMEDY JUGGLER, MATT JERGENS: DECEMBER 30 | 11AM & 2PM**

This international gold medalist juggler will thrill and captivate the audience with his one-man variety show of juggling, stunts, acrobatics, and comedy.

### **COUNTDOWN TO 12...NOON THAT IS!: DECEMBER 31 | 11AM-1PM**

Goodbye 2023, hello 2024! Make a party hat, play some games and get ready to dance as we do a final countdown to noon with a one-of-a-kind bubble stomp. Then, for our late arrivals, we’ll do it all again with a count-down to 1pm.

### **ICE CARVING COMPETITION: JANUARY 5 & 6 | 7-8PM**

Pick a team, Fire (or) Ice, and cheer on your favorite local ice carving professionals as we pit one against the other in a 45 minute throwdown to create an amazing work of art using chainsaws on large blocks of ice. Audience applause will determine the night’s winner.

## **MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY**



### **TAKE A CLASS**

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

- 🍷 **KOKEDAMA PLANTERS** | Wednesday, November 29, 6–7:30pm
- 🎨 **SNOWY LANDSCAPE IN WATERCOLOR** | Monday, December 4, 6–8pm
- 🌿 **WREATH WORKSHOPS** | Tuesday & Wednesday, December 5 & 6, 6–8pm
- 🍷 **SMALL PLATE ENTERTAINING** | Thursday, December 6, 6:30–8:30pm
- 🎨 **INTRO TO ACRYLIC PAINTING** | Saturday, December 9, 1–3pm
- 🌿 **SUCCULENT CHRISTMAS TREE** | Sunday, December 10, 1–3pm
- 🍷 **THE SUSTAINABLE KITCHEN: HOT CHOCOLATE** | Tuesday, December 12, 1–3pm
- 🍰 **CAKE DECORATING: HOLIDAY DRIP CAKE** | Friday, December 15, 6–8pm

A full list can be found on our calendar: [fpconservatory.org/calendar](https://fpconservatory.org/calendar)





## COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

**MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT | DECEMBER 7 5:30-9:30PM | 21+**

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.

Make reservations: [fpconservatory.org/cocktails](https://fpconservatory.org/cocktails)

# HOST YOUR EVENT 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](mailto:EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG)

## WEDDING SHOWCASE

**JANUARY 26, 2024 | 6-9PM | TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE DECEMBER 1**

The Wedding Showcase offers a unique chance to view the Conservatory's distinctive spaces at night. From the rustic-meets-refined Wells Barn to the tropical and historic John F. Wolfe Palm House to the modern chic Grand Atrium and intimate, romantic Veridian, guests will experience each venue's unique aesthetic.

From photographers to event planners, the Conservatory has experience with hundreds of vendors and has curated a selection of top professionals for the Wedding Showcase. These vendors include caterers, florists, DJs, cake designers, event rental companies, tuxedo rental professionals, a bridal boutique, and photo booths.

To learn more, visit [fpconservatory.org/wedding-showcase](https://fpconservatory.org/wedding-showcase)



## COMING EARLY 2024

**ORCHIDS** | January 20-March 10, 2024

*Orchids* exhibition returns in 2024 to bring stunning beauty to the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse.

**BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES** | February 24-July 7, 2024

Butterflies soar amid tropical florals and foliage.



# CHECK OFF YOUR GIFT LIST AT THE CONSERVATORY

## 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](mailto:tc@fpconservatory.org)

## BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

[fpconservatory.org/botanica](http://fpconservatory.org/botanica)

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 17

**BLACK FRIDAY SALE** | November 24

**HOLIDAY GLASS ORNAMENT & GIFT SALE** | December 1–3

**MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY** | November 26

## 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! [fpconservatory.org/membership](http://fpconservatory.org/membership)

Memberships start at \$45. To guarantee delivery by December 25, please make your membership purchase by December 13, 2023.

## GIVE IN A LOVED ONE'S HONOR WITH A TRIBUTE GIFT

Embrace the season of cherished memories and consider making a gift in honor or memory of your loved one. Tributes of any size are meaningful to you and to us, supporting our non-profit mission to connect people with nature and honoring the people most important to you!

Make a Tribute Gift today: [fpconservatory.org/giving](http://fpconservatory.org/giving)

## CONSIDER A MATCHING GIFT

Companies of all sizes match donations their employees make to nonprofit organizations. These “matching gifts” increase your impact and help further connect our community to nature. Reach out to your employer to find out if they have a matching gift policy and double your impact!

