



Franklin Park Conservatory
and Botanical Gardens

SPRING BROCHURE

Allow yourself to bloom! The Conservatory comes alive in spring with vibrant horticulture displays, engaging exhibitions, exciting events, learning experiences, and blissful moments in nature.

This brochure includes an overview of Conservatory offerings through early June. Clickable links are included for more information.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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

Please visit: 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.

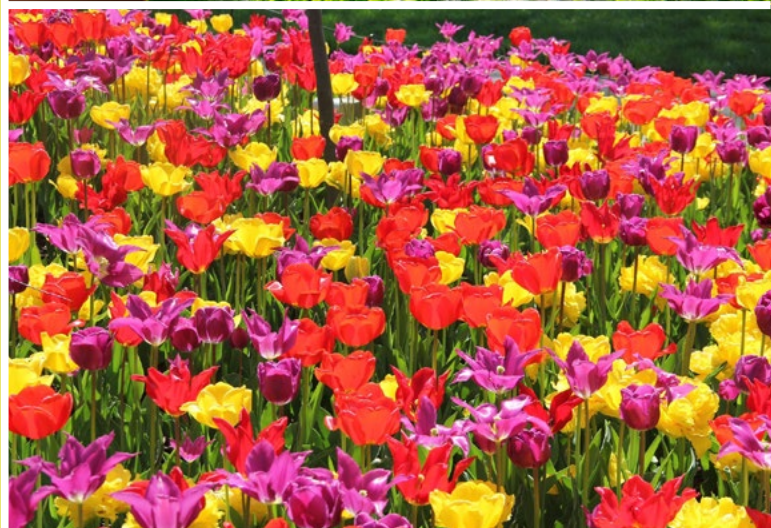
Please visit: fpconservatory.org/tickets

CULTIVATE A CONNECTION TO NATURE

Explore the impact of nature education at the Conservatory with us this year. We invite you to join our Cultivate campaign and help plant the seeds for life-long learning. Your gift offers essential opportunities for our community, whether it involves students on field trips discovering the lifecycle of butterflies, neighbors engaging in free gardening workshops, teenagers preparing meals with vegetables they grew themselves, or families marveling at the bloom of rare plants.

To cultivate a greener future today, visit:
fpconservatory.org/Cultivate24

P.S. Every dollar will be matched if you make your gift by May 15th!



BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

IN FLIGHT THROUGH JULY 7, 2024

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of *Blooms & Butterflies* and stroll amid hundreds of colorful exotic butterflies flying freely through the Pacific Island Water Garden, a warm tropical haven filled with bright nectar blooms. See new butterflies emerge from their chrysalis daily at the Metamorphosis Lab. fpconservatory.org/blooms-butterflies

BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES MEMBER CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | 5:30–8:30PM | RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Members are invited to enjoy the spring exhibitions during this special celebration that features family-friendly activities and refreshments. fpconservatory.org/spring-member-celebration



ON VIEW AT THE CONSERVATORY

COLUMBUS BLOOMS

IN BLOOM THROUGHOUT SPRING 2024

A dazzling celebration of spring! More than 135,000 tulips, daffodils, and pansies throughout the gardens and container displays combine with stars of the botanical garden. Magnolias, lilacs, cherries, viburnum, and thousands of perennials bring an exciting burst of scents and colors after a long winter slumber. fpconservatory.org/columbus-blooms

PRESENTED BY



Spring represents a renewal of hope. It's the perfect time to celebrate or remember a loved one. There are many ways to pay tribute at the Conservatory, including sponsoring bulbs that flower during Columbus Blooms for \$25 for each 5 bulbs. Make a Tribute Gift and specify in the notes if you'd like to sponsor bulbs: fpconservatory.org/tribute

BONSAI COLLECTION

ON DISPLAY THROUGH LATE OCTOBER 2024 | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Trees from the Conservatory's bonsai collection will be on view in the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse and the Bonsai Courtyard until until late October.

fpconservatory.org/bonsai





FUTURE PERFECT: COMPLETION PENDING

ON DISPLAY THROUGH MAY 19, 2023

Join us in celebrating Franklin Art Glass Studio's 100-year legacy, with the exhibition, *Future Perfect: Completion Pending*. On display are works from the 1920's through the present day highlighting unique artistic styles employed by numerous craftspeople who have influenced and driven Franklin's artistic journey. Showcasing the heritage of traditional Munich-style stained glass and symbols Franklin is known for, this exhibition reveals that evolution and progression are a driving force in the artworks created.

fpconservatory.org/future-perfect-completion-pending

WITH SUPPORT FROM



CHIHULY COLLECTION

ON PERMANENT DISPLAY

The Conservatory's Chihuly Collection—the largest permanent collection in a botanical garden—is on view year-round. Eighteen installations of stunning glass art are displayed throughout the interior Conservatory.

fpconservatory.org/chihuly-collection

CHIHULY NIGHTS

APRIL 6 | MAY 4 | SEPTEMBER 14 | OCTOBER 5

7–10PM | SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ADMISSION REQUIRED

Chihuly Nights see the Collection brilliantly illuminated against the backdrop of the interior Conservatory. Guests will enjoy the unique experience of exploring the Conservatory after dark.

fpconservatory.org/chihuly-collection

MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY



HOST YOUR EVENT AT THE CONSERVATORY

EVENT SALES | 614.715.8100 | EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG

Love is always in bloom at the Conservatory! The botanical gardens are a gorgeous location for your special day. Our outdoor venues are perfect for a romantic ceremony, and our indoor venues deliver a destination-style wedding experience. We're booking weddings, receptions and other private events in 2024 and beyond!

fpconservatory.org/host-an-event

COMMUNITY DAYS

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Residents of Franklin County and the City of Columbus receive free General Admission during Community Days. In addition to the Conservatory's daily offerings, many Community Days include activities, live performances and local resources. fpconservatory.org/community-days

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities within the community? Growing to Green's Community Connections program is for anyone interested in volunteering within community garden spaces throughout Central Ohio. Experienced Conservatory staff will be on-site with expertise and guidance. fpconservatory.org/community-connections



FAMILY FUN PROGRAMMING

TULIPS AND TUTUS

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | 11AM–2PM | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Wear your tutu and/or tights to our ballet dance party where you can dance to classical music and make a tulip craft. At 2pm catch a real ballet performance by BalletMet 2.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER CRAFT

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | 11AM–2PM | \$3 PER CRAFT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Decorate a flower Pot and plant a flower for the special person in your life.

MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 12 | 2PM | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

Treat mom to a day out surrounded by the beauty of the Conservatory, and a Mother's Day concert by local fan-favorite jazz singer Kelly Crum Delaveris & Trio. Inspired by her father's collection of records by big band artists and Sergio Mendes, Kelly has been singing professionally since 1978. Concert is included with daily admission.

COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S THEATER

SATURDAY, MAY 18 | 2PM

Bring your blanket and have a seat on the sunshine lawn in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden for the Columbus Children's Theater's open-air presentation of *The Cat in the Hat*. Find yourself transported into the imaginary world of Dr. Seuss. In the event of inclement weather, or a muddy lawn, this performance will be moved inside.





CONSERVATORY EXPLORE NIGHTS

A rare opportunity to explore the Conservatory at night, these special engagement summer themed evenings will feature music, family fun activities, a cash bar for the adults, food trucks and all Conservatory amenities, including the Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden will be open to explore. *Note: The Conservatory will close at 4pm on Conservatory Explore nights to prepare for the evening experience. Special Engagement rates apply.*

fpconservatory.org/explore

UPCOMING CONSERVATORY EXPLORE NIGHTS



MAY: PIRATE PALOOZA

FRIDAY, MAY 31 | 5–9PM | SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ADMISSION REQUIRED

Ahoy ye Hearties! Dress up the family in yer best pirate clothin' 'n come t' the Conservatory for a night o' family fun. Grab yer loot map as ye check in 'n proceed on yer journey in search o' booty 'n fun. Stop by the craft area where ye can make a parrot matey (free) t' take wit' ye on yer journey, 'n make a sand art bottle (\$4). While yer strolling along from 6–8pm ye' may be greeted by the scallywag Cap'n Jack 'n his accordion musiker.

JULY: SUPER HEROS NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, JULY 13 | 5–9PM | SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ADMISSION REQUIRED

Do you have a budding superhero in your household? Break out those superhero costumes and come to the Conservatory for a night of superhero-themed Family Fun. From 6–8pm you can take a ride on the trackless train with costumed superhero characters, try your superhero skills at the pint-sized obstacle course, and draw your favorite superhero while watching chalk artist Lori Hughes create amazing superhero-themed art.

AUGUST: HAWAIIAN LUAU

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 | 5–9PM | SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT ADMISSION REQUIRED

Break out your favorite Hawaiian shirt, mermaid and/or hula costume and join us, as we say goodbye to summer with an awesome family style luau. From 6–8pm kids can make a lei, and get their picture taken with a Mermaid Princess. Then take the entire family over to watch and participate in a traditional polynesian dance performance with Manivic Dance Company, or team up with other guests for a family friendly game of beach ball volleyball.



SCOTT'S MIRACLE-GRO FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S GARDEN

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING APRIL 20–SEPT 29 | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

The Children's Garden is open all year, but educational programming and special guests are scheduled for the spring and summer! Children will discover fun ways to connect with nature during these recurring events and activities centered around a monthly theme.

MONTHLY THEMES

April/May: Sunny Sprouts June: Fantastic Forests
July: A Peek Into The Pond August: Buzzworthy Bugs
September: Ohio's Furry Friends

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Discovery Station | Daily | 10:30am–1pm
Nature Storytime | Tuesdays | 10:30am
Garden Club | Mondays & Wednesdays | June 5–August 31 | 10:30am
Programs will meet in the Learning Pavillion and are weather-dependent.

UPCOMING SPECIAL GUESTS

Please check the website for updates on special guest announcements!

WATER FEATURES

The sandstone creek, life-size waterfall and misting boulders are on April 20–September 29.

fpconservatory.org/childrens-garden



MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY

BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

Like our gardens this season, Botanica is blooming with beauty. Discover something wonderful during General Admission or the next event at the Conservatory. fpconservatory.org/botanica

PLANT OF THE MONTH | April 7

All plants of the month are 10% off for the general public and 20% off for members.

APRIL: Schefflera Arborescens (Umbrella Tree)

MAY: Anthurium (Flamingo Flower)

JUNE: Bonsai

EARTH DAY SALE | April 20 & 21

25% off all garden seeds.

MOTHER'S DAY SALE | May 11 & 12

20% off all outdoor patio plants.





COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

APR 18 | MAY 16 | JUN 20 | JUL 18 | AUG 15 | SEP 19 | OCT 31 | DEC 5
\$35, \$30 FOR MEMBERS | RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | 21+ ONLY

Cocktails at the Conservatory continues with all new themes. These cocktail parties feature free samples from breweries, wineries, and distilleries as well as themed activities, live music, food trucks and prizes all in the most beautiful gardens in Columbus. fpconservatory.org/cocktails

\$5 of every ticket sold is donated to support the Conservatory's nonprofit mission. By attending, guests support programs that benefit their community.

TAKE A CLASS AT THE CONSERVATORY

- 🍷 **COPPER RAIN CHAIN** | Saturday, April 13, 1–3:30pm
- 🍞 **BREAD BAKING** | Saturday, April 20, 3–6pm
- 🍷 **PAPER MARBLING** | Sunday, April 21, 1–3pm
- 🍷 **THE SUSTAINABLE KITCHEN: MEZCAL, MANGOS, & BATS** | Friday, April 26, 6–8pm
- 🍷 **COOKING WITH INVASIVE PLANTS** | Saturday, May 4, 2–4pm
- 🍰 **CAKE DECORATING: FRESH FLOWERS** | Saturday, May 10, 3–5pm
- 🌸 **LEATHER FLOWER BOUQUET** | Saturday, May 11, 12–2pm

A full list of classes can be found at fpconservatory.org/calendar

HOT SHOP & GLASSBLOWING CLASSES

MARCH 29, 2024 - JANUARY 5, 2025

The Hot Shop, the Conservatory's glass blowing studio, is open for the season! Watch daily demonstrations by local artists or register for a personal session or a class, no prior experience required. Spring class offerings include blown hummingbird feeders, blown small vessels, and sculpted paperweights. New this year! A sculpted mushroom paperweight class. Take a three hour personal session, or an Introduction to Glass Blowing six week series class. fpconservatory.org/hot-shop

COMING THIS SUMMER



PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY

ON DISPLAY JUNE 1, 2024–JANUARY 5, 2025

COLOR, FLY, BUTTERFLY

ON DISPLAY JUNE 1–NOVEMBER 17, 2024

THROUGH THE VINES: A SEASONAL JOURNEY

ON DISPLAY JUNE 8–JANUARY 5, 2025