



## FALL 2025 IN THIS ISSUE

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and more!



# ***FALL IN LOVE***

## ***WITH AUTUMN AT THE CONSERVATORY***

Crisp air, vibrant leaves, and unforgettable moments await. Step into a world of seasonal splendor as the Conservatory comes alive with rich fall color, immersive outdoor exhibitions, and festive activities designed to delight all ages.

Inside this magazine, you'll find a curated guide to everything happening now through mid-November—each section includes clickable links to help you plan your perfect visit.

These magical moments are made possible thanks to the generous support of our community. Help us keep the spirit of the season growing—learn how you can support the Conservatory **DONATE TODAY.**





# HARVEST BLOOMS

SEPTEMBER 27–NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Returning this fall, the Conservatory's Botanical Garden will be transformed with thousands of pumpkins, mums, ornamental cabbages, and more—creating a vibrant seasonal display. Guests can explore two charming pumpkin houses, a larger-than-life overflowing cornucopia, and two whimsical “trees” adorned with pumpkins and colorful autumn foliage. It's a magical celebration of the fall season you won't want to miss.

[VIEW HARVEST BLOOMS](#)

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## ***THE CONSERVATORY: FROM ROOTS TO BLOOMS***

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025 – JANUARY 4, 2026

The Cardinal Health Gallery features an interactive exhibit that introduces guests to the North Star Master Plan—a bold vision for the future of the Conservatory. Through immersive displays and digital interactives, guests are invited to journey through the Conservatory's past, engage with its dynamic present, and explore the exciting plans that will shape its next chapter.

This exhibit offers a chance to reflect on personal memories made at the Conservatory and to share feedback on the proposed transformation.

A highlight of the exhibition is a striking mural by Columbus-based artist Shelbi Toone, inspired by the Gardens Forward philosophy at the heart of the North Star Master Plan.

Let your voice be part of the Conservatory's future.

[VIEW THE EXHIBITION](#)



## SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

# PUMPKINS AGLOW

### *VISIT GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH DURING PUMPKINS AGLOW EVENINGS*

Glass blown pumpkins and  
other Halloween and Fall  
themed items created  
by local artists.

**OCTOBER 15-19 | 22-26 | 29-NOVEMBER 2**

**SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT 5-9PM WITH EXTENDED HOURS  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY EVENINGS 5-10PM**

Step into a glowing autumn wonderland at *Pumpkins Aglow*, Franklin Park Conservatory's signature Special Engagement! Discover more than 700 hand-carved pumpkins glowing throughout themed displays—pirates, creepy crawly spiders, under the sea mermaids, and even aliens landing among the leaves. Each pumpkin is creatively carved by our talented Conservatory staff, volunteers and members.

Wander, wonder, and don't miss a photo at the iconic pumpkin house! A variety of nightly food trucks, the Garden Cafe and the Watershed bar will be open. **VISIT PUMPKINS AGLOW**

### **FAMILY FUN ALL EVENINGS | 5:30–8:30PM**

Sand Art (\$5) • Spin Art (\$3) • Stuff-A-Squishie (\$20)

### **ENTERTAINMENT ALL EVENINGS 6–8PM NIGHTLY | 6–9PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

#### **OCTOBER 15–19: AMAZING GIANTS**

Enjoy frightfully fun performances by the sway pole witch and the spider stilt walker.

#### **OCTOBER 22–26: MATT JERGENS**

This international gold medalist juggler has also been seen in many national and local TV spots, including appearances on ABC, MTV, and the Food Network.

#### **OCT 29–NOV 2: CINCINNATI CIRCUS**

Hold your breath while these skilled aerialists from the Cincinnati Circus perform on the amazing Wheel of Death and an exciting Fire Duo.







# FROM THE MINDS OF APPLIED IMAGINATION

*TWO EXCITING EXHIBITIONS ON DISPLAY  
THROUGH JANUARY 4, 2026*

## *Paul Busse* GARDEN RAILWAY

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.

[\*\*VIEW PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY\*\*](#)

## Through *the* Vines

A SEASONAL JOURNEY

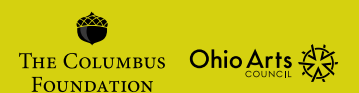
Step into a stunning, seasonal journey with this site-specific installation by Applied Imagination. Wander through vine arches crafted from natural materials, each one bursting with the lights, colors, and sounds of spring, summer, fall, and winter.

[\*\*VIEW THROUGH THE VINES\*\*](#)

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## BONSAI COLLECTION

THROUGH LATE OCTOBER

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

[\*\*VIEW BONSAI COLLECTION\*\*](#)



# 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. [VIEW CHIHULY COLLECTION](#)

# CHIHULY NIGHTS

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT | 7–10PM  
OCTOBER 4 | NOVEMBER 8

### ADD A GUIDED TOUR TO YOUR CHIHULY NIGHT!

Learn more about Dale Chihuly and the Conservatory's Chihuly collection by adding a docent-led tour to your Chihuly Night experience. These 45-minute experiences will walk you through the collection and focus on installations, as you learn about the history of the Chihuly Collection and the incredible contributions that Dale Chihuly has made to the development of glass as an art medium.

### TOURS AVAILABLE 7:30PM AND 8:30PM NIGHTLY

*Pre-registration is recommended as spaces are limited.*

### NEW THIS YEAR!

A rotating line-up of musicians provides entertainment from 8–9pm, while you relax and enjoy exploring the gardens and plant collections:

#### THE SIRENS: OCTOBER 4 | 8–9PM

These Columbus music scene veterans feature the diverse, emotive voice of Kay Harris combined with the bass, drums and guitar skills of Molly Pauken, Jeffery Peters on drums and Pete Cary on guitar. Sirens will present a blended group of songs including funk, pop, rock and jazz.

#### EFLAT JAZZ BAND: NOVEMBER 8 | 8–9PM

Listen to the smooth sounds of this Columbus band. Led by David Dennis on the Sax, Charles Small on keys, Aaron Thomas on bass, and Robert Riley on drums.

[\*\*RESERVE TICKETS\*\*](#)







AMERICAN STRAWBERRY BUSH



BUSH CLOVER



SUGAR MAPLE



CHRYSANTHEMUM



SEVEN SON FLOWER



WHITE OAK



SASSAFRAS



FLOWERING DOGWOOD



OHIO BUCKEYE



GINKGO

## EXPERIENCE AUTUMN'S COLORS AT FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY

Each year, the season transforms our gardens into a living canvas where pumpkins, warm drinks, and cozy sweaters meet brilliant blooms and fiery foliage. Summer lingers as the vivid pinks and purples of American Strawberry Bush and Bush Clover color September before giving way to autumn's rich palette.

White Oak and Sugar Maple glow with amber, red and gold. Flowering Dogwood offers a canopy of crimson leaves with button-shaped buds. Sassafras shifts to deep red, the Ohio Buckeye shines in gold, and the Seven Son Flower creates late-season bouquets on its own.

For your own arrangements, Chrysanthemums bring pastel shades and warmth to any bouquet. As the days shorten, the Ginkgo's brilliant yellow leaves light the way into winter, a reminder that each season holds its own beauty.

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

*Lespedeza thunbergii*  
Bush Clover  
September to October

*Acer saccharum*  
Sugar Maple  
October to November

*Euonymus americanus*  
American Strawberry Bush  
September to October

*Quercus alba*  
White Oak  
October to November

*Sassafras albidum*  
Sassafras  
September to November

*Chrysanthemum sp.*  
Chrysanthemum  
October to November

*Heptacodium miconoides*  
Seven Son Flower  
October

*Aesculus glabra*  
Ohio Buckeye  
October to November

*Cornus florida*  
Flowering Dogwood  
October

*Ginkgo biloba*  
Ginkgo  
November to December





## COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

### MERRY MARTINI

DECEMBER 4 | 5:30-9:30PM

Experience the magic of the *Conservatory Aglow* in an exclusive 21+ setting, where you can explore the dazzling displays while indulging in a selection of martini samples from local distilleries.

**\$35, \$30 FOR MEMBERS**  
**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | 21+ ONLY**

#### PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!

Each ticket includes a \$5 donation to support our mission to connect people to nature and create life-enhancing experiences. By attending, you support programs that benefit our entire community and inspire a love of nature!

**VISIT COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY**

## HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY

EVENT SALES | 614.715.8100  
[EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG](mailto: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.







## LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE CONSERVATORY

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

Cookie Decorating w/Plenty O'Smiles	SEPTEMBER 30
Oktoberfest Charcuterie Board	OCTOBER 1
Cake Decorating: Flowers & Succulents	OCTOBER 3
Nocturnes Film Screening	OCTOBER 10
Leather Leaf Keychain	OCTOBER 11
The Flavors of Diwali	OCTOBER 14
Chefs in the City: A Festive Holiday Dinner	OCTOBER 21
Pumpkin Floral Arrangement	OCTOBER 23
Handmade Pasta & Sauces	OCTOBER 24
Stained Glass Pumpkins	NOVEMBER 15

[\*\*VIEW FULL CLASS SCHEDULE\*\*](#)

## 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!

[\*\*JOIN TODAY\*\*](#)

## SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S GARDEN

**INCLUDED IN ADMISSION**

The Children's Garden is part of the year-round Conservatory experience, but educational programming is included through September! Water features are open through October 5, 2025.

[\*\*VIEW THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN\*\*](#)



# HOT SHOP & GLASS BLOWING CLASSES

THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

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.

Fall class offerings include blown hummingbird feeders, mushroom paperweights, blown small vessels, and sculpted paperweights. Take a three hour personal session, or an Introduction to Glass Blowing six week series class.

[VIEW FULL LIST OF HOTSHOP CLASSES](#)

## 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.

### BOTANICA PLANT OF THE MONTH

20% off for members and 10% off for non-members.

**OCTOBER:** Croton

**NOVEMBER:** Norfolk Pine

### **BOTANICA GLASS PUMPKIN PATCH**

**OCTOBER 3-5 & 10-12, 11AM-4PM**

**AND DURING PUMPKIN AGLOW EVENINGS**

Hundreds of beautiful glass pumpkins and autumn themed items hand crafted by local glass artists will be on display and offered for sale.

### **FALL PATIO SALE**

**THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**

All patio plants and merchandise are 50% off





# COMING SOON

## *HOLIDAY BLOOMS*

NOVEMBER 22, 2025—JANUARY 4, 2026

## *CONSERVATORY AGLOW*

NOVEMBER 22, 2025—JANUARY 4, 2026

