

HOLIDAYS 2026
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Franklin Park Conservatory
and Botanical Gardens

HOLIDAY WONDERS *AWAIT*

Celebrate the season with a visit to Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, where festive displays, botanical beauty and holiday experiences bring wonder to every corner. Discover what's happening through early January and explore the links throughout this magazine to plan your seasonal visit.

HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES

The Conservatory is open every day during the holiday season except for **Thanksgiving Day**, **Christmas Eve** and **Christmas Day**. On December 2 & 3, ***Conservatory Aglow*** will be closed for a 21+ *Cocktails at the Conservatory* event.

From November 21, 2026, to January 3, 2027, General Admission will end at 4pm and the Conservatory will close to visitors. The Conservatory will re-open at 5pm for *Conservatory Aglow*.

SEE ADDITIONAL CLOSURES

TICKETING

The Conservatory recommends guests reserve tickets to guarantee availability of their preferred date and time and for an efficient check-in. For Patron, Benefactor and Monarch Society members, no advance ticket reservations are required for Special Engagements.

RESERVE TICKETS NOW

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GIFT GUIDE



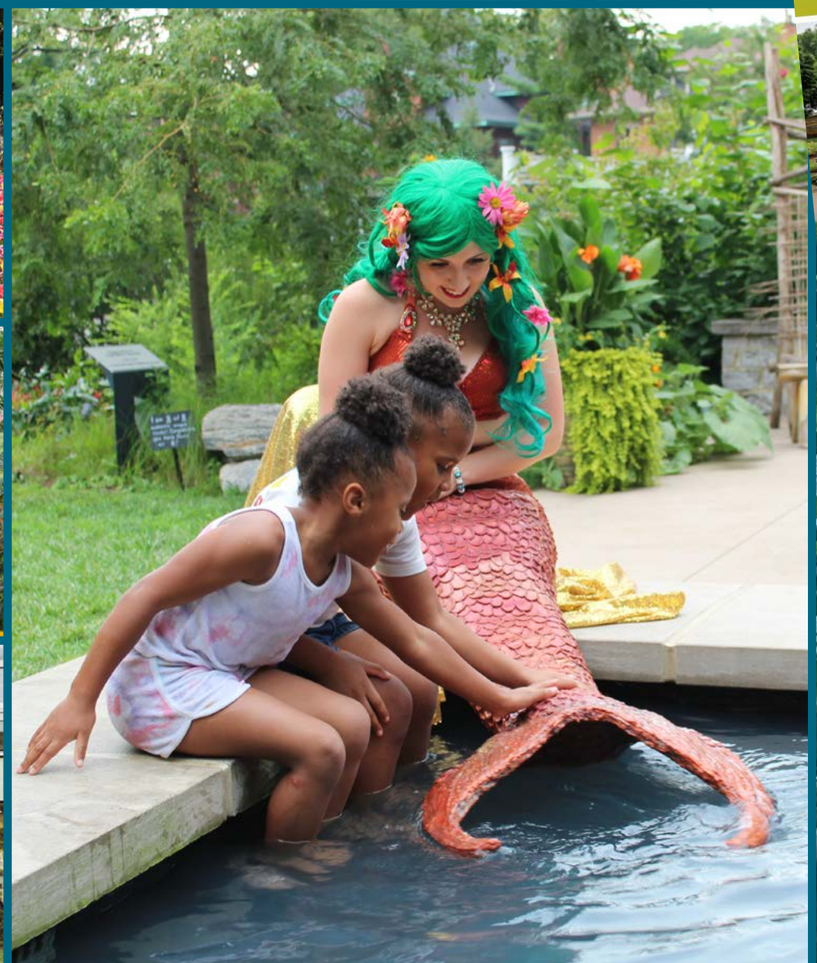


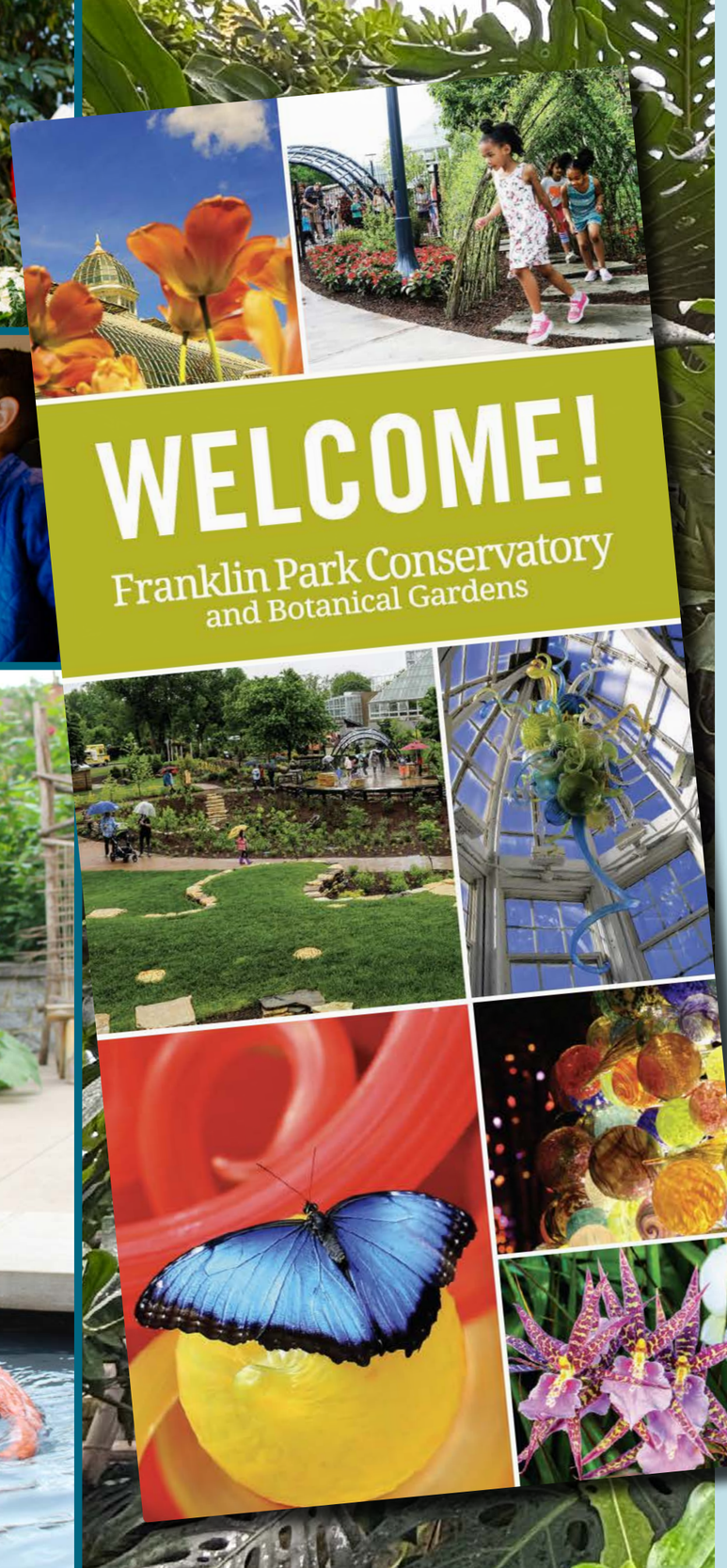














THE *PERFECT* GIFT ALL YEAR LONG!

A GIFT MEMBERSHIP TO

Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Inspire wonder, connect with nature and create lasting memories, the gift that grows all year long!

CONSERVATORY MEMBERS ENJOY

☑ FREE GENERAL ADMISSION
All year long!

☑ EXCLUSIVE MEMBER EVENTS
and discounted tickets to special events

☑ GIFT SHOP DISCOUNTS
and dining perks

☑ INVITATIONS TO MEMBER EXCLUSIVES
like Chihuly Nights, *Pumpkins Aglow* & *Conservatory Aglow*

☑ BEAUTY, INSPIRATION & CONNECTION
with every visit!

GIVE A GIFT THAT BLOOMS

Purchase a gift membership today!
Available in person, online or by phone 614.715.8054.

GIFT A MEMBERSHIP

PLANT SEEDS OF CHANGE

GIVE BY DECEMBER 31

This season, celebrate the power of nature to inspire, connect and strengthen our community. A gift to the Conservatory's Perennial Fund creates life-enhancing experiences for people of all ages, from students and families to community gardeners and lifelong learners. Give by December 31st to help more people learn, grow and connect through nature in the year ahead.

MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFT TODAY

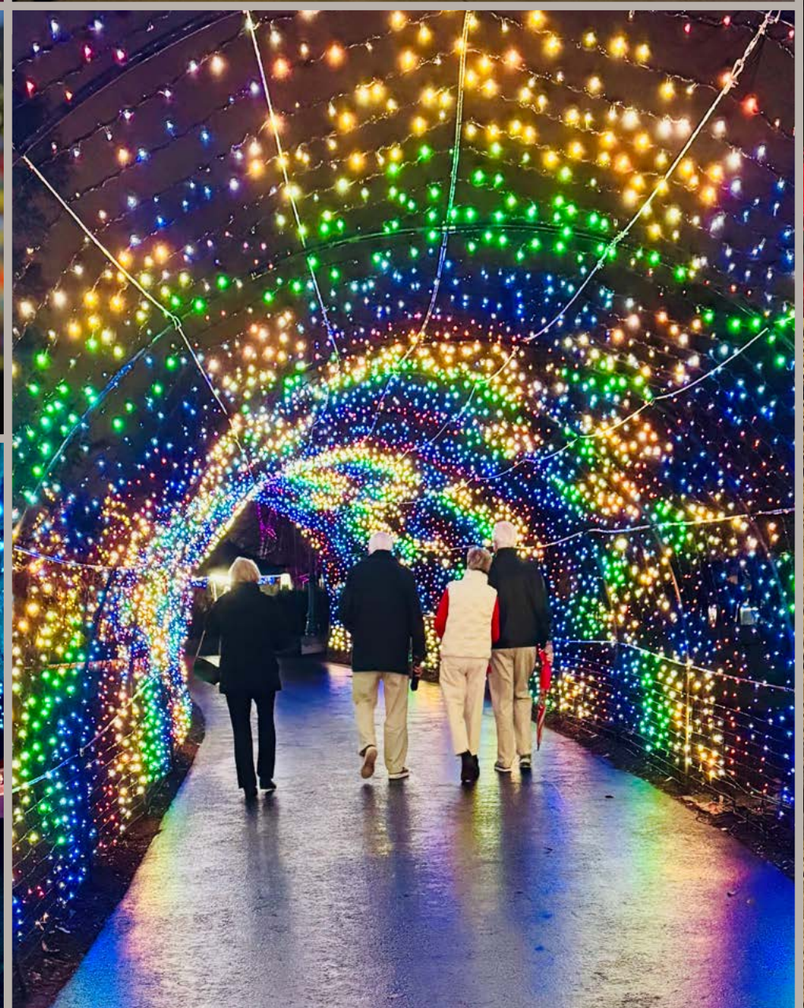
SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT











Conservatory AGLOW

NOV. 21, 2026–JAN. 3, 2027 | 5–9PM

5–10PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER

Step into the holiday wonderland that is *Conservatory Aglow*! Experience the gardens and interior biomes come to life with dazzling lights, a whimsical Whirly Tree by Tork Inc., and a life-sized Candyland board game. Show off your best dance moves at the winter wonderland dance party before moving inside to explore the Conservatory's lush biome spaces filled with lights and themed props that will wow.

These exciting features join returning favorites including festive igloos, games ranging from corn hole to curling, the 100-foot light tunnel. Alongside *Conservatory Aglow*, you can also journey through the four seasons with the *Through the Vines* exhibition and experience our beloved trains at *Paul Busse Garden Railway* in a festive way.

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VIEW EXHIBITION

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHTS

NOVEMBER 23–25 | 5–9PM

Members receive free admission to *Conservatory Aglow* November 23–25 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 NOW!













SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Included with admission, unless otherwise noted.

ROAMING CAROLERS

New this year! Some of Columbus' most beloved musical groups will be caroling while roaming through the outside experience. Performances 6–7pm on select nights during *Conservatory Aglow*.

SWEET ADELINES | November 21 & 22
BLUE KIDS ON THE BLOCK | Friday, December 4
MUSIC MEN & JEN | Saturday, December 5
MAGPIE CONSORT | Sunday, December 6
SCIOTO VALLEY CHORUS | Sunday, December 13
GROVE CITY CHAMBER SINGERS | Sunday, December 20
ARCH CITY BIG BAND | Thursday, December 31

THE AMAZING GIANTS

The Amazing Giants, with their talented troupe of 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, fire jugglers, stilt walkers, and snowflake roller skaters.

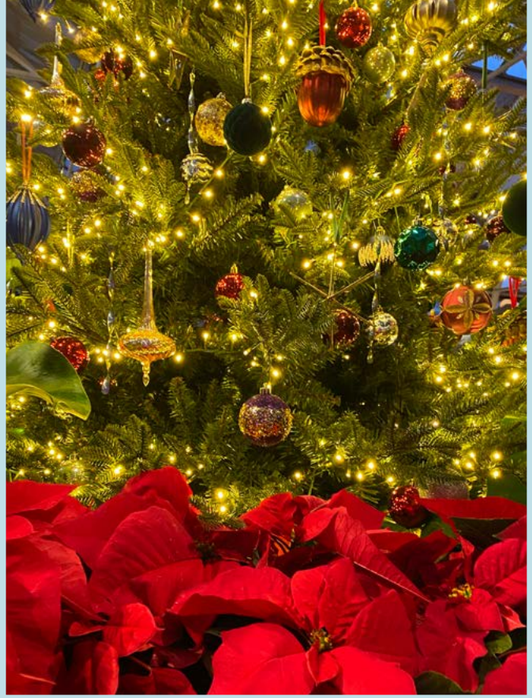
MIRROR DUO | November 20, 23, 24 & 25
REINDEER & SNOWMAN STILT DUO | December 11
CHRISTMAS TREE & NUTCRACKER STILT DUO | Dec. 21
FIRE DUO | December 22 & 26
SNOWFLAKE SISTERS ROLLER SKATES DUO | Dec. 23 & 27

FAMILY FUN

COOKIES W/ SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 & SAT. DECEMBER 19 | 6–9PM
Decorate a holiday cookie with Mrs. Claus and then visit with Santa! $2 per cookie while supplies last.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS







Dale Chihuly, Persian Ceiling (detail), 2003, © Chihuly Studio







HOLIDAY BLOOMS

NOVEMBER 21, 2026–JANUARY 3, 2027

Holiday magic unfolds in new ways this year, with festive experiences reimagined in new spaces at the Conservatory. Featuring hundreds of unique poinsettias, the iconic poinsettia trees, and photo-worthy festive displays, this year's exhibition brings together familiar favorites and fresh seasonal inspiration to celebrate the wonder of the season.

VIEW *HOLIDAY BLOOMS*

19TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

ON DISPLAY DECEMBER 2, 2026 – JANUARY 1, 2027

Back by popular demand! The Conservatory's Annual Gingerbread Competition is returning for its 19th year. This year's competition theme is *Winter Wonderland*. Contestants will enter and compete for prizes in one of three categories: Youth (15 and under), Adult (16 +), or Family/Community. **Entry Drop-off:** Nov 28–29, 10am–4pm or 5–9pm.

GINGERBREAD ENTRY FORM

CHIHULY COLLECTION

AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

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

VIEW ALL CURRENT EXHIBTIONS

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BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

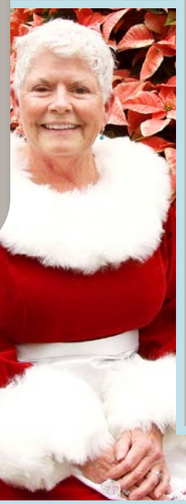
NOV. 28–29 & DEC 19–20 | 8AM–12PM

Chris Cakes pancake catering will be on-site flipping pancakes for you to "catch" your breakfast!

Enjoy all the pancakes and sausage you can eat, mandarin oranges, real orange juice, hot chocolate or coffee; and visit with the big guy himself, Santa!

Advance registration is required; these events will sell out.
Member Pricing: $24 per adult (13+),
$16 per child (3–12) and free for children 2 years or younger.
Check our website for non-member pricing.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA











FAMILY FUN

Included with admission, unless otherwise noted. Some activities require pre-registration in advance.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE:
NOVEMBER 27 | 11AM–3PM
Enjoy a fall walk to the Wells Barn for gingerbread fun! Create a mini house with graham crackers, icing and candy. ($10 per kit). **Advance registration required.**

AFRICAN DRUMMERS:
DECEMBER 26 | 11AM & 2PM
Jason Bouchea, ethnomusicologist and associated faculty at The Ohio State University will be bringing a team of African drummers and dancers. Celebrate the first principal of Kwanzaa: Umoja (unity).

OUT OF HAND ENTERTAINMENT:
DEC 27 | 11AM & 2PM
This international gold medalist juggler will thrill and captivate audiences of all ages with his one-man variety show of juggling, stunts, acrobatics and comedy.

REALM OF THE REPTILES:
DECEMBER 28 | 11AM & 2PM
This team of reptile educators share 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!

OHIO FALCONRY SCHOOL:
DECEMBER 30 | 11AM & 2PM
Learn about one of the most ancient sports, falconry and the amazing birds of prey used in this sport. Visitors will experience personal introductions with falcons, owls, hawks, and buzzards!

NOON YEAR'S EVE:
DEC 31 | 11AM–12PM & 12–1PM
Countdown to 12….noon that is! Goodbye 2026, hello 2027! 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.

VIEW FULL CALENDAR



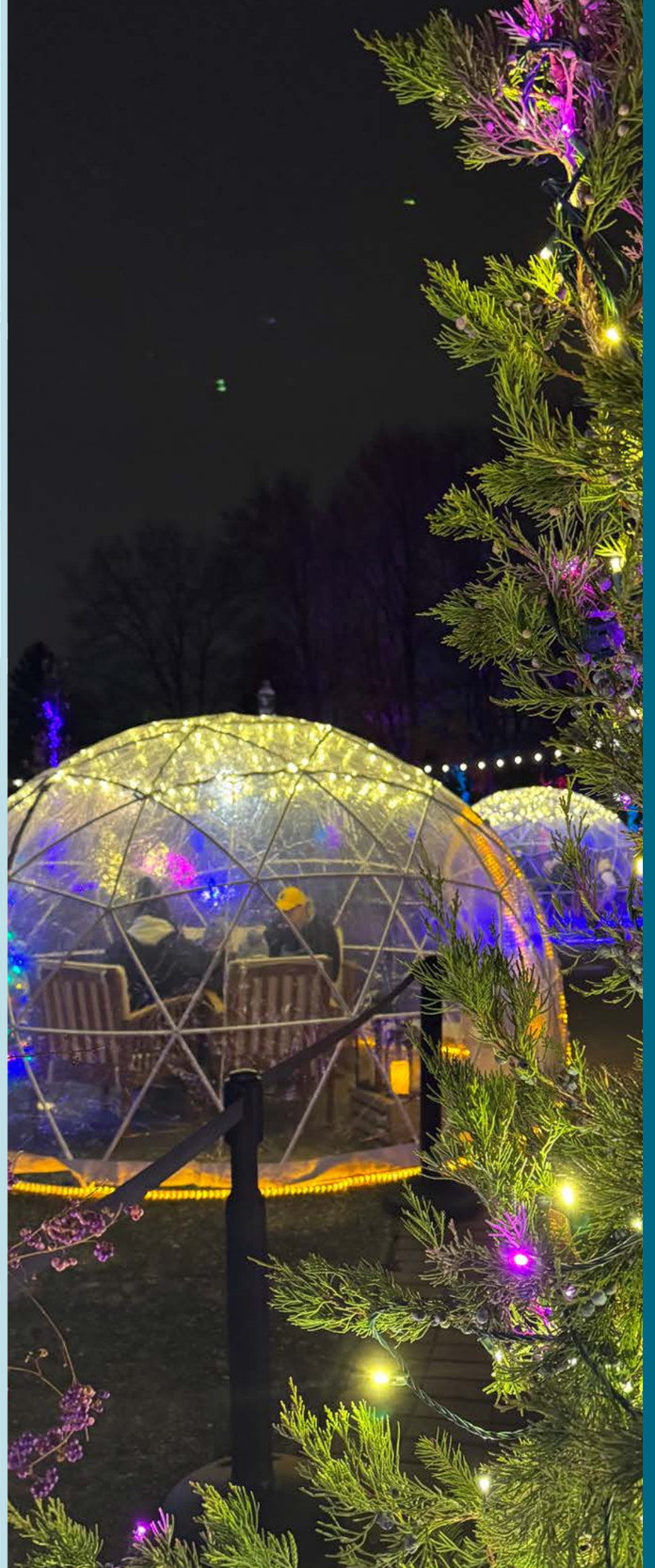












CONSERVATORY AGLOW
PRIVATE IGLOO RENTAL

Make your visit to *Conservatory Aglow* truly magical with a private igloo experience in the Hot Shop Courtyard. Nestled among dazzling light displays, your cozy, heated igloo offers a unique and festive setting for celebrating with friends and family.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Private igloo rental for 3 hours (5:30pm-8:30pm)
- Admission to *Conservatory Aglow* for 6 guests
- Comfortable seating and festive ambiance
- Private bartender

RESERVE NOW

COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY
Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

SLEIGH BELL SIPS

$35, $30 FOR MEMBERS
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | 21+ ONLY
DECEMBER 2 & 3 | 5:30–9:30PM

Gather your friends for the ultimate adults-only holiday tradition! We are celebrating the season with not one, but two nights of 21+ access to the magic of *Conservatory Aglow*.

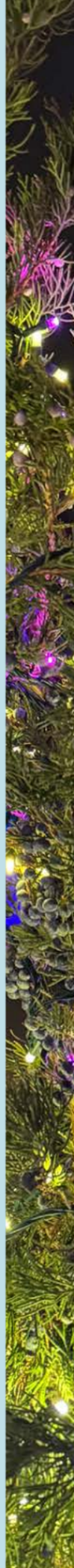
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY!

EVENT SALES | 614.715.8100
EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG

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.

BOOK NOW



















BOTANICA
GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

PLANT OF THE MONTH
20% off for members and 10% off for non-members.



NOVEMBER: PEPEROMIA
DECEMBER: NORFOLK PINE

GLASS ORNAMENT SALE
DECEMBER 11–13 & 18–20 | 24-25 (11AM-4PM)
& DURING *CONSERVATORY AGLOW* EVENINGS
Shop for beautiful glass ornaments and holiday themed glass items. All of the products for sale are hand-crafted in the Conservatory's Hot Shop and local artists.

MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY: November 29

VISIT BOTANICA

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL
HELP NATURE INSPIRE

Looking for a special way to honor or remember someone who has made a difference in your life this holiday season? A tribute gift is a meaningful way to celebrate their legacy while helping connect people of all ages to nature and create life-enhancing experiences.
MAKE A TRIBUTE GIFT TODAY

















EDUCATION

GIFT AN EXPERIENCE!

Give the gift of a new experience this holiday season! From creative arts and crafts to gardening and culinary classes, discover something new with classes led by Conservatory educators and local experts. It's a fun way to learn something new or give someone a gift they'll love!

FINE ARTS & CRAFTS

Holiday Card Printmaking	DECEMBER 3
Stained Glass Penguin	DECEMBER 10
Stacking Rings Workshop	DECEMBER 19

GARDENING & ENVIRONMENTAL

Gardening For Birds	NOVEMBER 22
Winter Wreath Workshops	DECEMBER 4 & 5
Holiday Floral Arrangement	DECEMBER 11

CULINARY ARTS

Pasta & Bolognese	NOVEMBER 21
Seasonal Veggies & Grains	DECEMBER 13
FORAGED INGREDIENTS: Holiday Cookies	DECEMBER 18

A full list of classes can be found on the online calendar:

VIEW FULL CLASS SCHEDULE

LEARN TO BLOW GLASS

The Conservatory offers a wide arrange of glassblowing classes; including a one-night class experience to create your own glass ornament or small vessel (or) schedule a 3-hour personal session to work one on one with a glass blowing instructor. No prior experience required.

TAKE A CLASS



COMING EARLY 2027:

ORCHIDS

JANUARY 23–MARCH 7, 2027

Orchids returns in 2027 to bring stunning beauty to the Himalayan Mountain, Rainforest, and Desert Biomes.

INTERCONNECTED

BY JOAN CLARE BROWN

JANUARY 9–MAY 2, 2027

Located in the Cardinal Health Gallery, Ohio-based mixed-media artist Joan Clare Brown uses porcelain to explore connection, growth, memory, and the ways living beings support and transform one another over time. Balancing the material's fragility with its permanence, Brown's sculptural forms reflect on vulnerability, resilience and the enduring traces of personal experience and shared relationships.

BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

FEBRUARY 20–JULY 4, 2027