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**FIND A GIFT FOR EVERYONE THIS HOLIDAY AT FRANKLIN PARK
CONSERVATORY**

Columbus, OH—Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens serves as a one-stop-shop for your gift-giving needs this holiday season. With a wide selection of membership levels, a plethora of education class offerings, and unique treasures in Botanica Gift Shop, finding the perfect gift for your loved ones is a (tropical) breeze.

The gift that gives all year long is a membership to the Conservatory. Memberships begin at \$35 and provide discounts in Botanica and the Garden Café, as well as invitations to exclusive member previews and parties. New and dynamic art- and horticulture-based exhibitions are on display each season, making the Conservatory a unique destination throughout the year. Stroll among thousands of tulips, crocuses, daffodils and more during the Spring Color Showcase; enjoy a display of hardy and tropical bonsai trees each summer; witness autumnal colors come alive during the Fall Mum Display; and take solace in the beauty and serenity of the *Orchids* exhibition each winter.

For the life-long learner on your list, purchase a gift certificate for education classes in the areas of culinary arts, gardening and horticulture, fine arts and crafts and health and wellness. For budding chefs, a culinary class at the Conservatory provides comfort in the kitchen as well as access to healthy and delectable recipes. Art-lovers will enjoy the diversity of fine art classes offered, from crafting a paper orchid to painting large-scale botanical watercolors. Gardening classes give students hands-on instruction from Conservatory horticulturists on topics such as bonsai tree care and landscape design. Health and wellness students learn relaxation and restoration techniques that ultimately benefit mental and physical well-being. Visit fpconservatory.org for a full listing of class offerings.

Botanica Gift Shop and Greenhouse specializes in distinctive, locally-made goods that honor the Conservatory's mission to connect people with nature. Whether it's home décor, seasonal plants, cards, kitchenware or jewelry, each item celebrates botanical beauty. Botanica also offers children's books, toys and novelties. Stunning glass artwork created in the Conservatory's Hot Shop is also for sale in Botanica. Every December, shoppers have the opportunity to design their own one-of-a-kind hand-blown glass ornament to adorn their tree or to give as a gift. Templates to design your own ornament can be found at fpconservatory.org.

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Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens offers botanical collections, art and nature-based exhibitions, plant shows, and educational programs for all ages. Situated in an 88-acre urban park, the Conservatory features the historic 1895 John F. Wolfe Palm House and 83,000 square feet of glasshouses, classrooms, and meeting and event spaces. The Conservatory owns a signature collection of glass artwork by Dale Chihuly. Light Raiment II, a permanent installation by internationally recognized light artist James Turrell, illuminates the John F. Wolfe Palm House every evening from dusk until dawn.