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## Winners Announced for 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Gingerbread Competition at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

Columbus, OH—Winners were announced for Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens' 7<sup>th</sup> annual Gingerbread Competition. The competition, a focal point of the Conservatory's annual *Merry & Bright* holiday exhibition, received more than 40 entries in 4 categories. *This year's theme was Holiday Favorites: Books, Movies, and Activities.*

### Youth Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: *Jingle Bells* by Carson Spears, Dublin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *A Flower Garden Journey* by Daisy Troop 2081, Dublin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *The Nutcracker Land of the Sugar Plums* by Elizabeth Campbell, New Albany

### Teen Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: *Baby Jesus* by Marissa Garber, Tipp City
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* by Matthew Garber, Tipp City

### Adult Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: *Charlie Brown Christmas* by Cynthia Ottairo & Lisa Farrell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *God Bless Us Everyone: A Christmas Carol* by Amy McClure, Powell
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *Snow Day* by Bonnie Abbott, Columbus

### Family Division:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* by The Rigsby/Conkel Families, Waverly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: *A Charlie Brown Christmas* by The Miller Family, Gahanna
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: *Shrek the Halls* by The Shaner Family, Worthington

Judges of the competition included Jane Hawes, Editor of Columbus Parent, and Tom Wood, Gardening Expert with NBC4.

First place winners received \$100 gift card to the Conservatory, second place winners received a one-year family membership, and third place winners received four admission tickets to the Conservatory. Visitors to Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens are encouraged to vote for their choice of Best of Show, who will receive a \$500 cash prize. All entries remain on view through January 5, 2014.

### About *Merry & Bright*:

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Through January 5, 2014. This annual holiday celebration features a joyous display of seasonal foliage, thousands of twinkling lights, a whimsical fairytale-themed model garden railway, and charming gingerbread house display. Live music, family entertainment and special events are scheduled throughout the holiday season. Visit [www.fpconservatory.org](http://www.fpconservatory.org).



### **About Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens**

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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. Franklin Park 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.

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