



Franklin Park Conservatory  
and Botanical Gardens

## A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

Create unforgettable summer memories with your friends and family at the Conservatory. From vibrant gardens to captivating exhibitions, inspiring art, and exciting events, there's something for everyone to explore. With so much to discover, you may find yourself returning for multiple visits!

This brochure provides an overview of our offerings through September, with clickable links for further details in each section.

## MEMBERSHIP

Members will make the most out of the summer season thanks to free General Admission, half-off Special Engagement admission, exclusive events, garden center perks, reciprocal admission and more!

Most memberships pay for themselves in only 2–3 visits.  
Join today: [fpconservatory.org/membership](https://fpconservatory.org/membership)

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### VISITING:

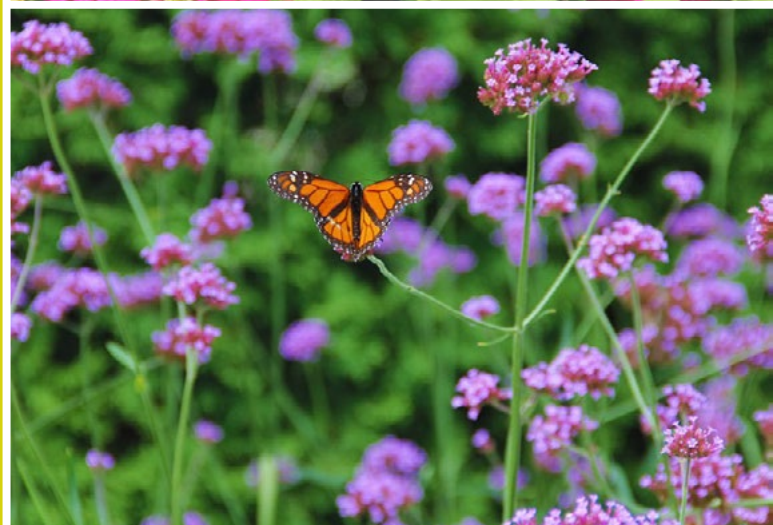
For the best experience, all guests are asked to comply with the listed safety and operational policies.

[fpconservatory.org/visit](https://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.

[fpconservatory.org/tickets](https://fpconservatory.org/tickets)



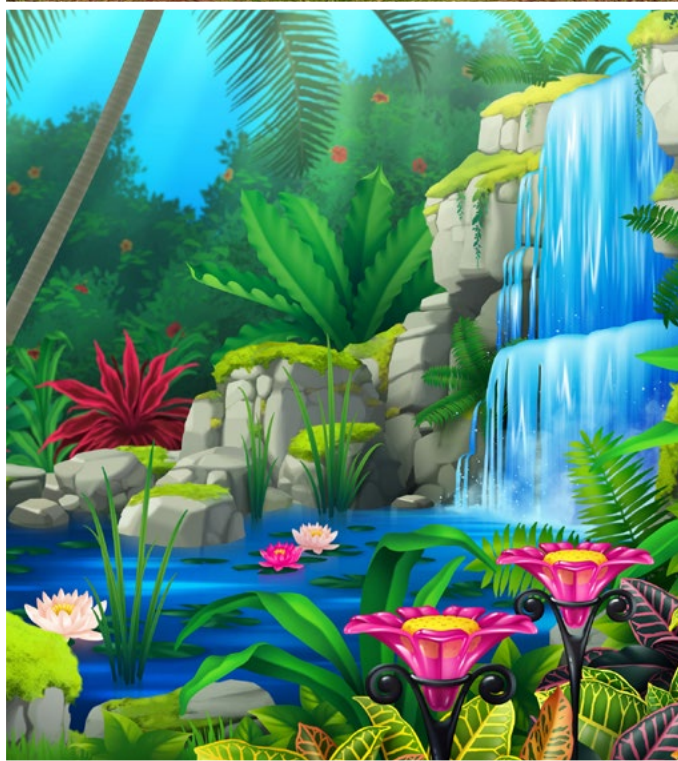
## PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY

ON DISPLAY THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2025

All aboard! *The Paul Busse Garden Railway* returns to the Grand Mallway. Explore four unique botanical themes on an enchanting and immersive scale, from Fairytale Land and Wild West Town to animal-themed models in Who Lives Here and European Travels.

Guests will wind their way through a miniature world of 51 botanical models made from all-natural plant material gathered in fields and forests near and far. Whirling overhead and below, the nine G-scale model trains move along the elegant shape of the track which totals 1,122 feet.

[fpconservatory.org/paul-busse-garden-railway](https://fpconservatory.org/paul-busse-garden-railway)



## COLOR, FLY, BUTTERFLY

JUNE 1–NOVEMBER 17, 2024

The Cardinal Health Gallery will experience its own metamorphosis into an immersive butterfly coloring experience which invites guests to color their own butterfly and watch the butterfly creation come alive in the illustrated Pacific Island Water Garden. Select and color a butterfly at a coloring station then scan the page at the kiosk to release the butterfly into the digital environment. Watch as the butterfly flutters around the garden and swoops down for a snack on a nearby flower! [fpconservatory.org/color-fly-butterfly](https://fpconservatory.org/color-fly-butterfly)

## THROUGH THE VINES: A SEASONAL JOURNEY

JUNE 8 2024–JANUARY 5, 2025

A site-specific installation created by the artists at Applied Imagination will invite guests to explore the lights, sights, and sounds of the four seasons with a series of vine arches made of natural plant materials. Pass through the lively bright blooms of spring, transition to the warmth and vitality of summer, wander through the rich hues and crisp air of fall and then finally experience the tranquility and serene beauty of winter. Explore the ever-changing tapestry of nature's cycle within this captivating exhibit installation. [fpconservatory.org/through-the-vines-a-seasonal-journey](https://fpconservatory.org/through-the-vines-a-seasonal-journey)

# SUMMER EXHIBITIONS AT THE CONSERVATORY

THE SUMMER EXHIBITIONS ARE MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO



WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM



## CONSERVATORY EXPLORE NIGHT: SUPERHEROES NIGHT OUT

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT RATES APPLY | SATURDAY, JULY 13 | 5-9PM

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.  
[fpconservatory.org/conservatory-explore-nights-super-heros-night-out](https://fpconservatory.org/conservatory-explore-nights-super-heros-night-out)



## CONSERVATORY EXPLORE NIGHT: HAWAIIAN LUAU

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT RATES APPLY | SATURDAY, AUGUST 10 | 5-9PM

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 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.  
[fpconservatory.org/conservatory-explore-nights-hawaiian-luau](https://fpconservatory.org/conservatory-explore-nights-hawaiian-luau)



# SUMMER AT THE CONSERVATORY

## COMMUNITY DAYS FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

FREE ADMISSION FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY & COLUMBUS RESIDENTS

Experience the Conservatory's daily offerings, plus many Community Days include activities, performances and local resources.

[fpconservatory.org/community-days](https://fpconservatory.org/community-days)

## HOT SHOP & GLASSBLOWING CLASSES

THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 | DEMONSTRATIONS INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION

The Hot Shop, the Conservatory's glass blowing studio, is open for the season! Watch daily demonstrations or register for classes and personal sessions.

[fpconservatory.org/hot-shop-classes](https://fpconservatory.org/hot-shop-classes)

### HOT SHOP STUDIO CLASS PROJECTS:

Humming Bird Feeders, Sculpted Glass Paperweights, Sculpted Mushrooms  
Ornament Suncatchers, Pride Paperweights, Blown Ice Cream Bowl, Pumpkins



## COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

5:30–9:30PM | \$35, \$30 MEMBERS | RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | 21+ ONLY

You're invited to golden hour drinks in the gardens! These themed cocktail parties feature free samples from local breweries, distilleries, and wineries as well as entertainment, live performances and food trucks at the most beautiful venue in the city.

[fpconservatory.org/cocktails](https://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.*

**JUNE 20** | *Camp Conservatory*

**JULY 18** | *Reds, Whites, and Booze*

**AUGUST 15** | *Sustainable Sipping*

**SEPTEMBER 19** | *Prost to Oktoberfest*

**OCTOBER 31** | *Booze in the Garden*

**DECEMBER 5** | *Jingle Brews*



## MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY

### BONSAI COLLECTION

**ON DISPLAY THROUGH LATE OCTOBER 2024 | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION**

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

[fpconservatory.org/bonsai-collection](https://fpconservatory.org/bonsai-collection)

### SUMMER BLOOMS & BEYOND

**ON VIEW THROUGH EARLY SEPTEMBER 2024 | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION**

Experience lush, colorful, summer seasonal blooms throughout the gardens and within hundreds of mixed containers and hanging baskets. Two topiary elephants, living art from the Conservatory's topiary collection, are featured in the Grand Mallway, and the cardinal and pot of gold return to The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation Children's Garden.

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### CHIHULY COLLECTION

**ON PERMANENT DISPLAY | INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION**

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](https://fpconservatory.org/chihuly-collection)



## HOST YOUR EVENT AT THE CONSERVATORY

EVENT SALES | 614.715.8100 | [EVENTSALES@FPCONSERVATORY.ORG](mailto: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](https://fpconservatory.org/host-an-event)



## SUMMER EVENTS

### FARMERS MARKET

EVERY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5–SEPTEMBER 11 | 3:30–6:30PM

Shop seasonal produce, plants and artisanal goods while supporting local businesses and the Conservatory's Teen Corps! Located in the Wells Barn parking lot, vendors accept EBT with the Ohio Direction Card and offer Produce Perks incentives. [fpconservatory.org/farmers-market](https://fpconservatory.org/farmers-market)

### POLLINATOR PALOOZA

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 | 11AM–3PM | FREE

Celebrate pollinators and all they do for our ecosystems with the Conservatory and local partners. This day of learning and fun takes place in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Community Garden Campus.

[fpconservatory.org/pollinator-palooza](https://fpconservatory.org/pollinator-palooza)

### GREEN DRINKS

THURSDAY, JULY 25 | 6–8PM | FREE | CASH BAR AVAILABLE

Join Green Columbus at our monthly Green Drinks event to learn practical ways you can reduce food waste, save money, and help the planet! See friends, network with like-minded people, and enjoy a cooking demonstration on how to repurpose food scraps and get the most out of your food. Learn about food package recycling, composting at home, food waste drop-off locations in Franklin County, and other resources available through the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). You will leave informed and hungry for more! [fpconservatory.org/events/green-drinks](https://fpconservatory.org/events/green-drinks)

### PROMUSICA SUMMERFEST

AUGUST 8 & 9 | 6–8PM | FREE

Join ProMusica for two free concerts in the Grand Mallway! Spend a magical evening in the gardens, with world-class orchestral performances each night against the backdrop of the illuminated John F. Wolfe Palm House.

[fpconservatory.org/pro-musica](https://fpconservatory.org/pro-musica)



## THE FLUTTER RUN 5K

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30 | 8:30–11AM | REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Join us on June 30th for the inaugural Flutter Run, celebrating 30 years of Blooms & Butterflies at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens! Your participation supports our mission to connect the community to nature through educational, cultural, and social experiences inspired by horticulture. And don't forget the Caterpillar Crawl Kids Run—perfect for children 8 and under! Register today to run, flutter, or walk through Franklin Park and contribute to a greener, more connected future. Let's make a difference together—one step at a time.

[fpconservatory.org/the-flutter-run](http://fpconservatory.org/the-flutter-run)



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## SCOTT'S MIRACLE-GRO FOUNDATION CHILDREN'S GARDEN

**INCLUDED IN ADMISSION**

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

[fpconservatory.org/childrens-garden](http://fpconservatory.org/childrens-garden)

### MONTHLY THEMES

**JUNE** | *Fantastic Forests*

**JULY** | *A Peek Into The Pond*

**AUGUST** | *Buzzworthy Bugs*

**SEPTEMBER** | *Ohio's Furry Friends*

### RECURRING PROGRAMS

**DISCOVERY STATIONS** | Daily | 10:30am–1pm

**NATURE STORY TIME** | Tuesdays | 10:30am

**GARDEN CLUB** | Mondays & Wednesdays, June 5–Aug 28 | 10:30am

### UPCOMING SPECIAL GUESTS

**WORTHINGTON JAMMERS** | June 2, July 7 & August 17 | 11am

**REALM OF THE REPTILE** | July 20 | 11am

**THE BUG MAN** | August 4 | 11am

**AUTHOR AMY GRACE ULMAN** | August 24 | 11am

### WATER FEATURES

The Sandstone Creek, The Waterfall and Misting Boulders are open through September 29.





## BOTANICA GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

It's growing season and Botanica is always receiving new shipments of plants! Summer gardening essentials are also in stock, plus home goods, art and more. [fpconservatory.org/botanica](http://fpconservatory.org/botanica)

### PLANT OF THE MONTH!

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

**JUNE:** Bonsai **JULY:** Bromeliad **AUGUST:** Calathea **SEPTEMBER:** Dracaena

### TERRARIUM SPOTLIGHT | JUNE 15 & 16

20% off all premade terrariums and terrarium supplies.

### HOT SHOP BOGO | JULY 27 & 28

Glass art made in the Hot Shop is buy one get one free. Does not include glass blown that day.

### SHOP LOCAL | AUGUST 24

10% off all made-in-Ohio food products.

### BULBS SALE | SEPTEMBER 21–22

20% off all spring blooming bulbs.

# MORE TO DO AT THE CONSERVATORY



The Conservatory regularly offers a variety of classes focused on horticulture and gardening, fine arts & crafts and food & drinks. All classes are taught by Conservatory educators and local experts.

## SELECTION OF UPCOMING CLASSES

- 👩🍳 **CHEFS IN THE CITY: SPRING DINNER** | Tuesday, June 11
- 👩🍳 **BONSAI WATERCOLOR** | Thursday, June 13
- 👩🍳 **BONSAI DEMYSTIFIED** 2 WEEK SERIES | Saturdays, June 15 & 22
- 👩🍳 **SOGETSU** | Tuesday, June 18
- 👩🍳 **COMMUNITY GARDEN SIP & STROLL** | Thursday, July 11
- 👩🍳 **COLLAGE DATE NIGHT** | Sunday, July 14
- 👩🍳 **PRESERVING, CANNING & PICKING** | Thursday, July 18
- 👩🍳 **FERMENTED BEVERAGES: KOMBUCHA TO WILD SODA** | Monday, August 26

Learn more and register for classes: [fpconservatory.org/classes](http://fpconservatory.org/classes)



## 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](https://fpconservatory.org/community-connections)

## SUPPORT THE CONSERVATORY!

**Love what we do at the Conservatory?**

30% of our operations are supported by generous donors like you! Your support keeps us blooming! Consider making a gift today and help us continue to connect the community to nature through educational, cultural, and social experiences inspired by horticulture. Together, we can cultivate a greener, more vibrant future for all.

[fpconservatory.org/get-involved/giving](https://fpconservatory.org/get-involved/giving)

# COMING THIS FALL



## HARVEST BLOOMS

SEPTEMBER 28–NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Returning this fall to infuse the botanical garden landscapes and containers with the essence of fall: thousands of pumpkins, mums, cabbages and more.

## PUMPKINS AGLOW

OCTOBER 9–13, 16–20 & 23–27, 2024

Fall evenings offer delights and spooky surprises during these after dark, family-friendly events. The Conservatory's grounds are illuminated with hundreds of pumpkins carved by staff, volunteers and members.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Tickets will open for Pumpkins Aglow on Tuesday, August 27 at 11am

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Illuminate the night and your organization's presence by sponsoring *Pumpkins Aglow!* With over 30,000 guests annually, our event offers a unique opportunity to showcase your organization's commitment to community engagement and provide an opportunity to engage your associates. Join us in enchanting the whole family with the magical glow of hand-carved jack-o-lanterns and make a lasting impact in our community.

Contact Naomi Merino at [nmerino@fpconservatory.org](mailto:nmerino@fpconservatory.org) to learn more.

