

**FALL 2024  
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Franklin Park Conservatory  
and Botanical Gardens

# FALL FOR THE CONSERVATORY

Experience the magic of autumn at the Conservatory! Dive into the stunning seasonal colors, explore captivating outdoor exhibits, and enjoy a variety of fall-themed activities.

Check out our brochure to see everything we have planned until mid-November. Each section includes clickable links for more details.

These delightful experiences are made possible through the generosity of our supporters. Join us in witnessing our mission come alive this fall at the Conservatory!

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TO SUPPORT  
THE CONSERVATORY**

# HARVEST BLOOMS

SEPTEMBER 28—NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Returning this fall to infuse the Botanical Garden landscapes and containers with thousands of pumpkins, mums, exquisite cabbages and more. Explore and discover two pumpkin houses along with a larger-than-life overflowing cornucopia and two whimsical 'trees' filled with pumpkins and enchanting and colorful foliage. The magic of the fall season can be experienced in an extraordinary way at the Conservatory, and it shouldn't be missed.

[VIEW HARVEST BLOOMS](#)

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 FAHLGREN MORTINE

## ALSO ON VIEW THIS FALL!

### **BONSAI COLLECTION**

THROUGH LATE OCTOBER | 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.

[VIEW BONSAI COLLECTION](#)

### **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. Eighteen installations of stunning glass art are displayed throughout the interior Conservatory.

[VIEW CHIHULY COLLECTION](#)





**VISIT GLASS  
PUMPKIN PATCH DURING  
PUMPKINS AGLOW EVENINGS  
OCTOBER 9-13, 16-20 & 23-27**

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

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

# PUMPKINS AGLOW

**OCTOBER 9-13, 16-20 & 23-27 | 5-9PM**

**\*EXTENDED HOURS FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 5-10PM**

Fall evenings offer delights and spooky surprises during these after-dark, family-friendly events.

The Conservatory's grounds glow with over a thousand pumpkins, carved by staff, volunteers and members. Explore returning favorites like festive skeletons, pumpkin houses, the pumpkin tunnel light show and an expanded alien invasion! Plus, indulge in fun with light-up lawn games and hula hoops that illuminate the night.

Stop by the Glass Pumpkin Patch to buy a gorgeous glass pumpkin. Food options will be available from Conservatory dining and local food trucks. The Watershed cash bar will be serving specialty drinks and mocktails will also be available.

**VIEW  
PUMPKINS AGLOW**

**PUMPKINS AGLOW  
ENTERTAINMENT ALL EVENINGS 6-8PM**

Spooky Sand Art (\$4) • Spider Spin Art (\$3)

LIGHT UP JUGGLING BY MATT JERGENS | October 9-13

LIGHT UP STILT WALKING ROBOT\* | October 16-20

LIGHT UP HULA HOOPERS & AERIAL ACT\* | October 23-27

\*PERFORMANCES BY THE AMAZING GIANTS



# COLOR FLY BUTTERFLY

THROUGH NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Engage in an immersive butterfly coloring experience that invites guests to color their own butterfly and watch the butterfly creation come alive in the Cardinal Health Gallery.

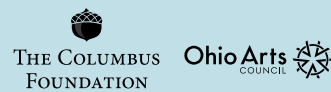
Select and color a butterfly at a coloring station then scan the page at the kiosk to release the butterfly into the digital environment.

**VIEW COLOR FLY BUTTERFLY**

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## UPCOMING VISITOR EXPERIENCES

**SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT EVENING: CHIHULY NIGHT**  
OCTOBER 5, 2024 | 7–10PM

View the Collection in a whole new light! The entire Conservatory is open for guests to explore after dark.

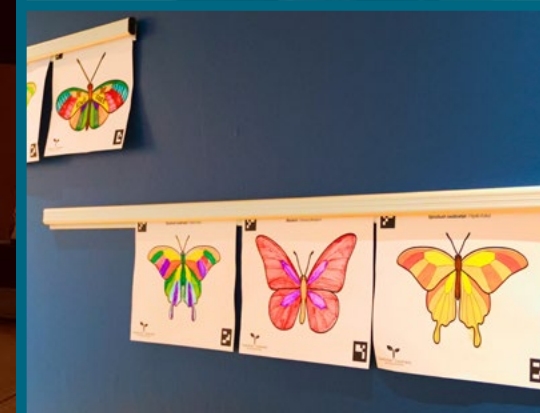
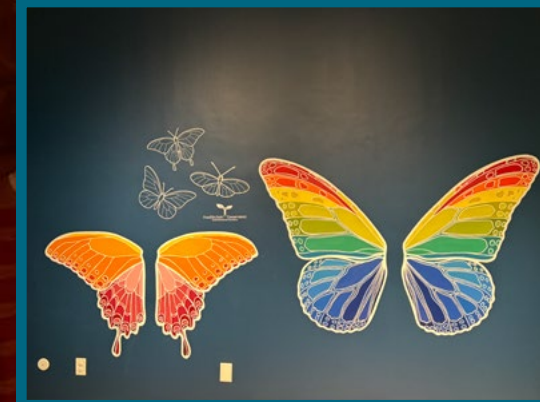
**RESERVE TICKETS FOR CHIHULY NIGHT**

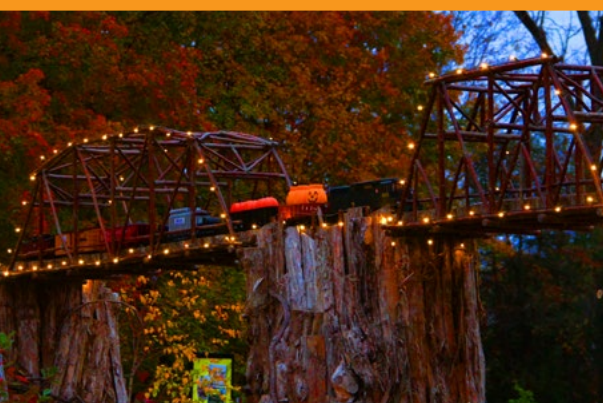
**HOT SHOP & GLASS BLOWING CLASSES**

THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024

The Conservatory's glass blowing studio offers daily demonstrations, included with admission. Make your own glass pumpkin or small vessel in the Hot Shop's Studio classes. Classes sell out fast, sign up today!

**TAKE A HOT SHOP CLASS**





# FROM THE MINDS OF APPLIED IMAGINATION

TWO EXCITING EXHIBITIONS ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2025

## Paul Busse GARDEN RAILWAY

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 that totals 1,122 feet.

**VIEW PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY**

## Through the Vines

A SEASONAL JOURNEY

A site-specific installation created by the artists at Applied Imagination invites 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.

**VIEW THROUGH THE VINES**

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# **BOTANICA** GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

## **BOTANICA PUMPKIN PATCH** **OCTOBER 4-6 | 10AM-5PM**

Glass blown pumpkins and other Halloween and Fall themed items created by local artists. Additional Pumpkin Patch dates during *Pumpkins Aglow*.

*PUMPKINS AGLOW: OCTOBER 9-13, 16-20, 23-27*

## **PUMPKINS AGLOW** **T-SHIRT OR SWEATSHIRT**

Limited edition *Pumpkins Aglow* t-shirt & sweatshirt available for purchase in Botanica and the Pumpkin Patch during *Pumpkins Aglow* evenings.

## **HOT SHOP SALE** **NOVEMBER 9 & 10**

All glass made in the hot shop is 50% off.

## **FALL PATIO SALE** **MONTH OF OCTOBER**

All patio plants and merchandise is 50% off.

## **BOTANICA PLANT OF THE MONTH**

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

**OCTOBER:**  
Monstera

**NOVEMBER:**  
Tradescantia

**VISIT**  
**BOTANICA**





**EVENT TICKETS REQUIRED | 21+ ONLY**

## **BOOZE IN THE GARDEN**

**OCTOBER 31 | 5:30-9:30PM**

Join us for an unforgettable adults-only Halloween filled with eerie delights and spine-chilling thrills. Stroll through the Conservatory grounds at night with spooky cocktails in hand, courtesy of local distilleries. Embrace the spirit of the season by wearing your most creative and spooky costumes, as a thrilling costume contest awaits. Venture into the depths of our spooky haunted house for a pulse-pounding experience that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

## **JINGLE BREWS**

**DECEMBER 5 | 5:30-9:30PM**

Plan a date night for an adults-only winter wonderland. Stroll through the beautiful lights during *Conservatory Aglow* with a cozy, festive beer in hand.

### **PARTY WITH A PURPOSE!**

\$5 from every ticket is a donation to the Conservatory's non-profit mission to connect people and nature.

**SEE EVENT DETAILS AND RESERVE TICKETS**

### **HOST YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY**

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Book your upcoming corporate party, social gathering or wedding celebration for this winter. Inquire for dates and venue available!

**VIEW VENUES NOW!**



## **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!

***VIEW ALL MEMBER LEVELS***

## **LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE CONSERVATORY**

Mezcal, Mangos & Bats	OCT 4
Pressed Flower Cake	OCT 11
Communal Garden: Fall Garden Clean Up	OCT 15
Chefs in the City: French Favorites	OCT 22
3D Pumpkin Cake	NOV 1
Plant Mounting	NOV 7
Collage Party in the Palm House	NOV 10
Thai Style Beef Red Curry	NOV 13
Papermaking Workshop	NOV 17
Wreath Making Workshops	DEC 6

***VIEW FULL CLASS SCHEDULE***

## **SUPPORT CONSERVATORY ACCESS PROGRAMS**

At Franklin Park Conservatory, we believe everyone should have the opportunity to experience the beauty and educational value of our gardens and exhibitions.

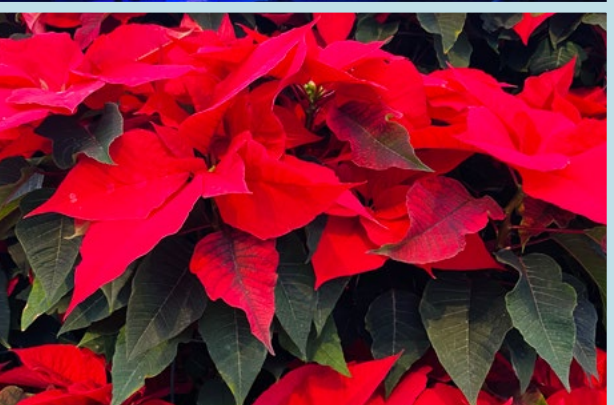
Our access programs ensure that individuals and families from all walks of life can enjoy the Conservatory, regardless of financial barriers. Initiatives like reduced admission rates, free Community Days, and educational outreach to underserved schools are just a few ways we make this possible.

You can make experiences like these possible year-round. Consider making a gift today to ensure the Conservatory remains an accessible asset to our community.

***GIVE TODAY***







COMING SOON

# HOLIDAY BLOOMS & Conservatory AGLOW

OPENING NOVEMBER 23, 2024

Experience the magic of the holiday season amidst extravagantly themed holiday vignettes featuring hundreds of colorful poinsettias and our famous poinsettia trees. Each night enjoy the gardens as they transform into a wonderland of lights. Never-before-seen displays, alongside returning favorites, include ornament trees, our lightshow tunnel, and the annual gingerbread competition and much more.

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18TH ANNUAL  
GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

DECEMBER 4, 2024–JANUARY 5, 2025

Save the dates and start planning your entry! This year's theme is **"INSPIRED BY YOUR FAVORITE ANIMATED FILM."** Whether it's a vintage holiday throwback like Rudolph or Frosty, a Disney or Pixar classic, a Marvel superhero, or video game big screen feature, this year's theme allows contestants to design an entry that celebrates their favorite animated film!

Contestants will enter and compete for prizes in the Youth (15 and under), Adult (16 and over) or Family/Community categories. Entries must be received on Nov 30 or Dec 1, 2024 and will be on public display from December 4, 2024 through January 5, 2025.

[DOWNLOAD ENTRY FORM](#)



PUMPKIN PATCH

