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Franklin Park Conservatory
and Botanical Gardens

THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON

Immerse yourself in holiday magic at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens! Enjoy festive exhibitions, vibrant plant displays and heartwarming programs that inspire joy.

Inside this magazine, you'll find a preview of the seasonal offerings, available through early January. Each section includes clickable links for more details, making it easy to plan your perfect holiday visit.

HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES

The Conservatory is open every day during the holiday season except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

From November 23, 2024, to January 5, 2025, General Admission will end at 4pm and the Conservatory will close to visitors. The Conservatory will re-open at 5pm for *Conservatory Aglow*.

VISITING

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

VISIT KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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!

HOLIDAY BLOOMS

NOVEMBER 23, 2024—JANUARY 5, 2025

We've decked the Conservatory's halls and they're blooming with holiday spirit! Featuring hundreds of unique poinsettias, the poinsettia trees and more, visitors can spend the season amidst themed photo-ready holiday vignettes inspired by classic scenes and storybook moments of the iconic holiday ballet, *The Nutcracker*. **VIEW HOLIDAY BLOOMS**

ENTERTAINMENT ON SELECT DATES, 2PM

WINDS BRILLIANTE | Saturday, November 23
N'SHAI IMAN & THE JERRY POWELL EXPERIENCE | Sat., Nov. 30
MUSIC MEN & JEN | Sunday, December 1
GRACE NOTES | Saturday, December 7
THE COLUMBUS CHILDREN'S CHORUS | Sunday, December 8
BLUE KIDS ON THE BLOCK | Saturday, December 14
ABOVE THE NOISE & STARSTRUCK | Sunday, December 15
LADIES OF LONGFORD | Saturday, December 21
URBAN STRINGS | Sunday, December 22
COLUMBUS CELLO CHOIR—JILL CRIST STUDIO | Sun., Jan. 5

THE 18TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD COMPETITION & DISPLAY

This year's theme is **FAVORITE ANIMATED FILM**. Whether it's a vintage holiday throwback like *Rudolph* or *Frosty*, a Disney or Pixar classic, a superhero or video game feature, this year's theme allows contestants to design an entry that celebrates their favorite animated film!

Enter one of three categories—Youth, Adult or Family/Community Organization. Local judges will award prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category, while guests will vote on the \$500 Best of Show prize. Entries must be dropped off Nov. 30–Dec. 1 and will be on display in the Cardinal Health Gallery Dec 4, 2024–Jan. 5, 2025. **VIEW COMPETITION**





BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

DECEMBER 14,15,21&22 | 8AM-12PM

Katie's Pancakes will be flipping pancakes for you to "catch" your breakfast!

Enjoy all the pancakes you can eat and a visit with the big guy himself, Santa!

*Advance registration is required; these events will sell out.
Member Pricing: \$23 per adult (13+),
\$16 per child (3-12) and free for children 2 years or younger.
Check our website for non-member pricing.*



HOLIDAY PROGRAMMING

Included with admission, unless otherwise noted. Some activities require pre-registration in advance at fpconservatory.org. **VIEW FULL CALENDAR**

SWEET TURKEYS: NOVEMBER 27 | 11AM-2PM

Listen to a story about the turkey that got away, and make a turkey-shaped cookie for a sweet treat (\$5 per edible treat). Advance registration required.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE: NOVEMBER 29 | 11AM-4PM

Enjoy a fall walk to the Wells Barn for some gingerbread fun! Create a mini house with graham crackers, icing and candy. (\$10 per kit). Advance registration required.

THE GREAT DEAN-O: DECEMBER 26 | 11AM & 2PM

A hilarious comedy-magic show geared 100% for children, while providing an unforgettable experience for parents, grandparents, and all guests.

JUGGLER MATT JERGENS: DECEMBER 27 | 11AM & 2PM

This international gold medalist juggler will thrill and captivate the audience with his one-man variety show of juggling, stunts, acrobatics and comedy.

REALM OF THE REPTILES: DECEMBER 28 | 11AM & 2PM

Get an up-close look at some reptile friends and learn more about what makes reptiles so great!

SEDGIE THE HEDGIE: DECEMBER 29 | 11AM & 2PM

Grab your superhero cape and show off your muscles for this comedy magic show featuring Sedgewick, a real live hedgehog!

OHIO FALCONRY SCHOOL: DECEMBER 30 | 11AM & 2PM

Learn about one of the most ancient sports, falconry. You will be speechless when you experience first hand a falcon stooping to a falconer's lure at speeds of up to 60 miles per hour. All participants should refrain from wearing fur, and must remain seated during this presentation.

NOON YEAR'S EVE: DECEMBER 31 | 11AM & 1PM

Countdown to 12...noon that is! Goodbye 2024, hello 2025! 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.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT
Conservatory
AGLOW

NOV. 23, 2024—JAN. 5, 2025 | 5–9PM

EXTENDED TO 10PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER

Step into a holiday wonderland as the gardens and interior biomes come alive with dazzling lights and captivating experiences.

Wander through mesmerizing light displays, dance the night away at our nostalgic 90s-themed party or unwind in cozy festive igloos at the all-new *Ahlum & Arbor Arctic Terrace*. Inside, the magic continues as lights adorn the Conservatory's lush biome spaces.

These exciting new features join returning favorites including the iconic ornament trees, the whimsical Whirly Tree by Tork Inc., the life-size gingerbread house, the enchanting *Paul Busse Garden Railway* and *Through the Vines: A Seasonal Journey*.

VIEW EXHIBITION

PRESENTING SPONSOR



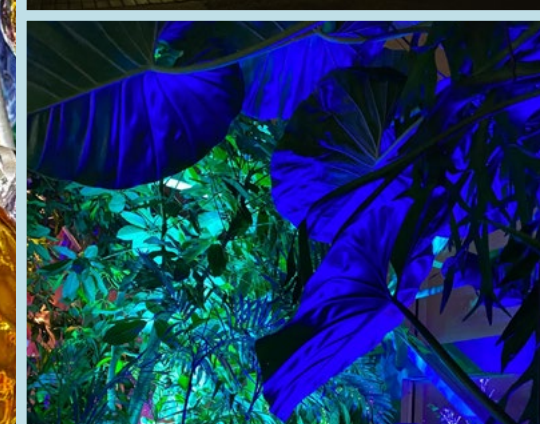
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**MEMBER
APPRECIATION NIGHTS**

NOVEMBER 25–27 | 5–9PM

Members receive free admission to *Conservatory Aglow* November 25–27 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 YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**

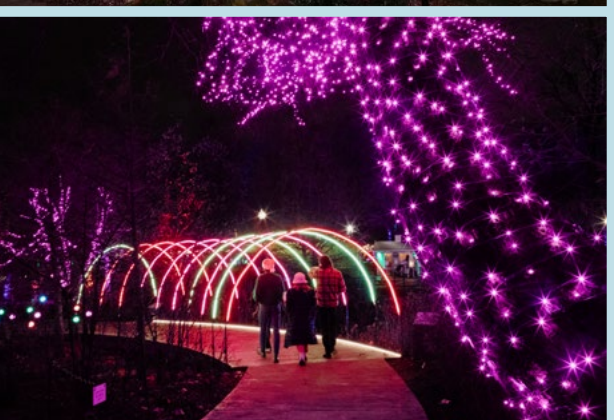




THE NUTCRACKER VISITS

NOVEMBER 23 | 6AM-8PM

The Nutcracker from BalletMet will visit *Conservatory Aglow* to roam with our visitors for photo opportunities!



THE AMAZING GIANTS

The Amazing Giants, with their talented troupe of variety entertainers, will roam the outdoor experience. Performances will vary by night, with each night featuring a pair of performers who will entertain the crowd as mirrored dancers, acrobats, stilt walkers, skaters, LED jugglers, penny farther riders and more!
VIEW ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- SNOWFLAKE DUO | November 22, 25, 26 & 27
- STILTWALKER | November 29, December 13 & 22
- CHRISTMAS TREE SWAY POLE | December 23
- MIRRORED MAN | December 26 & January 3
- PENNY FARTHER | December 27 & 30
- FIRE DUO | December 28
- LED JUGGLER & UNICYCLE | December 29

PROGRAMMING

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MEET SANTA! DECEMBER 20 & 21 | 6-9PM
Don't miss Santa and his live reindeer! Visit with Santa and get an up-close look at his furry friends.

HANUKKAH CELEBRATION: DECEMBER 17 | 5-7:30PM
Open to all, this special *Conservatory Aglow* evening, presented in partnership with the Jewish Community Center, will celebrate the upcoming "Festival of Lights."

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

ON SELECT DATES, 7PM

- MAGPIE CONSORT | Saturday, November 23
- VAUD VILLITIES | Tuesday, November 26
- TRISTA HILL & PHIL MANERI | Saturday, November 30
- COLUMBUS GAY MEN'S CHORUS | Friday, December 6
- GAHANNA COMMUNITY CHORUS | Saturday, December 7
- EFLAT JAZZ BAND | Saturday, December 14
- BRYDEN STRING QUARTET | Sunday, December 15
- ARCH CITY BIG BAND | Tuesday, December 31, 6-9pm

FROM THE MINDS OF APPLIED IMAGINATION

TWO EXCITING EXHIBITIONS ON VIEW THROUGH JANUARY 5, 2025

Paul Busse GARDEN RAILWAY

Decorated with holiday lights, the garden railway is an enchanting holiday destination in the daytime and evenings. Discover the details of the railway while nine G-scale model trains whirl across 1,000+ feet of track. [VIEW PAUL BUSSE GARDEN RAILWAY](#)

Through the Vines

A SEASONAL JOURNEY

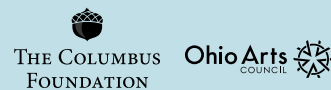
Explore the lights, sights, and sounds of the four seasons with a series of vine arches made of plant materials. Pass through the blooms of spring, the warmth of summer, the rich hues of fall and the serene beauty of winter.

[VIEW THROUGH THE VINES](#)

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ALSO ON VIEW

CHIHULY COLLECTION

The largest permanent collection in a botanical garden is on view daily. Eighteen installations of stunning glass art are displayed throughout the Conservatory.

[VIEW THE CHIHULY COLLECTION](#)

HOT SHOP

The Conservatory's glassblowing studio hosts daily demonstrations in which artists transform molten glass into art. Studio classes and personal sessions are available on select dates. Advance registration is required! [VIEW THE HOT SHOP](#)



WAYS TO GIVE IN THIS GIVING SEASON

GIVING TUESDAY

DECEMBER 3 | *Nurture Bright Futures!*

There is a growing shortage of trained professionals going into the green industry. You can change that this Giving Tuesday, December 3, by supporting the Conservatory's participation in the Ohio International Intern Program with The Ohio State University and providing hands-on experience to an intern at the Conservatory.

CLICK HERE TO GIVE TODAY!

GIVE A YEAR OF MEMORIES

WITH A CONSERVATORY MEMBERSHIP

Children and adults of all interests can enjoy the many benefits of membership, including a year of free General Admission, reduced Special Engagement Admission, discounts at Botanica and the Garden Café, invitations to special member events and more!

Memberships start at \$47.50. To guarantee delivery by December 25, please make your membership purchase by December 15, 2024.

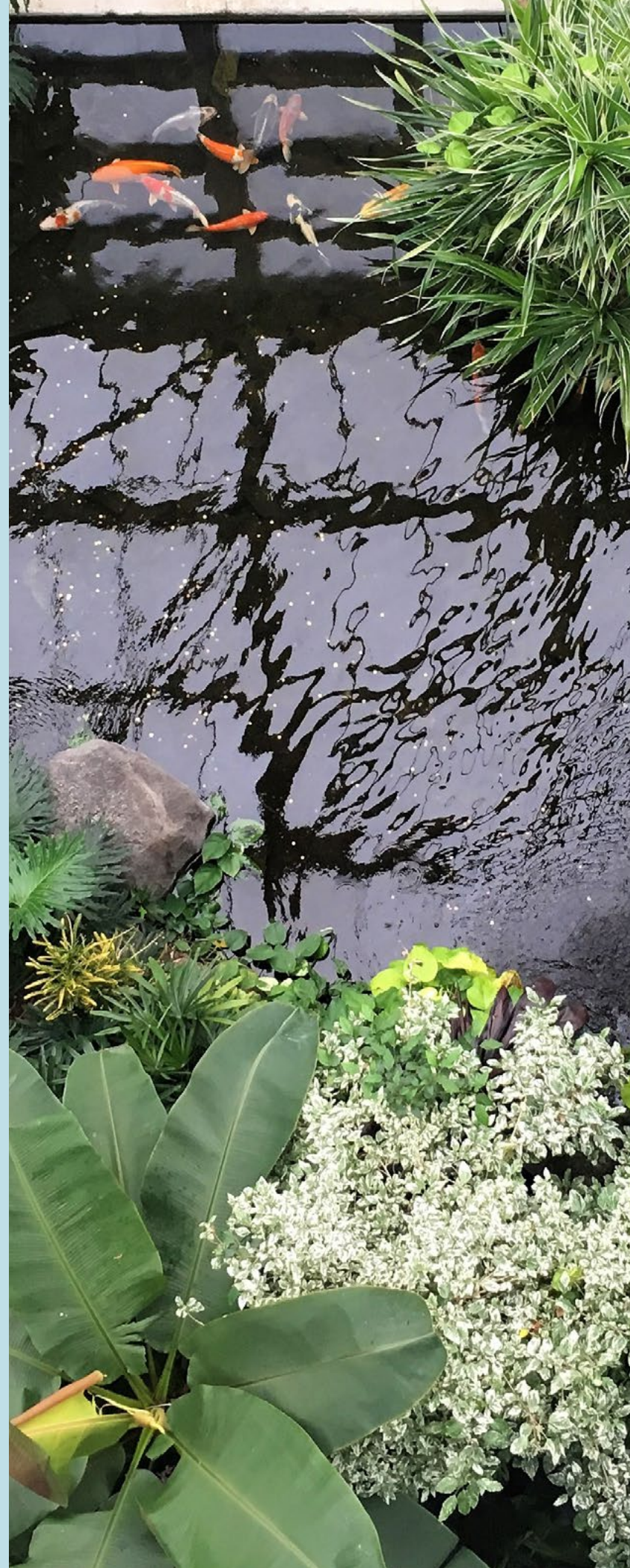
VIEW GIFT MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

GIVE IN A LOVED ONE'S HONOR

WITH A TRIBUTE GIFT

Embrace the season of cherished memories and consider making a gift in honor or memory of your loved one. Tributes of any size are meaningful to you and to us, supporting our non-profit mission to connect people with nature and honoring the people most important to you!

MAKE A TRIBUTE GIFT TODAY





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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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.

WEDDING SHOWCASE

JANUARY 24, 2025 | 6-9PM

The Wedding Showcase offers a unique chance to view the Conservatory's distinctive spaces at night. From the rustic-meets-refined Wells Barn to the tropical and historic John F. Wolfe Palm House to the modern chic Grand Atrium and intimate, romantic Veridian, guests will experience each venue's unique aesthetic.

From photographers to event planners, the Conservatory has experience with hundreds of vendors and has curated a selection of top professionals for the Wedding Showcase. These vendors include caterers, florists, DJs, cake designers, event rental companies, tuxedo rental professionals and photo booths.

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS DECEMBER 2!





BOTANICA

GIFT SHOP & GREENHOUSE

HOLIDAY GLASS ORNAMENT & GIFT SALE NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 1

The Holiday Glass Ornament & Gift Sale returns! 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 or by local artists.

The sale is free to attend during General Admission Nov. 29–Dec. 1; Special Engagement admission is required to shop during *Conservatory Aglow*.

MUSEUM STORE SUNDAY: December 1

PLANT OF THE MONTH

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

NOVEMBER: Tradescantia
DECEMBER: Norfolk Pine

VISIT BOTANICA

LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE CONSERVATORY

Take horticulture, arts and culinary classes taught by Conservatory educators & local experts.

Nuno Scarf	NOVEMBER 24
Stained Glass Pumpkins	NOVEMBER 29
Wreath workshops	DECEMBER 6
Botanical perfumes	DECEMBER 8
Indian Appetizers	DECEMBER 10
Winter Landscape Painting	DECEMBER 13
Foraged Crabapple & Spicebush Tart	DECEMBER 13
Sustainable Kitchen: Sugar Plum Cream Puffs	DECEMBER 14

VIEW FULL CLASS SCHEDULE





COMING UP IN 2025

ORCHIDS

JANUARY 18–MARCH 9, 2025

Orchids exhibition returns in 2025 to bring stunning beauty to the Dorothy M. Davis Showhouse.

COLOR FLY BUTTERFLY

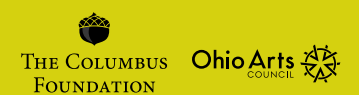
OPENING JANUARY 18

Returning this January in the Cardinal Health Gallery, experience an immersive butterfly coloring activity which invites guests to color their own butterfly and watch the butterfly creation come alive in the illustrated Pacific Island Water Garden.

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BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

FEBRUARY 22–JULY 6, 2025

The annual exhibition's primary attraction is an assortment of butterflies flying freely inside the Pacific Island Water Garden biome.

COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

RETURNING IN 2025

Cocktails at the Conservatory will return in 2025 and we're excited for another round! Bring your friends to the most beautiful cocktail parties in Columbus.

Each themed event features a rotating cast of drink vendors, food trucks, entertainment, live music and more. See the new themes and grab your tickets on November 18! ***VIEW THE NEW THEMES NOW!***

