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and more!*



Franklin Park Conservatory
and Botanical Gardens

WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR!

A new year brings fresh opportunities to reconnect with our values and ourselves. This winter, recharge your spirit at the Conservatory by immersing yourself in nature, spending quality time with loved ones, and discovering something new—all while supporting a vital space for the community.

Inside this magazine is an overview of the Conservatory's offerings through March, complete with clickable links for more details.

BECOME A SUPPORTER

VISITING

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

VISIT KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

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. ***RESERVE TICKETS NOW!***

ORCHIDS

ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 9, 2025

Aloha! Inspired by the beauty of the Hawaiian Islands, Orchids will explore five iconic landscapes that capture the essence of Hawaii's natural beauty. From the towering volcanoes to the lush rainforests, each landscape reflects the unique topography, colorful plant life, and the cultural significance that defines this island paradise. Over 1,800 orchids are on display throughout the Conservatory, showcasing the tapestry of color and textures seen on the islands.

[VIEW ORCHIDS](#)



COLOR FLY BUTTERFLY

ON DISPLAY THROUGH MAY 18, 2025

The Cardinal Health Gallery will experience its own metamorphosis into 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. 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!

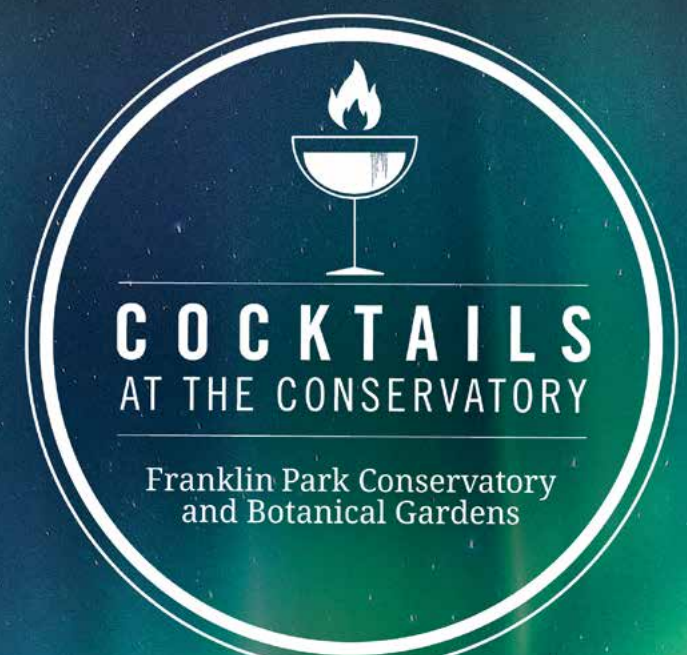
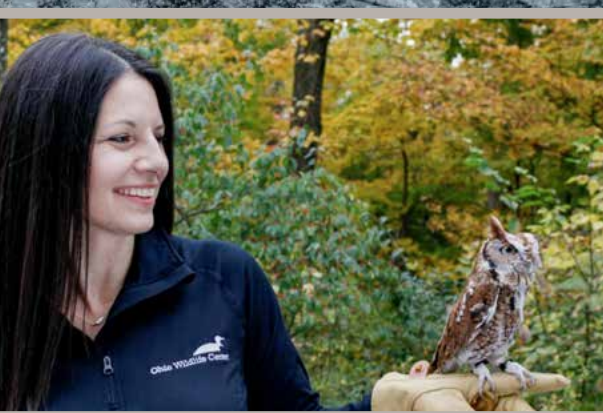
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**COCKTAILS
AT THE CONSERVATORY**

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**FIRE
& ICE**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 | 5:30–9:30PM



**Rock On
ICE**

WINTER ICE FESTIVAL

NEW THIS YEAR! JANUARY 16–20

EVENING EXPERIENCES

COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY: FIRE & ICE
JANUARY 16 | 5:30–9:30PM | 21+ ONLY

Enjoy an ice skating rink and watch the ice carving competition, then stroll the wintry grounds and indoor exhibitions with cocktail samples from local vendors.

WINTER ICE FESTIVAL EVENING SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 & 18 | 5–9PM
Special Engagement evening featuring Fire & Ice, a throwdown ice carving competition from Rock-on-Ice. Public ice skating from 5–9pm. Skates provided or bring your own. *Special Engagement pricing required.*

DAYTIME EXPERIENCES

FAMILY FUN & GENERAL ADMISSION

FROZEN SISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 | 11AM & 2PM
Watch the Frozen Sisters perform on ice, followed by a meet and greet with this famous duo.

PUBLIC ICE SKATING

SUNDAY & MONDAY, JANUARY 19 & 20 | 11AM–4PM
Spend some time outside this long holiday weekend! Super Games synthetic ice skating rink will be on site and open for public skating. Skates provided.

OHIO WILDLIFE CENTER

(SCHOOL'S OUT!)

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 | 11AM–2PM
Make a winter animal craft, then at 11am & 12:30pm meet the wild Animal Ambassadors from the Ohio Wildlife Center.

[VIEW FULL FESTIVAL](#)

CHIHULY COLLECTION

ON PERMANENT DISPLAY

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 biomes and spaces of the Conservatory.

CHIHULY NIGHTS

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT | 7-10PM

JAN 25 | FEB 22 | MAR 15 | APR 12
MAY 10 | SEPT 13 | OCT 4 | NOV 8

ADD A GUIDED TOUR TO YOUR CHIHULY NIGHT!

Learn more about Dale Chihuly and the Conservatory's Chihuly collection by adding a docent-led tour to your Chihuly Night experience. These 45 minute experiences will walk you through the collection and focus on installations, as you learn about the history of the Chihuly Collection and the incredible contributions that Dale Chihuly has made to the development of glass as an art medium.

TOURS AVAILABLE 7:30PM AND 8:30PM NIGHTLY

Pre-registration is recommended as spaces are limited.

NEW THIS YEAR!

A rotating line-up of musicians provides entertainment from 8–9pm, while you relax and enjoy exploring the gardens and plant collections:

KELLY CRUM DELAVERIS: JANUARY 25 | 8–9PM

A fan-favorite among local Columbus jazz fans, visitors will enjoy a collection of big band hits.

HONEY & BLUE TRIO: FEBRUARY 22 | 8–9PM

A blend of pop and soul music is fronted by singer/songwriters Adam Darling and Stephanie Amber.

PEREGRINE QUARTET: MARCH 15 | 8–9PM

Jesse Powers, Ryan Hall, Tiberius Shields and Paul Meeker perform mix of jazz and funky pop.

[VIEW CHIHULY COLLECTION](#)



BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

FEBRUARY 22–JULY 6, 2025

Experience *Blooms & Butterflies* and immerse yourself in the enchanting Pacific Island Water Garden, where hundreds of vibrant exotic butterflies flutter freely in a warm, tropical paradise filled with brilliant nectar flowers. Visit the Metamorphosis Lab to witness new butterflies emerging from their chrysalises every day. [VIEW BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES](#)

FAMILY FUN

Included with admission, unless otherwise noted.

THE BUGMAN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | 11AM–2PM
School's Out! Don't miss your chance to see fan favorite, Mark Berman as he shares his knowledge and excitement about bugs while giving everyone the opportunity to hold his creepy, crawly friends!

BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

OPENING DAY: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 11AM–2PM
A sure sign that spring is on the way is when the butterflies arrive at Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens! Visit opening day and make a special Sand Art butterfly or flower to commemorate the day. \$4 per craft.

SPRING BREAK: FULL CALENDAR LISTING COMING SOON!
With many of the central Ohio school districts on spring break, March 24–28, the Conservatory is planning an entire week of family fun activities. The complete line-up of performances and activities will be available soon at FPCONSERVATORY.ORG.

THE BUBBLE LADY: TUESDAY, MARCH 25 | 11AM & 2PM
Sue the bubble lady transports guests to a wonderful world of bubbles. See bubbles that change shape, turn square, walk a tightrope, and more. You may even find yourself inside a giant bubble!

[VIEW FULL CALENDAR](#)





FRANKLIN PARK CONSERVATORY
Wedding Showcase
 AND BOTANICAL GARDENS

JANUARY 24, 2025 | 6-9PM

Meet premiere vendors while enjoying gourmet hors d'oeuvres, cake samples, cocktails and wedding inspiration! Picture the details of your dream ceremony while immersing yourself in the Conservatory's stunning venues. **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS**

COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

**21+ ONLY | \$35, \$30 FOR MEMBERS
 RESERVE TICKETS NOW!**

Escape to the ISLANDS

FEBRUARY 14 | 5:30-9:30PM

Celebrate love this Valentine's Day at the Conservatory! The vibrant blooms of the *Orchids* exhibition sets the perfect backdrop for a tropical getaway.

MASQUERADE

APRIL 10 | 5:30-9:30PM

Savor craft cocktails from local distilleries among the lush spring greenery of the Conservatory as you enjoy performers and captivating acts, each adding to the mystique of this exclusive gathering.

MORE COCKTAILS AT THE CONSERVATORY

THURSDAY MAY 15: TEQUILA & TAPS

FRIDAY JULY 18: SUMMER SIPS GARDEN PARTY

FRIDAY AUGUST 15: PAWS & PINTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25: FALL FESTIVAL

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4: MERRY MARTINI



LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE CONSERVATORY

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

Botanical Wellness	JANUARY 18
Chefs in the City	FEBRUARY 4
Terrarium Workshop	FEBRUARY 6
Cake Decorating: Pallet Knife Technique	FEBRUARY 7
Creme Brulee	FEBRUARY 9
Hand Tied Bouquet	FEBRUARY 12
Orchid 101	FEBRUARY 15 & 27
Vintage Piped Decorated Cakes	MARCH 7
Collage Party in the Palm House	MARCH 8
Ukrainian Egg Decorating	MARCH 16
Ikebana Sogetsu	MARCH 30

[VIEW FULL CLASS SCHEDULE](#)

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Volunteering will warm your heart this winter. Opportunities are available throughout the organization with the Visitor Experience, Horticulture, Exhibitions and Education departments.

To get started, fill out the online application or contact us for information about current opportunities.

[VIEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#)

FARMERS MARKET

VENDOR APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Farmers, bakers, artisans, food trucks and musicians are invited to be a part of the Conservatory's Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 3:30–6:30pm June 4 through September 10. An application is required but there are no fees to participate!

[VIEW FARMERS MARKET](#)





JOIN THE MONARCH SOCIETY

Spread your wings and make a difference!

Monarch Society is a group of enthusiastic and engaged individuals who support the Conservatory's mission. From unique behind-the-scenes moments and exclusive social events to special member and donor perks, Monarch members will experience a variety of exciting benefits every season of the year.

Just as monarch butterflies are a symbol of transformation, when you join the Monarch Society you create transformational change at the Conservatory that supports our education, outreach, arts and culture, and horticulture offerings while ensuring our programming is constantly improving and accessible to all.

To join or learn more, contact Marly Coldiron,
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[VIEW MONARCH SOCIETY](#)

COMING SOON:

COLUMBUS BLOOMS

SPRING 2025

A dazzling celebration of spring! More than 140,000 tulips, narcissus and other stars of the season bloom throughout the gardens and container displays.

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