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### **Phipps Announces Line-Up of Major Shows and Events for 2016**

*Premier Pittsburgh public garden offers beauty, inspiration and surprise in the New Year.*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.**—[Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](http://www.phipps.conservatory.org), Pittsburgh's premier public garden, announces dates for upcoming shows and events in 2016:

- **Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show** — Sat., Jan. 16 – Sun., Feb. 28 — Delight in two of nature's most beautiful art forms as Phipps highlights unique specimens from its permanent collections.
- **Party in the Tropics** — Fridays, Feb. 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, Sept. 2, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4 — Dine, drink and dance the night away in Phipps' Tropical Forest. Ages 21+.
- **5-2-1-0 Day** — Sun., Feb. 7 - Join us for day of good health and great fun at 5-2-1-0 Day. Our Tropical Forest Conservatory will feature a series of activity stations with upcycled games and crafts, fruit tastings and more to help kids discover healthy options.
- **Tropical Forest Congo Festival** — Saturdays, Feb. 20, June 25 and Sept. 24 — Celebrate food and culture of the African Congo at Phipps' Tropical Forest Congo Festival with family-friendly activities, entertainment, food and more.
- **Glasshouse Happy Hours** — Thursdays, May 12, July 14, Sept. 22— Join Phipps and PUMP for specialty cocktails, beer and wine, inspired bites and dynamic special guests in the gardens. Registration required.
- **Spring Flower Show** — Sat., March 12 – Sun., April 10 — Watch timeless works of art come to life through intricate displays of bright blooms. "Masterpieces in Bloom," will treat you to the works of Van Gogh, Monet and countless other famous artists through breathtaking botanical renderings.
- **Used Bulb Sale** — Saturdays, March 26, April 9 and 23 - Take a piece of Phipps' Spring Flower Show home with you and get your garden ready for spring with two pots of used bulbs for \$5.
- **Butterfly Forest** — Sat., April 25 – Mon., Sept. 7 — Watch as gorgeous butterflies emerge from their chrysalises to flutter among cheerful tropical blooms and enchant nature lovers of every age.
- **Summer Flower Show** — Sat., April 30 – Sun., Oct. 2 — From rotundas to Rube Goldberg machines, Phipps Conservatory's Summer Flower Show will fill the Conservatory with a combination of whimsical and elegant garden décor.
- **May Market** — Fri., May 6 and Sat., May 7 — Browse a wide selection of garden plants, including organic herbs and vegetable seedlings, Pennsylvania native perennials and much more.
- **Farmers at Phipps** — Wednesdays, June 1 – Oct. 28 — Shop for local, organic and Certified Naturally Grown produce every Wednesday between 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Phipps' front lawn.
- **Red, Ripe and Roasted** — Sun., Aug. 28 — Delicious food and family fun abound at Phipps' annual tomato and garlic festival. Benefits the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.
- **Fall Flower Show** — Sat., Oct. 15 – Sun., Nov. 6 — Thousands of chrysanthemum combine to create festive scenes for Fall Flower Show as we celebrate the harvest season.
- **Garden Railroad** — Sat., Oct. 15 – Sun., March 5 — Watch as miniature trains chug through whimsical garden-scale scenes, surrounded by tiny, live plants.
- **Wines Under Glass** — Date to be determined, late October — Join us for a spectacular night of wine tasting in our historic glasshouse at our annual gala.
- **Poinsettias and Pointe Shoes** — Fri., Nov. 18 — Join us as dancers from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre perform vignettes from Terrence S. Orr's "The Nutcracker." Stick around after the performance for a meet and greet and photo opportunity with the dancers.
- **Winter Flower Show and Light Garden** — Nov. 27 – Jan. 10 — Evergreens, glowing glass and festive blooms are displayed for this show, while outdoor gardens are transformed into a sparkling winter wonderland.

Phipps is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and until 10 p.m. on Fridays. Admission costs \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and \$11 for children (ages 2 – 18). Members and kids under 2 enter free. For a continually updated [calendar of scheduled activities](#) or to find hours and registration details for specific events, please visit [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

**About Phipps:** Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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