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Winter Flower Show and Light Garden Decks the Halls of Phipps

Seasonal displays and extended hours are glowing bigger and brighter than ever.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — The most magical time of the year is almost here, and Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is getting ready to make Pittsburgh glow with the Winter Flower Show and Light Garden, opening Fri., Nov. 27 and extending hours until 11 p.m. every night until Sun., Jan. 10. A fan-favorite and seasonal showstopper, this year's Winter Light Garden will be bigger and better than ever before. "Our Winter Light Garden is expanding this year with additional, new light features in the Outdoor Garden and our west wing," says show designer and Exhibit Coordinator Jordyn Melino. The outdoor areas open at 5 p.m. with a spectacular display of lights and custom-built props created by the Phipps' staff and volunteers specifically for this show. The Winter Light Garden at Phipps is certainly a glowing Pittsburgh destination this holiday season.

The festivities continue to abound inside the glasshouse where Winter Flower Show will bring the familiar carol "Deck the Halls" to life. Each of the changing exhibit rooms will embody the spirit of the oft-sung holiday tune, complete with the artful arrangements of LED lights, whimsical props, and, of course, plenty of seasonal favorites such as colorful poinsettias, showy amaryllis and a jaw-dropping massive evergreen towering in the pond of the Victoria Room. Little ones can also be on the lookout for tiny troll figures hidden throughout the displays in the Serpentine Room, a clever twist on the "troll the ancient yuletide carol" lyric of the song.

"It thrills me to see how popular these shows have become among our visitors, and that anticipation is what makes us strive to be more creative and add new features for our visitors to experience," says Melino. "It's such a magical time of year, and I'm happy that our guests make Phipps a part of that!"

To allow visitors to fully experience the beauty of Winter Flower Show and Light Garden, the Conservatory will remain open until 11 p.m. for Candlelight Evenings throughout the show. However, on Thurs., Dec. 24, the Conservatory will close at 5 p.m. and will remain closed until Sat., Dec. 26, at which point the extended hours will resume. Be sure to stop by and see these seasonal favorites. Winter Flower Show and Light Garden run through Sun., Jan. 10.

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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.