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Two Blockbuster Exhibits Open at Phipps this Fall and Offer Fun for the Entire Family

*Phipps Fall Flower Show Celebrates Japanese Culture while the
Popular Garden Railroad Focuses on Fairy Tales*

Pittsburgh, Pa. — This year, [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](http://phipps.conservatory.org) is putting a unique and exciting new spin on the well-loved Fall Flower Show and introducing a new and whimsical “Fairy Tales and Fables” theme for the miniature Garden Railroad. Both open on Sat., Oct. 17, but Fall Flower Show only runs for three full weeks – through Sun., Nov. 8 – so be sure not to miss it!

A fan favorite – the Garden Railroad miniature train display – takes guests on a locomotive journey through the plots of nine fables and fairy tales including “Jack and the Beanstalk,” *Peter Pan*, *The Little Engine that Could* and more. Adults and children alike will delight in interactive features that bring this display to life. Live plants and flowers grown to scale with the miniature buildings and characters make the show even more unique and interesting. The Garden Railroad display chugs along through Sun., Feb. 28.

An explosion of colorful chrysanthemums, this year’s Fall Flower Show places a special emphasis on the cultured history and artful techniques of growing *Kiku-no-hana*, or *Kiku*, the Japanese name for chrysanthemum. The exhibits showcase the unique ways the blooms are traditionally grown in Japan and their importance in Japanese culture.

Vibrant plants in shades of red and orange, along with large origami peace cranes and metal ornate lanterns with flickering candles will greet guests. The Serpentine Room will be a treat for visitors’ eyes as they wind through a gradation of white, yellow, golden yellow, orange and deep red mums. This room will also emphasize special chrysanthemum growing techniques and expand guests’ vocabulary with Japanese growing terms.

Cascading towers of chrysanthemums and undulating waves of *wagasas*, or Japanese umbrellas, are overhead along the paths of the Sunken Garden. Other beautiful displays will await guests in the Victoria Room, where the Japanese royal crest will float in the pond, and the East Room, where orange and coral chrysanthemums will surround a Japanese bridge and lantern.

Fall Flower Show was designed by Phipps Plant Recorder and Display Horticulturist Laura Schoch. Garden Railroad was designed by Exhibit Coordinator Jordyn Melino, and planting design was created by Jordyn Melino in collaboration with Display Horticulturist Aaron D’Addio. Hours are 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily and until 10 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and \$11 for children (2 – 18). Members and kids under 2 enter free. More details can be found at phipps.conservatory.org.

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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.

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