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Escape to a Tropical Paradise at Phipps' Orchid and Bonsai Show

Colorful orchids and whimsical bonsai amidst tropical décor transport visitors to a warmer climate.

(January 13, 2016) Pittsburgh, Pa. — If you're looking to escape the chill of winter weather, [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens'](#) Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show is a stunning destination featuring breathtaking botanical wonders that the entire family can enjoy. Opening on Sat., Jan. 14, the show will highlight Phipps' collection of vibrant and gorgeously varied orchids, as well as a collection of intricate, meticulously cultivated bonsai trees.

Tropical décor will complement the flourishing plants of this year's display, taking visitors on a journey through the Pacific Islands. Guests will delight in eye-catching props in the shapes of colorful fish, quirky tropical birds and friendly tiki men.

In addition to enjoying the tranquility of the Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show, guests can experience a number of other fun, interactive displays as they take refuge from the winter weather. Other exhibits on display in tandem with the Orchid and Tropical Bonsai Show include:

- Phipps' Garden Railroad, this year themed "200 Years of Pittsburgh" in honor of the city's bicentennial celebration. The tiny railroad features miniature replicas of beloved Pittsburgh sites, such as a hand-crank Duquesne Incline, the iconic fountain at Point State Park, Mr. Rogers' famous Neighborhood Trolley, and much more.
- The steamy air and lush biodiversity of the Tropical Forest Congo. Take a voyage through the heart of Africa, reveling in abundant greenery, rushing waterfalls and interactive exhibits.
- From 10:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, kids enjoy special activities:
 - Make-a-craft Mondays
 - Storytime Wednesdays
 - Pot-a-Plant Fridays
- When you visit on Sundays in February wearing your tropical shirt, you get 50 percent off of admission!
- Join us every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Tropical Forest Conservatory (except as noted below) for demonstrations on a wide variety of topics, free with admission! From orchid and bonsai care to origami, local experts bring it all to you surrounded by the beauty of our gardens.

- **Healthy Eating for Kids** | Let's Move Pittsburgh
Sat., Feb. 4 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Get smart eating and activity tips.
- **Orchids** | Dave Miller
Sat., Feb. 4
Celebrate your orchid's first birthday!
- **Origami** | Origami Club of Pittsburgh
Sun., Feb. 5 | 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Make origami flowers.
- **Bonsai** | Kevin Haughey
Sat., Feb. 11
Receive expert advice on training bonsai.
- **Early Spring Floral Design** | Lorrie Easudes
Sun., Feb. 12
Arrange a floral design using early bloomers.
- **Tropical Forest Congo Festival** | Sat., Feb. 18 | 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Celebrate our tropical forest exhibit.
- **Orchid Repotting 101** | Tim Choltco
Sun., Feb. 19
Learn the basics of repotting orchids.
- **Advanced Orchid Growing** | Demetria Marsh
Sat., Feb. 25
Build your orchid collection.
- **African Foods** | Ola Appetit Catering
Sun., Feb. 26
Learn how African food has been translated in the Americas.

Relish in this tropical getaway Sat., Jan. 14, through Sun., March 5. Hours are 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily and until 10 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is \$17.95 for adults, \$16.95 for seniors and students, and \$11.95 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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