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Phipps' Red, Ripe and Roasted Free Event to Celebrate Quintessential Summer Crops
11th annual tomato and garlic festival to benefit Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — On Sunday, Aug.30, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) will celebrate summer's bounty at its 11th annual [Red, Ripe and Roasted](#) tomato and garlic festival. Held on the front lawn and in the Outdoor Garden, the free event features cooking demos, a tomato contest, kids' activities and farmers offering locally grown produce — all to benefit [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#).

Red, Ripe and Roasted is a foodie's dream-come-true with a focus on fresh, local produce. Café Phipps will roast garlic grown in the Conservatory's own edible garden, and be sure to stop by for cooking demonstrations at the following times:

- 11 a.m. — Miriam Rubin, food writer and columnist, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
- 12 a.m. — Doug Oster, Home and Garden editor, *Pittsburgh Tribune Review*
- 1 p.m. — Justine Barr, Nutrition Educator, Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- 2 p.m. — Amy Reed, Head Chef, Café Phipps

In addition, the following vendors are scheduled to attend:

- Always Summer Herbs
- Blackberry Meadows Farm
- Brenckles Organic Farm
- Conover Organic Farm
- Demca Demonstration Hand-Painted Pottery
- Enon Valley Garlic
- Friendship Farms
- Linda Metzger Jewelry Sales
- Olive and Marlowe, Oil and Vinegar
- Pasta More
- Son Shine Farm

The farmer vendors will offer local produce, giving guests an opportunity to buy plenty of tomatoes, garlic and other produce to experiment with at home or donate to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Red, Ripe and Roasted is free to attend. By donating a bag of fresh produce for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, festival-goers will also be admitted for free to Phipps' [Summer Flower Show](#), which features weird and wonderful plants, from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. This offer only applies on Sunday, August 30. In 2014, 2,655 pounds of food were collected for those in need.

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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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