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## Masterpieces in Bloom: Spring Flower Show Brings Timeless Artwork to Life

The beauty of famous artwork and horticulture intertwine for one unique show.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Look past the canvas and watch as flowers paint our display rooms with classic art pieces at <a href="Phipps">Phipps</a>
<a href="Conservatory">Conservatory and Botanical Gardens</a> for our Spring Flower Show. This year's theme, "Masterpieces in Bloom," will allow guests to see the works of Van Gogh, Monet, Degas, Klimt and other famous artists to blossom into stunning floral displays. From Sat., March 12 until Sun., April 10, guests get the chance to step through the frame of famous paintings and explore the worlds inside as renowned works of art are brought to life in beautiful botanical renderings.

"Plants and flowers will be our paints and the display rooms will be our blank canvases as we bring classic paintings to life in the Conservatory," said Exhibit Coordinator Jordyn Melino.

A beautiful spring day gets even more beautiful with a journey through our brightly flowered display rooms. In Palm Court, guests step through a larger-than-life picture frame and into the world of Edmund Leighton's "Lady in a Garden." Pink and red snapdragons, white stock and colorful tulips will surround the focal lady of the painting, whose dress will be made of white orchids. The Serpentine Room's winding paths will surround guests with swirls of grape hyacinths, delphiniums, tulips, forget-me-nots and primula in varying shades of blue to recreate the night sky of Van Gogh's "Starry Night."

"We wanted to make sure that the plantings and the design in the room would reflect the recognizable parts of the paintings, such as the woman's long white dress in "Lady in a Garden" or the stars from "Starry Night," said Melino.

The East Room will finish off the show with a true interpretation of "Tulip Field in Holland" by Claude Monet. A windmill positioned in the back of the room will tower over beds filled with hundreds of red, orange, yellow and white tulips, while grape hyacinths and cineraria will make up the blue water of the painting, providing a vibrant finale to this artistic show.

There are plenty of other art-inspired rooms in our glasshouse to be discovered, and this unique opportunity to watch nature and art come together is something you won't want to miss. Spend a spring day or night at "Masterpieces in Bloom" enjoying this one-of-a-kind art experience.

The Spring Flower Show was designed by Hays Landscape Architecture Studio, Ltd. 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: <a href="mailto:phipps.conservatory.org">phipps.conservatory.org</a>.

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