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**Coming Soon to Phipps: Weird Plants and Winged Wonders**

*New Summer Flower Show and Butterfly Forest exhibits showcase the bizarre and beautiful.*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** — Starting on Saturday, May 2, [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) will take guests on a spectacular journey through the weird and wonderful world of plants as [Summer Flower Show](#) showcases some of Earth's most curious oddballs — from spiky porcupine tomatoes and reptilian crocodile ferns to stinky devil's tongue arums and pyramidal monkey puzzle trees.

Whether they are spiny, bulbous, brightly colored or bearers of odd leaves, all plants have a special story to tell. Celebrating the characteristics that make certain flowers, trees and shrubs so unique, Summer Flower Show is a treat for the senses, offering a rare glimpse at the vibrant hues, tantalizing textures and strange shapes of bizarre botanicals that Pittsburghers have likely never seen up-close before.

Adding to the spectacle, [Butterfly Forest](#), opening on Saturday, April 25, will also set hearts aflutter as live monarchs, zebra longwings, pipevine swallowtails and more break free from their chrysalises to fly among colorful tropical blooms—sometimes even stopping to land upon lucky guests!

Summer Flower Show, designed by Phipps' Jordyn Melino, Laura Schoch and Curt Pesanka, runs through Sunday, Oct. 5. Butterfly Forest is open through Monday, Sept. 7. 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: [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

**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](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

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