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The Beauty of Butterfly Forest and the Playfulness of Summer Flower Show Return to Phipps
Winged wonders delight and PlayGardens fill the botanic garden with elegant and fun décor.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — Visit [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) this summer to join in the fun of the Summer Flower Show: PlayGardens and delight in the beauty of Butterfly Forest.

The Butterfly Forest is fluttering back on Fri., April 22. This exhibit is a family favorite where visitors and butterflies can interact. A new friend might even land on you! Learn about the winged creatures' life cycle and how they benefit our planet.

- There will be 21 different butterflies, from Monarchs and Painted Ladies to Zebra Longwings to White Peacocks!
- Amongst the many different types of butterflies, there will also be a unique and elusive specimen — the Luna moth — whose lifespan is about one week.
- The Butterfly Forest fills the Stove Room with breathtaking beauty from Fri., April 22 – Mon., Sept. 5.

Phipps tip: Stop by on a hot day for the best butterfly action – these winged wonders are most active in the heat!

The excitement continues the following weekend! On Sat., April 30, Phipps opens the Summer Flower Show, PlayGardens. Explore the Conservatory as each room comes alive with interactive displays and the colors of summer fun.

“The Summer Flower Show is inspired by the idea that great gardens, small and large, always have a memorable focal point, so we have incorporated both formal and whimsical elements into this exhibit,” says Exhibit Coordinator Jordyn Melino, the designer of PlayGardens. “One of the unique things to see will be a series of Rube-Goldberg machines custom made by our facilities staff.” Rube Goldberg machines are machines that accomplish a simple task by using complicated steps. For example, a ball rolls through a tube and hits a domino that falls over and pushes a button that turns on a hose that pours water into a teapot.

- Kids can have an activity sheet stamped by one of the massive Rube-Goldberg machines in the Serpentine room!
- Summer blooms meet vintage décor in the Sunken Garden, providing inspiration for upcycled ways that guests can decorate their own gardens using shabby chic accents such as antique bird cages and chairs.
- While in the East Room, guests can play a Theremin, an electronic musical instrument that almost sounds like a violin, but is controlled without physical contact.
- More interactive adventures and charming ornamentation await in each of the display rooms!
- PlayGardens runs from Sat., April 30 – Sun., Oct. 2.

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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