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### **Snow Days and Glowing Nights Holiday Event in Pittsburgh**

*Colorful lights, flower displays, musical performances and special events usher in holiday season at Phipps*

**Pittsburgh, Pa.** — Staff at [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](http://phipps.conservatory.org) have been working around the clock to prepare for the most magical holiday show of the year in Pittsburgh – Winter Flower Show and Light Garden, which opens Fri., Nov. 25 and runs through Sun., Jan. 8. To give guests ample opportunity to revel in the glow of the glasshouse, Phipps’ hours are 9:30 a.m. – 11 p.m. every day for the duration of the show.\*

With more than 1,200 poinsettias and 25,000 twinkling LED lights adorning the Conservatory, weekday musical performances and special holiday events, there is no better way to get into the spirit of the season than by visiting Phipps.

A celebratory banner will greet guests in Palm Court, announcing that it’s a snow day at Phipps! As they meander throughout the changing display rooms, guests will see topiary animals enjoying the snow day, highlighted by the glow of holiday lights. Penguins will peek out from behind a snow fort in the midst of a snowball fight, reindeer will ice skate along illuminated paths surrounding an enormous fir tree and a family of bears will cuddle in a blanket fort while their snow clothes dry by a crackling fireplace. Fragrant blooms will fill the air with their lovely scent and poinsettias of every shape, size and color imaginable will overflow from the display beds.

“The Winter Flower Show’s theme is so whimsical,” says Jordyn Melino, exhibit coordinator. “I am looking forward to how much fun we have with it. This show makes me nostalgic of my childhood!”

Of course, the sea of colorful lights in the Outdoor Garden must not be missed. This year’s displays will be bigger and brighter than ever, and include additions such as a tunnel of lights that will make guests feel as though they are standing under a twinkling night sky. Yummy snacks and warm drinks will be available for purchase in the Outdoor Garden, providing sustenance for garden goers.

As the holidays draw near, Phipps offers a myriad of events to entertain guests of all ages. Enjoy musical performances by local groups every Monday through Wednesday and visits with Santa on select dates during the show, free with admission. Additionally, Phipps offers free shuttle service for visitors, with stops at Forbes Avenue and Semple Street Garage, and the Bob O’Connor Golf Course (Schenley Park Golf Course) as weather permits. Shuttle service begins at 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, from Nov. 25 – Jan. 8 (excluding Dec. 24 and 25), plus Monday – Thursday, Dec. 26 – 29.

For full details on events, including dates, parking, shuttle services, times and admission fees, please visit [phipps.conservatory.org](http://phipps.conservatory.org).

\*Note: Phipps Conservatory’s hours on Sat., Dec. 24 are 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. The Conservatory is closed on Sun., Dec. 25.

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

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