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POWELL GARDENS ANNOUNCES 5th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Now in its fifth year, the outdoor winter festival features new installations and partnerships.

On November 11, Powell Gardens will kick off the holiday season with Festival of Lights (Nov. 11-Dec. 30, 4-10 p.m.), illuminated by Evergy. This family-favorite winter festival is a breath of fresh air during a hectic holiday season. Bundle up and stroll along a lighted outdoor path featuring immersive, botanically inspired installations that celebrate the natural joy of the most festive season.

Festival goers will walk a mile-long path woven through 25-acres. (The path is ADA compliant, with shorter options available.) Miles of holiday lights highlight the natural forms of Powell Gardens' tree collection and show off the exceptional architecture and design of the Gardens. Encounter Instagram and holiday card-worthy photo stops along the way.

"I am proud to share that our beloved Festival of Lights is returning for its fifth year! There is nothing like it in Kansas City. During the holidays, this is the perfect place to take a much-needed breath from a busy year," said Tabitha Schmidt, Powell Gardens CEO/President. "Enjoy your loved ones. Make memories, reinvigorate traditions, and take in the magic and splendor of Powell Gardens during the most wonderful time of the year."

A newly imagined Enchanted Tiki Bar occupies the glass domed conservatory, while a new warming station along the trail sells spiked or non-alcoholic hot chocolate and Louisburg cider. Take your drinks to go and snap a selfie in a larger-than-life snow globe or by the new Magic Tree wrapped in 3.5 miles of lights before enjoying the display from above atop the Missouri Barn Silo. Quixotic is back with a new take on Fountain of Light, a light and sound installation in the Fountain Garden. Venture to the Children's Garden to create and deliver your holiday wish list to Santa (Nov. 26-Dec. 22, Friday & Saturday). Special events include live music and performances by the Kansas City Ballet (Nov. 12-14) and visits from Santa's reindeer (Saturdays, Nov. 27-Dec. 18) as well as holiday container design and wreathmaking workshops.

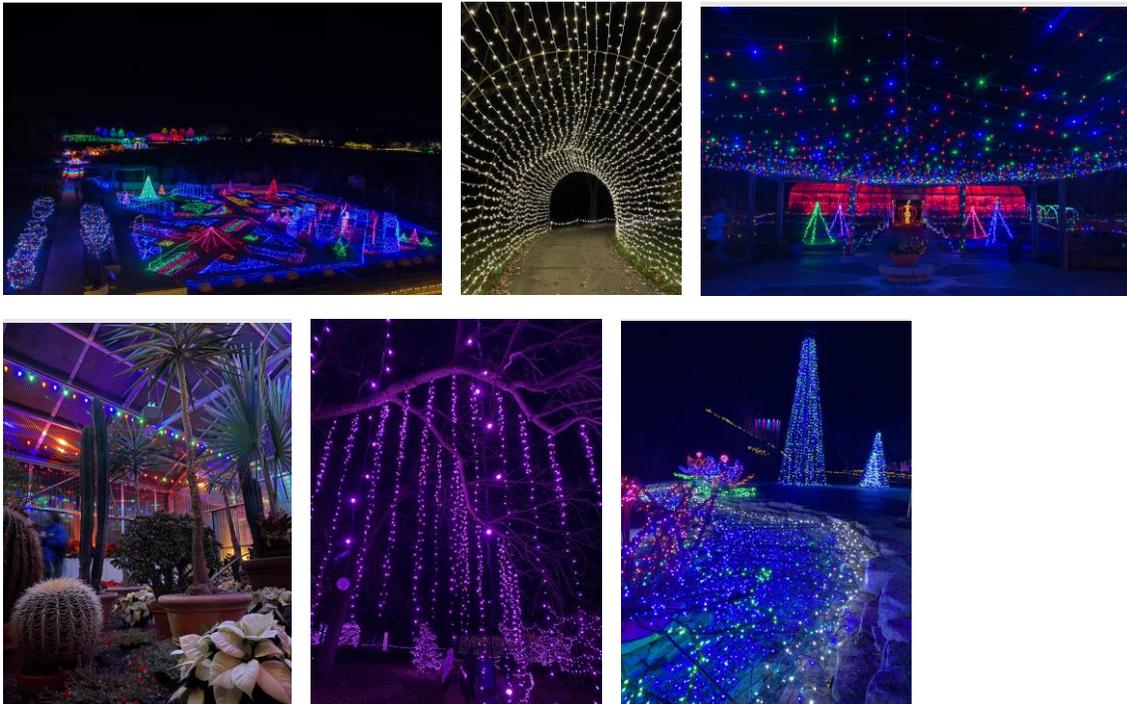
The Holly Jolly Rest Stop, a festive outpost at the Missouri Barn, will have fire pits where families can cozy up together on the adjacent lawn in front of a spectacular view of the Villandry Garden display. The

Marketplace and Holly Jolly Rest Stop provide opportunities to purchase garden-inspired and locally made gifts, as well as a variety of Powell Gardens grown poinsettias.

This year, start a new family tradition. Festival of Lights is open Wednesday-Sunday, 4-10 p.m. Additional days (December 20-22 & 27-29) have been added to accommodate seasonal holidays. Tickets are available at www.powellgardens.org/lights.

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About Powell Gardens

As Kansas City's Botanical Garden, Powell Gardens plays a vital role in the community as a space for release, rejuvenation, and the celebration of the fleeting nature of nature itself. Visitors enjoy eight themed display gardens, a three-mile nature trail, seasonal festivals, rotating exhibitions, exceptional architecture, and dining options featuring ingredients grown in our Heartland Harvest Garden, one of the nation's premier edible landscapes. Established in 1988, Powell Gardens is a non-profit, public garden, maintaining 970 acres of lush, rolling hills and windswept meadows, with more than 175 acres and a large collection of plants open to the public for education, exploration, and recreation. Many of the plants in the Gardens are regionally native, and all highlight the changing seasons and Midwest spirit of place.