



Powell Gardens announces *Festival of Lights: Enchantment*

Now in its fourth year, the outdoor winter festival features new installations and extended dates.

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On November 13, Powell Gardens will kick off the holiday season with its annual *Festival of Lights: Enchantment*, illuminated by Evergy. Festival goers will walk a mile-long path spread out over 25 acres through the Gardens featuring a variety of immersive light displays. (The path is ADA compliant, and shorter options are available.) More than 20 miles of holiday lights comprise installations that highlight the natural forms of Powell Gardens' tree collection, show off the exceptional architecture and landscape design of the Gardens, and transport visitors to enchanted wonderlands, with plenty of Instagram and holiday card-worthy photo stops along the way.

The eight-week festival will showcase fan-favorite installations alongside brand new displays. New features include a greenhouse transformed into a holiday-themed enchanted tiki bar complete with tropical plants and music as well as a new wine experience in the Vineyard.



On Fridays and Saturdays between Nov. 27 and Dec. 19, families will have the opportunity to deliver their holiday wish lists to Santa in a festively transformed corncrib in the Children’s Garden, where he will be posing for photos. The festival will also feature a creation station with holiday-themed make-and-take crafts.

Special events will include live music on select evenings and a holiday container design workshop on Nov. 21.

Visitors will enjoy hot drinks (spiked and not!), hot soup, and sweet treats at the festival. 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 display in the Villandry Garden. At the Perennial Lounge, there will also be the opportunity to purchase garden-inspired and locally made gifts and the coveted poinsettias grown at Powell Gardens each year.

“Powell Gardens is the heartbeat of every season,” said Powell Gardens C.E.O./President Tabitha Schmidt. “In the winter, we invite our community to embrace the invigorating cold air and spend time with their loved ones in the Gardens.” This year especially, when many holiday traditions may look very different, outdoor experiences like the Festival of Lights provide a way to spend quality time with family and friends during the holidays. This year’s festival will begin two weeks early on Nov. 13 and run through Jan. 3 to bring more joy into a tough year and more opportunity to space out crowds.

The safety of visitors, staff, and volunteers is a top priority for the Gardens, and leadership reviews precautions frequently to ensure that they are adequate and appropriate in response to the pandemic. Precautions for the Festival of Lights will follow guidance from local health officials and will be posted on the [Powell Gardens website](#) as the event approaches.

Festival of Lights: Enchantment

Illuminated by Evergy

Nov. 13, 2020–Jan. 3, 2021 | Open Thursday–Sunday, 4–10 p.m.

Additional days (Dec. 21–23 and Dec. 28–30) have been added to accommodate seasonal holidays.

(Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, and New Year’s Day)

Partnerships and special events to be announced.

Press images available upon request:

