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WPS Garden of Lights Brings Fun Nights of Nature-Inspired Sights to Green Bay Botanical Garden

Annual Botanical Light Show Kicks Off on November 29

(Green Bay, WI) (October 30, 2024) — As the leaves turn and the final flowers of fall fade, Green Bay Botanical Garden is busy preparing for its biggest fundraiser of the year, WPS Garden of Lights! Starting Friday, November 29, bask in the glow of more than 350,00 lights throughout 40 plus nature-themed displays.

While the displays dazzle, they're also an engaging way to get outdoors and reconnect with nature even as the late fall frost sets in. This year, the tradition goes on with familiar favorites like the Caterpillar and Lake of Lights, but keep an eye out for some new handcrafted surprises including Marigolds in Motion!

When you're ready for a break, be sure to take advantage of whimsical horse-drawn wagon rides! Purchase tickets ahead of time for the best seat in the house with a stunning view of the displays.

Need to warm up? Don't forget to grab a treat from the Concessions Building on the WPS Foundation Plaza. It's the perfect spot for festive food and drink options on the go. Also, stop by the Fischer Visitor Center for fun activities for kids of all ages. There, you can shop for gifts in the WPS Trellis Gift Shop, enjoy the Green Bay Area Model Railroaders Club display, read a story with Mrs. Claus, send a letter to Santa, and even snap a photo with him on select nights!

To learn more about the Garden and this beloved community event, call 920.490.9457 or visit GBBG.org/Lights.

Dates & Times:

November 29-30
December 1
December 5-8
December 12-15
December 19-23
December 26-30
4:30-9 pm

Closed: November 28, December 24-25, 31

You have 30 minutes after your selected entry time to arrive. Entry times are every 30 minutes beginning at 4:30 pm with last entry at 8:30 pm (7 pm for wagon riders). Lights out at 9 pm.

Family Night: Sunday, December 1

Children 12 and under get free walking admission with one paid adult walking ticket. **All tickets, adult and children, must be purchased in advance due to limited capacity.** *Wagon rides are regular pricing due to limited capacity.*

Photos with Santa

Select dates before Christmas
November 29, 30, December 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 | 5-9 pm
December 1, 8, 15, 19, 22, 23 | 5-8 pm

Get your photos with Santa! Check our website before your visit for updates on availability. Photo packages have an additional fee.

Story Time with Mrs. Claus

Select dates before Christmas
November 30, December 1, 7, 14, 21 | 5-8 pm

Join Mrs. Claus for story time in the Children's Library (lower level of the Fischer Visitor Center), and make sure you grab a peppermint candy from her elves too!

Letters to Santa

Every Event Night before Christmas | 4:30-9 pm

Bring your letters to Santa to place in his North Pole Mailbox.

Natural Holiday Trees

Every Event Night | 4:30–9 pm

Check out our natural holiday trees featuring ornaments and decorations made from flowers and plants found in the Garden!

Green Bay Area Model Railroaders Club

Every Event Night | 4:30–9 pm

Check out their display with detailed model trains and stunning scenery.

WPS Trellis Gift Shop

Every Event Night | 4:30–8:30 pm

Pick up a unique ornament, browse selections from local makers, or treat yourself (or a friend) to a new gardening tool. Stop in while you're here for WPS Garden of Lights or visit us during the week – [shop hours are the same as the Garden's](#).

Tickets:

Tickets can be purchased online at [GBBG.org/Lights](https://www.gbbg.org/Lights).

[Adult Garden members](#) receive a \$3 discount per ticket every event night, and can buy tickets at this discounted rate based on their membership level.

Event capacity is limited, so purchase your dated and timed entry tickets early and in advance to ensure your desired date is available.

On Sale Dates

Garden Members

On Sale Now!

General Public

Monday, November 4 | 9 am

Horse-Drawn Wagon Ride

Includes a half-mile walk on paved paths through the upper areas of the light show before the start of the wagon ride (over mulched paths). Transport assistance to the wagon ride area is available, please ask at Admissions. Tickets

for the Horse-Drawn Wagon Ride must be purchased in advance. Walking tickets cannot be upgraded at the door.

Accessible Golf Cart Ride

Guests with limited mobility and up to three other guests can receive a golf cart ride around the 0.4 miles of the lower gardens mulched pathways. Guests will need to purchase an Accessible Golf Cart Ticket in advance. The ticket also includes a half-mile walk through the paved pathways in the upper gardens before or after the golf cart ride. Guests in their party can purchase Walking Tickets. Purchase your advance tickets no later than 24 hours in advance. Buy online or call 920.490.9457.

Group Rates

Reduced-rate tickets are available for groups of 25 or more. Tickets must be purchased from the Events Team at least two weeks in advance at 920.593.5682 or events@gbbg.org.

Event Sponsors

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About Green Bay Botanical Garden

Green Bay Botanical Garden connects people with plants by providing year-round educational and recreational experiences for everyone in an environment that engages, inspires, and refreshes. First opened in 1996 and now featuring 47-acres of display gardens and natural areas, the Garden touches the lives of more than 200,000 visitors annually on average from northeast Wisconsin and beyond. For more information about other happenings, visit GBBG.org or call 920.490.9457.

Editors, please note: Captions follow photos below. Interviews, virtual interviews (i.e. Zoom, FaceTime, etc.), pre-recorded videos, story leads, and additional high-resolution digital images are available by contacting the media representative at the top of this release.



Caption:

A fan favorite, stroll through our Butterflies in Motion light display to see the lifecycle of a butterfly in action! (Photo courtesy Green Bay Botanical Garden/PC: John Oates Photography)



Caption:

The Garden's mission to connect people with plants is at the heart of WPS Garden of Lights, creating a magical nature-inspired experience for all. (Photo courtesy Green Bay Botanical Garden/PC: John Oates Photography)