

News Release

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Yuletide tradition flourishes at Toronto's Allan Gardens and Centennial Park Christmas flower shows

The annual Christmas flower shows at Allan Gardens and Centennial Park Conservatories are a long-standing tradition marking the start of the holiday season for many Torontonians and visitors. Both shows open Sunday, December 6 and run daily until January 10.

The flower shows will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours during the opening events and on select weekends, and will feature many new varieties of poinsettias. About 40 different types will be on display.

Allan Gardens Conservatory's opening event will take place on Sunday, December 6 from noon to 7 p.m., with Victorian carollers, hot apple cider, children's activities and horse-and-carriage rides. Allan Gardens Conservatory is located at 19 Horticultural Ave. More information is available by calling 416-392-7288.

Centennial Park Conservatory's opening event will take place one week after the show opens, on Sunday, December 13 from noon to 7 p.m. The event will include Victorian carollers, hot apple cider, family carolling, horse-and-carriage rides and chestnuts roasting over an open fire. A family carol sing will start at 4 p.m. Centennial Park Conservatory is located at 151 Elmcrest Rd. More information is available by calling 416-394-8543.

The two conservatories will extend hours until 7 p.m. to enable visitors to enjoy the floral displays by the glow of candlelight on the following dates:

Allan Gardens, December 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27

Centennial Park, December 19, 20, 26 and 27

Admission to the conservatories is free, but donations to the food bank are welcome.

More information is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/conservatories>.

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Note: Media are invited to preview the shows, by appointment, prior to their official opening. Previews and interviews with gardeners and facility staff can be arranged by contacting the media line