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# Oak Park Conservatory

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## Visit the Conservatory Open Holidays, too!

The Conservatory is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Groups of 10 or more can arrange for a guided tour of the conservatory by calling 708-725-2450 at least two weeks in advance.

The Conservatory will be open on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Discover the Exploration Station - FREE PROGRAM

Every Saturday starting September 6th through May 30th from 10 a.m. until noon, docents will offer the Exploration Station! There will be a new program every month highlighting special aspects of the conservatory for both adults and children. Programs will include leaf shapes, ferns, bananas, the chocolate tree, plant movement, birds and fruits from foreign countries. Come explore!

## Plant Clinic

Call our plant clinic on Mondays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 725-2450. We can help with your gardening questions, plant identification or disease diagnostics. We also offer a potting service. Please call ahead.

## Party and Meeting Venue

Make your next celebration the envy of all. The Oak Park Conservatory is the ideal location for small weddings, parties, meetings and family celebrations. We can accommodate 60 to 80 people in the Conservatory Center and your guests will enjoy the unique ambience of our tropical, fern and desert rooms. Call Henrietta Yardley at 708-725-2450 for more details.

## Conservatory Floral Shows

Every month, come experience a new breathtaking floral display at the Conservatory - an exhilarating respite from the everyday world!

Shows planned include:

December: Poinsettia and Paperwhite Narcissus  
January: Azaleas  
February: Amaryllis

## Special Events

### **Winter Holiday Craft Faire & Open House** Sunday, December 7 from Noon-4pm

Find unique holiday gifts, holiday plants and decorations at our open house. Local artists will offer that perfect gift and see what the Conservatory staff and volunteers have created with greens and dried flower arrangements. Children can have a photo-op with Santa in our lush showrooms and then enjoy holiday cookies and punch. Free event.



## Show Us Your Green Thumb !

### Conservatory Gardeners Needed

The Conservatory welcomes volunteers who will assist staff in growing and nurturing our wonderful collection of tropical and ornamental plants. Interested gardeners and plant enthusiasts will learn many skills and grow a wide range of plants and you can enjoy this wonderful tropical paradise during the long, cold winter months. For more information, call Tina Gulley-Augustus at 708-725-2460.

### Herb Propogators Needed

Join us to prepare for our largest fundraiser! Volunteers are needed to help with the production of plants for our annual plant sale. Call our grower at 708-725-2451 by January 31 to schedule work times. Space is limited so call now.

### Conservatory Docents/Guides Needed

Escape the winter blahs and learn to interpret the unique habitats of the Desert, Tropical and Fern rooms at the Conservatory - become a Docent/Guide for children & adults! Weekday and weekend docents needed. We welcome retired educators, Master Gardeners and those interested in learning about plants.

**A Training/Refresher Workshop** is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 21 from 9am - 1pm for anyone interested in volunteering for the following: docent, horticulture, and/or visitor services. To register for this training, or for more information, please contact FOPCON at (708) 725-2460 no later than Feb 8, 2009.

**For Friends of the Oak Park Conservatory (FOPCON)  
call Jacquelyn Paine at 725-2460.**