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## **NYBG's 25th Anniversary *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* Kicks Off with Exclusive Benefit Preview Party and Renowned Collectors' Plant Sale on the Evening of April 28, 2016**

Featuring 30 of the Country's Leading Exhibitors Showcasing the Finest Garden Antiques for Purchase, Fair Continues All Weekend, April 29–May 1



*Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room*

**Bronx, NY**—The New York Botanical Garden's 2016 ***Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room*** opens with a **Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale** on Thursday, April 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. The country's original, largest, and most important venue for authentic garden antiques, this year's Fair features playful bee-inspired designs by celebrated interior and event designer Ken Fulk. As Designer Chairman for the 25th Anniversary Fair, Fulk will create a showpiece featuring items from exhibitors that will inspire and enlighten visitors about marrying antiques and modern design with their everyday aesthetic. Adding to the excitement, ELLE DÉCOR will create a festive outdoor lounge in the courtyard adjacent to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory and Fair.

Amid 600 guests from the philanthropic, interior and landscape design, architecture, and art worlds, Preview Party attendees can indulge in a Silent Auction and NYBG's renowned Collectors' Plant Sale, which features hard-to-find beauties, beloved varieties, and horticultural treasures propagated from NYBG collections, all chosen for their rarity and charm. Lilacs, Japanese maples, and herbaceous

peonies, selected to celebrate the recent expansions of these historic NYBG collections, are among the unique offerings that will be available exclusively to Preview Party guests.

The Preview Party presents enthusiasts and collectors the opportunity to examine the plants, peruse thousands of garden antiques from 30 leading exhibitors from across the United States offering their finest pieces for sale, and to make early purchases, while enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, in advance of the Fair's opening to the general public. For Preview Party tickets and information, please call 718.817.8773 or e-mail [cbalkonis@nybg.org](mailto:cbalkonis@nybg.org). All proceeds benefit NYBG's Fund for Horticulture, directly supporting the work of the curators and gardeners who are responsible for making The New York Botanical Garden one of the most important horticultural showplaces in the world.

The *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* continues at NYBG from Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Named "Best in America" by experts and long held as the most distinguished stage for authentic garden antiques and rarities, the Fair is a must for leading collectors and designers, as well as purchasers seeking advice from professionals. Included are outdoor sculpture, fountains, sundials, bird baths, gates, garden benches, antique wicker, urns and planters, botanical prints, and architectural ornament, displaying centuries of classic design inspiration gathered from America, Europe, and Asia. These antiques are not only great for the garden, but also for the garden room.

Weekend visitors to the *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* can browse and purchase unique items of the highest quality and provenance and enjoy a program lineup that includes talks, tours, and eclectic live musical sets. There will be exhibitors offering an array of interesting ways to bring the outdoors inside by creating garden rooms in your home. Experts will be on hand to answer questions on current decorating styles. They will also discuss trends in the acquisition and appreciation of garden ornament, as well as assist buyers looking for the perfect piece to complement a garden, landscape, or interior. On-site shippers are available to facilitate Tri-State New York and New England deliveries during the Fair and other shipping needs in the weeks following.

At the entrance to the *Antique Garden Furniture Fair*, a Specialty Plant Sale features an extensive selection of unusual, colorful plants representing some of horticulture's finest growers. A variety of shrubs and trees, perennials, annuals, and herbs will be available. Visitors may purchase refreshments here as well.

The year 2016 marks The New York Botanical Garden's 125th Anniversary. The *Antique Garden Furniture Fair*, taking place in a tent amid flowering trees, plants, and shrubs, with the institution's landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory as its glorious backdrop, is one of many public celebratory events commemorating this historic milestone.

The *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections. Admission to the Fair on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, April 29 through May 1, is included with the *All-Garden Pass*, which also provides access to the Botanical Garden grounds, seasonal gardens, attractions such as the Haupt Conservatory, and Tram Tour. Advance tickets for the Fair are available for purchase online at [nybg.org](http://nybg.org)

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**The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad, bus, or subway. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the All-Garden Pass, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, and Tram Tour. For ticket pricing, please check our Web site. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit [nybg.org](http://nybg.org)**

**The New York Botanical Garden, 2900 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, New York 10458**

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**2016 Exhibitor Listing**  
(In formation)

Arader Galleries	New York, N.Y. & Philadelphia, Pa. ( <a href="http://www.aradergalleries.com">www.aradergalleries.com</a> )
Balsamo	New York, N.Y. & Pine Plains, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.balsamoantiques.com">www.balsamoantiques.com</a> )
Blithewold Home	Mount Kisco, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.blithewoldhome.com">www.blithewoldhome.com</a> )
Brennan & Mouilleseaux Antiques	Northfield, Conn. ( <a href="http://www.antiqueselectic.com">www.antiqueselectic.com</a> )
Cherry Gallery	Damariscotta, Maine ( <a href="http://www.cherrygallery.com">www.cherrygallery.com</a> )
The Cooley Gallery	Old Lyme, Conn. ( <a href="http://www.Cooleygallery.com">www.Cooleygallery.com</a> )
Cottage + Camp	Philadelphia, Pa. ( <a href="http://www.cottagecamp.net">www.cottagecamp.net</a> )
Scott Estep Gallery	Cincinnati, Ohio ( <a href="http://www.scottestepgallery.1stdibs.com">www.scottestepgallery.1stdibs.com</a> )
Fine Antique Prints	Wayne, Pa. ( <a href="http://www.fineantiqueprints.com">www.fineantiqueprints.com</a> )
Finnegan Gallery	Chicago, Ill. ( <a href="http://www.finnegangallery.com">www.finnegangallery.com</a> )
Firehouse Antiques	Galena, Md. ( <a href="http://www.galenaantiquedistrict.com">www.galenaantiquedistrict.com</a> )
Fleur	Mount Kisco, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.fleur-newyork.com">www.fleur-newyork.com</a> )
From Here To Antiquity	Cheshire, Conn. ( <a href="http://www.fromheretoantiquity.org">www.fromheretoantiquity.org</a> )
Garvey Rita Art & Antiques	West Hartford, Conn. ( <a href="http://www.garveyrita.com">www.garveyrita.com</a> )
Hamptons Antique Galleries	Stamford, Conn. ( <a href="http://www.hamptonsantiquegalleries.com">www.hamptonsantiquegalleries.com</a> )
Jeffrey Henkel	Pennington, N.J. ( <a href="http://www.jeffreyhenkel.com">www.jeffreyhenkel.com</a> )
Barbara Israel Garden Antiques	Katonah, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.bi-gardenantiques.com">www.bi-gardenantiques.com</a> )
Milne's At Home Antiques	New York, N.Y. & Kingston, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.milneinc.com">www.milneinc.com</a> )
Aileen Minor	Centreville, Md. ( <a href="http://www.aileenminor.com">www.aileenminor.com</a> )
More & More Antiques	New York, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.moreandmoreantiquesnyc.com">www.moreandmoreantiquesnyc.com</a> )
New England Garden Ornaments	Sudbury, Mass. ( <a href="http://www.negarden.com">www.negarden.com</a> )
Pagoda Red	Chicago, Ill. ( <a href="http://www.pagodared.com">www.pagodared.com</a> )
Francis J. Purcell	Philadelphia, Pa. ( <a href="http://www.francisjpurcell.com">www.francisjpurcell.com</a> )
Schorr & Dobinsky	Bridgeton, N.Y. ( <a href="http://www.schorranddobinsky.com">www.schorranddobinsky.com</a> )
Village Braider Antiques	Plymouth, Mass. ( <a href="http://www.villagebraider.com">www.villagebraider.com</a> )
Withington & Company Antiques	Portsmouth, N.H. ( <a href="http://www.withingtonandcompanyantiques.com">www.withingtonandcompanyantiques.com</a> )