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NYBG's *Antique Garden Furniture Fair* Kicks Off with Exclusive Benefit Preview Party and Renowned Collectors' Plant Sale on the Evening of May 4, 2017

Featuring Leading Exhibitors Showcasing the Finest Garden Antiques for Purchase, Fair Is Only One of Its Kind in the Country and Continues All Weekend, May 5–7



A featured item for purchase at NYBG's *Antique Garden Furniture Fair*

Bronx, NY—The New York Botanical Garden's 2017 *Antique Garden Furniture Fair: Antiques for the Garden and the Garden Room* opens with a **Benefit Preview Party and Collectors' Plant Sale** on Thursday, May 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. NYBG's Fair is America's only show for authentic garden antiques and rarities for the garden and the garden room. Internationally renowned event designer Bronson van Wyck is the Designer Chairman for this year's *Antique Garden Furniture Fair*. He will create a design based on Édouard Manet's painting *Le Déjeuner sur l'herbe* (Luncheon on the Grass).

Amid 600 guests from the philanthropic, interior and landscape design, architecture, and art worlds, Preview Party attendees can indulge in an exclusive 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. Striking tree specimens that create year-round living sculptures and exciting new horticultural introductions of timeless garden

favorites, such as dogwoods, magnolias, hydrangeas, peonies, and hellebores, 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, to peruse thousands of garden antiques from 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. 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, May 5 through Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 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 tours, talks, 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.

About the Designer

Bronson van Wyck is celebrated for a style of entertaining that combines wit and sophistication with the gracious warmth of his Southern upbringing. A founding partner of Van Wyck & Van Wyck and Workshop, Bronson has organized some of the most memorable and imaginative parties of the past decade in locations all over the world. Bronson's talent and style have drawn clients like Presidents Clinton, Bush, and Obama, Madonna, Beyoncé, Hugh Jackman, and Martha Stewart. Bronson also creates strategic event programs for international luxury brands, such as Chanel, St. Regis, Mercedes-Benz, Christie's, Bulgari, Range Rover, and Van Cleef & Arpels among many others. An avid traveler, writer, photographer, and host, Bronson resides in New York City.

Tickets on Sale Now

The Antique Garden Furniture Fair takes place in a tent amid flowering trees, plants, and shrubs, with The New York Botanical Garden's landmark Enid A. Haupt Conservatory as its glorious backdrop. It is the ideal venue for learning about garden antiques and building personal collections. Admission to the Fair on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 5 through 7, 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

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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

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

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2017 Exhibitor Listing

(In formation)

Arader Galleries	New York, N.Y. & Philadelphia, Pa.
Balsamo	New York, N.Y. & Pine Plains, N.Y.
David Bell Antiques	Washington, D.C.
Diana Bittel Antiques	Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Brennan & Mouilleseaux Antiques	Northfield, Conn.
Cottage + Camp	N. Egremont, Mass.
Scott Estepp Gallery	Cincinnati, Oh.
Fine Antique Prints	Wayne, Pa.
Finnegan Gallery	Chicago, Ill.
Firehouse Antiques	Galena, Md.
Fleur	Mount Kisco, N.Y.
Garvey Rita Art & Antiques	West Hartford, Conn.
Hamptons Antique Galleries	Stamford, Conn.
Harris Dean Gallery	Water Mill, N.Y.
Jeffrey Henkel	Pennington, N.J.
Barbara Israel Garden Antiques	Katonah, N.Y.
Leatherwood Antiques	Sandwich, Mass.
Milne's At Home Antiques	New York, N.Y. & Kingston, N.Y.
Aileen Minor	Centreville, Md.
More & More Antiques	New York, N.Y.
Vincent Mulford Antiques	Hudson, N.Y.
Pagoda Red	Chicago, Ill.
Francis J. Purcell	Philadelphia, Pa.
The Red Horse	Bridgewater, Vt.
Schorr & Dobinsky	Bridgehampton, N.Y.
Earle D. Vandekar of Knightsbridge	Maryknoll, N.Y.
Village Braider Antiques	Plymouth, Mass.
Withington and Company Antiques	Portsmouth, N.H.