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The New York Botanical Garden's *Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic*, Featuring Chef Carla Hall, Co-Host of ABC's *The Chew*, Takes Place on Sunday, September 25, 2016



Chef Carla Hall during a live cooking workshop with two young helpers at NYBG

Bronx, NY—On Sunday, September 25, 2016, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., rain or shine, The New York Botanical Garden presents **The Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic**, a festive celebration of organic vegetable gardening and cooking set in the Ruth Rea Howell Family Garden. This food-filled afternoon of outdoor discovery will welcome back special guest **Chef Carla Hall**, co-host of ABC's *The Chew*, who will take guests on a culinary adventure through hands-on cooking workshops and a delicious picnic featuring Carla Hall's Southern Kitchen chicken. Children of all ages can get on the go with their Picnic Passport and enjoy a selection of kitchen crafts and games, organic vegetable gardening, honey harvesting, apple pressing, tree climbing, live music, and much more.

Support for this event is provided by *Manhattan* magazine.

The Chairmen of this year's Edible Academy Family Garden Picnic are **Noreen and Ahmar Ahmad, Christina and Laurent de Marval, Emma and Todd Goergen, Annie and James Lansing, Jennifer and Beau Lescott, Amory and Sean McAndrew, Allison and Roberto Mignone, Kimberly and Jean Putzer, Kate Solomon and David Wasserman, and Julia and Ted Weld.** The Honorary Chairman is **Jill Joyce.** The Founding Chairmen are **Julie and Nick Sakellariadis.** The Honorary Chairman of the Edible Academy Committee is **Mario Batali.**

Proceeds of the event support NYBG's Edible Academy, a new initiative to promote nutrition and the benefits of a healthful lifestyle that will serve twice as many children, parents, and teachers (from 50,000 to 100,000) in a state-of-the-art complex featuring a LEED-certified environmentally sustainable building with a green roof, two high-tech classrooms, new display gardens, a teaching greenhouse, and a terraced amphitheater.

For more information and tickets, please visit nybg.org/familypicnic or contact Heather Gries at 718.817.8657 or hgries@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 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 www.nybg.org

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

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