



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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***The Orchid Show: Cuba in Flower*
at The New York Botanical Garden
Offers a Full Complement of Programming**

February 27 – April 11, 2010

The Orchid Show: Cuba in Flower not only offers visitors to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory at The New York Botanical Garden a chance to come in from the cold to marvel at thousands of colorful orchids on breathtaking display, but it also offers an opportunity to learn all about these flowers in many ways. Tours, talks, demonstrations, and Question & Answer sessions abound during the run of the exhibition, from February 27 through April 11.

Weekly Tours, Talks, Q&A, and more

***The Orchid Show* Cell Phone Tour and Take-Home Tips**

A cell phone tour of *The Orchid Show* gives a thoughtful look at this year's theme, Cuba and its flora. Additional recordings offer advice on caring for your particular species of orchid at home. Tip sheets are also available at Shop in the Garden and the Home Gardening Center.

***Tuesday Talks*—Every Tuesday during the exhibition, 1, 2, and 3 p.m.**

Before entering *The Orchid Show*, get an introduction to the biology of orchids in a brief, informal presentation by a Garden docent.

Docent-led Tours—Every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday during the exhibition, 3 p.m.

Expert volunteers are the guides for tours of *The Orchid Show: Cuba in Flower* that provide in-depth looks at some of the rarest and most extraordinary orchid specimens.

Home Gardening Demonstrations—Every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition, 2 p.m.

A little attention and the proper care is all you need to grow gorgeous and healthy orchids in your home. Join Sonia Uytterhoeven, Gardener for Public Education, as she discusses the basics of orchid care and how to choose and successfully grow these exotic plants.

Q&A with the Experts—Every Saturday and Sunday during the exhibition

11 a.m.–3 p.m., in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

Garden docents are available to answer questions about the permanent collections in the Conservatory and *The Orchid Show* to add insight to visitors' experiences.

2–5 p.m., at Shop in the Garden

Gardening and orchid experts share their best secrets and explain the simple steps to healthy plants.

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Continuing Education Orchid Classes

If you want to learn more about orchid diversity, transplanting your own orchid, or what may be ailing a specimen, the Botanical Garden's Continuing Education program offers a class for you. For a complete list of courses or to register, visit www.nybg.org/edu or call 718.817.8747.

Chocolate and Vanilla Adventures—February 6 – April 11

Did you know that vanilla comes from the seedpod of the vanilla orchid? Visit the Everett Children's Adventure Garden to find out about the origins of both of these favorite flavors, examine products, and sample a variety of treats that incorporate chocolate or vanilla.

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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 Botanical Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays. During *The Orchid Show* the Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The best way to enjoy the Garden during *The Orchid Show* 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, Rock Garden, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$8 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. A *Grounds-Only Pass* is available: \$6 for adults, \$5 for adult Bronx Residents; \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students with ID, \$1 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. Grounds-only admission is free all day on Wednesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. Contact Group Tours, 718.817.8687. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit www.nybg.org Read the Botanical Garden's popular blog, *Plant Talk: Inside The New York Botanical Garden* at www.nybg.org/wordpress

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