



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Storied TWA Terminal Building at JFK International Airport
Re-imagined in Plant Materials at The New York Botanical Garden's
*Holiday Train Show***

**19th Annual Extravaganza Showcasing New York Landmarks and Model Trains
Runs Saturday, November 20, 2010 through Sunday, January 9, 2011**

Since its completion in 1962, the Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight Center at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, one of the last works of famed architect Eero Saarinen, has been hailed as an icon of modern design and cherished by millions of travelers and architecture buffs alike. Its graceful, curvilinear form, suggestive of a bird in flight and intended to evoke the romance and excitement of air travel, has been re-created in plant materials and takes center stage in the **19th annual *Holiday Train Show***. The extraordinary exhibition from the Garden's collection of more than 140 New York landmark replicas enlivened by model trains returns to The New York Botanical Garden on November 20, 2010, through January 9, 2011.



One of the most eagerly anticipated traditions of the season, the critically acclaimed *Holiday Train Show* presents an enchanted New York, wrapped in the glow of twinkling lights in the warmth of America's premier glasshouse, the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. More than a dozen large-scale model railway trains—from late-1800s American steam engines and streetcars to whimsical ladybugs and circus cars to modern freight and high-speed passenger trains and trolleys—traverse nearly a quarter-mile of track across rustic bridges, along overhead trestles, through tunnels, and past waterfalls that cascade into flowing creeks. Also new this year, Thomas the Tank Engine™ will join the fleet of model trains animating amazing replicas such as the Statue of Liberty, Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ellis Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the original Penn Station and Yankee Stadium—all created from plant parts.

Using a multitude of diverse natural materials such as leaves, twigs, bark, berries, nuts, seeds, pods, pine cones, and cinnamon sticks, *Holiday Train Show* designer Paul Busse, his son, Brian Busse, and their team at Applied Imagination in Alexandria, Kentucky, have handcrafted dozens of replicas of historic New York landmarks since the show's inception, from museums and mansions to ballparks and bridges. **The new TWA Flight Center creation** features, among other botanical building materials: sleek columns of natraj stems (a "mutated curly version of willow from India") holding up a roof of Grandleaf Seagrape tree leaves, banana bunch stems, and Royal Poinciana bean pods; window mullions of willow branch; and a first floor baggage handling area of black locust tree shelf fungus.

Bring Home the Magic

All Aboard!, the newly published and beautifully illustrated with full-color photography book, captures the wonder of one of New York's favorite seasonal traditions, the *Holiday Train Show*. Learn how the show is put together, how the designer began making these charming displays, and the history and botanical details of some of the most beloved landmarks in the show. Included in this 60-page edition is a complete list of all the replicas in the Botanical Garden's collection. *All Aboard!* is available for purchase at Shop in the Garden and online at nybgshop.org



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A Destination for the Holidays

The holiday season at the Botanical Garden offers activities for the whole family. During the **Holiday Tree Lighting on November 20**, witness the illumination of a stunning conifer display in the Reflecting Pool in the Leon Levy Visitor Center, then join an old-fashioned sing-along featuring carols from many traditions.

There's hands-on fun at **Gingerbread Adventures** in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, where kids use their senses to explore the plant ingredients in a classic gingerbread recipe, such as ginger, cloves, and wheat. The entire family will delight in the display of whimsical, one-of-a-kind gingerbread masterpieces created by some of New York's most imaginative bakers.

Visit **Shop in the Garden** for a unique and inviting holiday shopping experience.

Return to the Garden on January 1–9 for a chance to photograph your child with **Thomas the Tank Engine™**. Kids can become certified as honorary engineers and take home coloring sheets, stickers, and temporary tattoos of Thomas and his engine friends.

During the *Holiday Train Show*, regular Botanical Garden hours will be 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. The Garden will have extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, and during holiday weeks: November 26, 27, 28, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 8, 9. The Garden will be open on Thanksgiving Day, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. On December 10, the *Holiday Train Show* will close at 3 p.m., but the remainder of the Garden, including *Gingerbread Adventures* in the Everett Children's Adventure Garden, will remain open until 6 p.m. The entire Garden will close at 3 p.m. on December 24 and will be closed all day on Christmas Day. Advance timed tickets may be purchased online at nybg.org. Check the Garden's Web site to plan your visit.

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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.

HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW HOURS: During the *Holiday Train Show*, November 20, 2010–January 9, 2011, The New York Botanical Garden will be open 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday. Closed all day on December 25. Closing at 3 p.m. on November 25 and December 24. *Holiday Train Show* only closing at 3 p.m. on December 10. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays and during holiday weeks: November 26, 27, 28, December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 8, 9.

PRICING:

NON-HOLIDAY: Adults \$20, Seniors/Students \$18, Children \$10.

HOLIDAYS (December 21 – January 2): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children \$15. Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and are available at nybg.org

Discounts available for groups of 15 or more. Contact Group Tours: 718.817.8687.

Bank of America credit, ATM, or debit cardholders: Purchase one full-priced adult ticket to the *Holiday Train Show* and get the second adult ticket free. Weekdays only 11/23/10 through 12/17/10. Other restrictions may apply. See Web site for details.

For more information, please visit our Web site at nybg.org or call 718.817.8700.

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