



THE NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**Leaves and Seeds and Twigs and Bark...
That's What New York Landmarks are Made of**

**Visit the Botanical Garden's *Holiday Train Show*
and See for Yourself**

Saturday, November 21, 2009 – Sunday, January 10, 2010

Along the train routes of the annual *Holiday Train Show* at The New York Botanical Garden are dozens of replicas of skyscrapers, museums, mansions, brownstones, bridges, ballparks, and other famous New York structures. All have been meticulously handcrafted of leaves, twigs, bark, berries, pods, pine cones, and other plant materials by Paul Busse and his team at Applied Imagination in Alexandria, Kentucky.

Each botanically-interpreted version of these historic landmarks takes many months to research, design, and craft. More than 100 of the replicas in the Garden's collection, which has grown significantly in the 18 years since the first exhibition, will be on display in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, when the always eagerly anticipated *Holiday Train Show* opens to the public on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

New to this year's *Holiday Train Show* are a reincarnation of the **original Pennsylvania Station (1910 – 1964)** and a rendition of the iconic Madison Avenue **Brooks Brothers flagship**. Some of the natural building blocks used to construct these "green" additions to the show are indicated in *italics* here.

In the *Holiday Train Show* version of Penn Station, columns are made of *honeysuckle*; façade trim of *sea grape leaves*, *peppercorns*, *viburnum*, *willow*, and *oak bark*, and railings of *screw pod*, *burning bush*, *willow*, and *acorn caps*. The roof is *magnolia* and *pine cone scales* and the skylights are *burning bush* and *basket reed*. The adorning eagles have *white pine cone* bodies, *hemlock clove* feet, *magnolia bud* feathers, and *acorn cap* wings. The clocks are *birch bark* and *wheat seeds*, and the statues have *pistachio* bodies and *cedrela* wings.

The Brooks Brothers flagship features *beech* and *pine cone scale* columns and *juniper cone* trim. The window mullions are *red willow*, and *fungus* serves as the lower window topper. The roof trim is *winged euonymus*, *lotus stems*, *pine stems*, *acorns*, *eucalyptus pod*, *reed*, and *beech seeds*.

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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 21, 2009–January 10, 2010, 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 December 4 and 24. Extended hours, 10 a.m.–7 p.m., on select Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays and during the holiday week: November 27, 28, 29, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1, 2, 3, 9, 10.

PRICING:

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

HOLIDAY WEEK (December 26 – January 3): Adults \$25, Seniors/Students \$22, Children \$15.

Advance timed tickets are strongly advised and will be available online beginning November 2 at www.nybg.org

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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 at 50% off. Weekdays only 11/24/09 through 12/24/09. Other restrictions may apply. See Web site for details.

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